

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra Heights and St Patrick Asquith

12 December 2010



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A

LORD, COME AND SAVE US



Readings Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

LITURGY TIMETABLE

MASS TIMES FOR 18/19 December 2010

Vigil 4pm	Peace Chapel	Fr Jinto Brooklyn
Vigil 5.30pm	St Bernard's	Fr Jinto
Vigil 6.30pm	St Patrick's	Fr Robert
8am	St Patrick's	Fr Robert
9am	St Bernard's	Fr Jinto
10am	St Patrick's	Fr Robert
6pm	St Patrick's	Fr Jinto

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Bernard's
8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am Wednesday, Friday

St Patrick's
8am Wednesday, Friday
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

RECONCILIATION

Before Vigil Mass at St Bernard's
After 9am Saturday Mass at St Patrick's

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

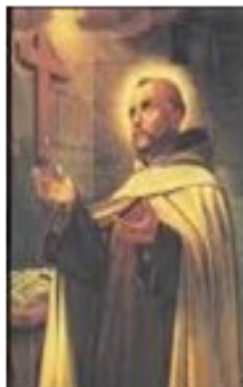
First Saturday of month at St Patrick's
after Holy Communion at 9am Mass

BAPTISM See Brochure in Church Foyer

WEDDINGS Contact the Pastoral Centre

FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy of the Word
Will resume February 2011

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please fill in
Parish Census Form at the back of the Church



RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

Celebrant: Let the wilderness and the dry lands rejoice, let the wasteland exult and bloom.

People: Let it bring forth flowers like the blood-red waratah, rejoice and sing for joy.



Celebrant: Courage, do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming to save you.



People: The eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the death unsealed.



Celebrant: Be patient, sisters and brothers, until the Lord's coming.

People: Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.



APPOINTMENTS Father Robert Borg's position as our Parish Priest has been extended until 2013. Father Rex Curry has been appointed as Parish Priest of the Lower North Shore Parish. Father David Ranson has been appointed Administrator at Wahroonga Parish. This is a temporary appointment until a permanent appointment can be made. Father David will continue to live at Carlingford and Father Clem Hill will assist with some of the liturgies at Epping Carlingford. Father Bernard Hancock, OCD has been appointed as Assistant Priest at St Ives Parish. We welcome Bernard to the diocese. Father Tadgh Tierney OCD has moved to Perth. We thank Tadgh for his ministry in the diocese.

Father John Wakeling is in Caritas Christi Hospice in Kew where he is now receiving palliative care. John will not be moving from the hospice. The general phone number is 03 9853 2344.



Deacon David continues to need our prayers. His condition is deteriorating with him becoming increasingly confused and weighing only 67kgs. Unfortunately Deacon David is now unable to feed himself and also unable to walk without the aid of a 'walker'. The prognosis is not good and his family are taking each day as it comes. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 13	Lucy, virgin, martyr Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday 14	John of the Cross, priest, doctor Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday 15	Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:18-23
Thursday 16	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Friday 17	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday 18	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection
RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

OTHER: Mary Ruby Cham Wong, Ivy Low, Joseph Owen Cham, Rose Wong, Jean Mary Keogh

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Mary Carlos, Christine Cornius, William Mead, Marites De Ramos, George Wallis, Anne Ross, Kieran Barr, Deacon David Huntley, Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Sam Vella, Pat McGoulrick, Sam Biberian, Neil Mickelson, Fr John Wakeling, Andrew Reid, Billie Sumners, Michael McCarthy, Jane Kohlwes, Jim Hale, Felicity Fone, Michael Hibbard, Dorothy Creenaune, Harold Smith, Dominique Thomas, Alfredo de Ramos, Peter Maher, Martha Abella, Donna McLauchan, Lorraine Spalding, Harold D'Souza, Eileen Hogbin, Eulalie Hailstone, Connie Langley, Carmela Guinta



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS NOTICES



St Vincent de Paul Asquith Conference

There are many needy families in our area this year and gift tags for boys and girls are on the bench at the back of St Patrick's Church. The ages of the children are also noted on the tags. Please

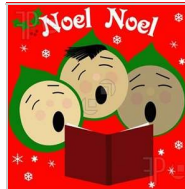
place presents in the box provided at the back of the Church. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP PRESENTS.

St Vincent de Paul Berowra Conference

Columban Calendars for 2011 and Christmas Cards can now be purchased after weekend Masses at St Bernard's. Calendars \$7.00.

St Bernard's Christmas Eve Children's

Mass. Children's Choir rehearsals continue on the 15 December from 3.15-4:15pm and on Wed 22 December 10am-11am. For enquires, please contact Peter Brooks on 9456-2402 or Val James on 9456-0104 from the Music Ministry.



St Patrick's Christmas Eve Children's Mass. There will be 2 practices for the children's choir in preparation for the Christmas Eve Mass. Choir practices will be on the 21 December and 24 December at 10am-11am in St Patrick's church. I extend a warm welcome to all children that would like to participate in the music for the evening. Enquiries : Lynda Garside 9457 6679.

The petition Bishop David Walker would like us to sign regarding protecting the institution of marriage in its traditional understanding is still at the back of the Church if you have yet to sign.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM URGENT HELP NEEDED!

With Wendy de Graaf's recent retirement from the Sacramental Team, we are now left with a huge gap at the Berowra end of the Parish. This position is very important to the success of the program. We will need a helper or a group of helpers to run Sacrament Enrolments, interviews and the actual ceremony on the day at St Bernard's. If there is no helper, parents will need to go down to Asquith to enroll. Please phone the Pastoral Centre if you can help.



Can you help? The Altar Society at St Bernard's needs more volunteers for church cleaning and arranging flowers. If you can assist with either of these jobs then please phone the pastoral centre. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Advent Taize Prayer - Please join us in the Chapel at St Patrick's on Monday 20 December 7.30-8.30pm. Take some time out from the business of Christmas preparations



and prepare for the coming of Christ with a peaceful and reflective candlelit liturgy involving music, scripture readings and reflections. All welcome no RSVP necessary. For more information contact Adrian on 042 545 1307 or email agomez@msben.nsw.edu.au.

Children's Choir is now in recess over the school holidays, until February next year. We would like to express our appreciation to the parish for the great Christmas party we enjoyed at our last rehearsal on Friday. Thanks to all our wonderful parents for your support throughout the year, and many thanks to our musicians who support us so well at our Masses. Have a fantastic holiday and a wonderful Christmas!



Parish Choir is also in recess over the holiday break. There will be no rehearsal in January. Thanks for all your efforts this year: you have given the community a gift beyond price.

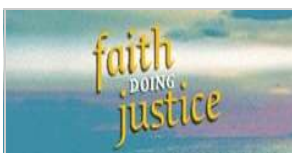
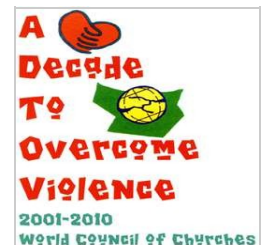


Mass at Ku-Ring-Gai Gardens Nursing Home

Our thanks to Fr Jinto who celebrated Mass; to Pat Smith and Members of the Parish Choir who sang Christmas Carols and were joined by the Residents as well as some of us from St Patrick's and St Bernard's. A special thanks to Heather and the Staff for a delicious Afternoon Tea served after Mass. Ruth Doran (for Senior Ministry)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

With the closing days of 2010 comes the end of two named decades for peace – The World Council of Churches' *Decade to Overcome Violence* and the United Nations' *International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World*. The shared goals of these decades have included the promotion of fundamental human rights, strategies to address violence – direct and structural – in homes, communities and in the international arenas, and ways of learning from local and regional programs for overcoming violence. The 9/11 and other terrorist attacks leading to the 'war on terror' suddenly threw up challenges to that optimism. Much has been achieved throughout the decade and so much remains to be done. Brendan McKeague, a founding member of Pace E Bene in Australia, made this point at the launch on the Bishops' Statement in September. He emphasised how the work of this decade is ongoing and that we need to be planning ahead. 'If the United Nations declared an International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World and the World Council of Churches invited us into a Decade to Overcome Violence, can we use what we've learned about non-violence.'



Millennium Development Goals. On their 10th birthday the Millennium Development Goals offer the world a realistic path to ending extreme poverty. A reminder to you that these goals are listed on a sheet on the noticeboards.

Your Social Justice group wishes you all a happy and holy Christmas, hopefully spent with family and friends and a peaceful and healthy 2011. Please consider social justice issues during the holidays and act wherever you see a need.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

St Patrick's—Vanessa Anderson Memorial Trophy: Congratulations to our Year 6 student, Kieran Murray on receiving the Vanessa Anderson Memorial Trophy at a special assembly last Monday morning. Vanessa Anderson was a former St Patrick's student who was tragically killed in a golfing accident. Mrs Judy Hopwood, our local State Member, attended on Monday to present the award. Kieran's contribution and success in sport at St Patrick's has been very much as an "all rounder". Kieran has represented St Patrick's in numerous representative gala days, in a multitude of events in various athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals and displayed a real sense of enjoyment, team spirit and sportsmanship throughout. We congratulate Kieran on this wonderful achievement during his years at St Patrick's.



St Bernard's—"God reveals Himself in everything, But the Word Is one of His favourite ways of taking action, Because the Word is thought transformed into vibration. The Word has greater power than many rituals." Brida

This week I have witnessed God's Word take action in many instances: the overwhelming support this community has given to the Worldly Soles appeal; the support of several students in assisting a Kindergarten boy catching the bus for the first time; and the efforts expended for our kindergarten playgroups, just to name a few. The power of the Word transformed into vibration ensures that

this Catholic community embraces and spreads the message of God on a daily basis. Luanna Fletcher, Principal

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 26-27 February 2011.

Come experience this retreat for married couples, designed to lead you both into a deeper intimacy and a greater appreciation of the gift of your marriage. This retreat is aimed at all married couples. Please see the notice board for more details.



TERM DEPOSITS FOR CATHOLICS.

For more information how you can make an investment that pays very good interest, helps the Parish and the Diocese, pick up a Term Deposit for Catholics leaflet from the back of the church, visit www.cdf.dbb.org.au or call 9847 0748 for information and the latest interest rates.



Well! Here we are underway with some lovely children, happy and interested to hear more about Our Lord. Today they are learning about Baptism, the doorway into God's family. Next Sunday we will be talking about Christmas, the REAL meaning of Christmas and its implications. Any enquiries or more children over 7 years of age who are interested please telephone Angela Smith on 9476 5747

Catechist of the Good Shepherd.

There will be open days held on the 12 December and the 19 December at the Atrium after the 9am St Bernard's Mass. The Atrium will be open on these days until 12pm. If you are interested in sending your children next year or you are considering the training, this is a great opportunity to see what it is all about. Any enquiries please contact Natasha Steele on 9456 6994



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!!

Time for us to draw up the 2011 roster for those who prepare the Prayers of Intercession and Welcomes for our Sunday liturgies. We have a very dedicated group of parishioners who work on a monthly roster, but we are always looking for "new blood". Do you see yourself taking part in this interesting ministry? If so, please give the Pastoral Centre a ring to find out more details. It is a pleasing, interesting and satisfying commitment and there are people and materials available to help. Please think about enquiring.



Australian Catholic University Course Information Session

will be held at the Australian Catholic University at the Strathfield Campus—25A Barker Road, Strathfield and at the North Sydney Campus—40 Edward St, North Sydney. The session is on the 5 January 2011 at 9am until 4pm. ACU offers courses in the fields of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Theology and Philosophy. For detailed program information or to register for the session please visit www.acu.edu.au



Have you been considering broadening your faith understanding? Wondering where to next in your pastoral activities? Enrolments close 31 January 2011. See notice board for more details.



St Mary meeting people where they are – in cyberspace!

When the Sisters of St Joseph decided that Mary MacKillop needed her own website earlier this year, they could not have foreseen that in just six months nearly 80,000 people would come to leave prayers in the Prayer Space and 190,000 people would visit the site. These figures leave out the month of October, when the site had six times the monthly average of visitors. Sr Annette Arnold rsj, who oversees the web presence, said the enormous popularity of the website is evidence that the church has to go out to meet people where they are at – and for most people these days, the internet is that meeting place.



One of the great dilemmas for a man, is how to handle a woman. Should I be more sensitive? Should I be more assertive? How can I avoid upsetting her? Monsignor Charles Pope shares the secret: **"Love her. Simply love her!"**

250 CLUB WEEK 16

Drawn Monday 6 December
No. 212 Colleen Goudie,
Hazelmead Road, Asquith



Congratulations.
Your cheque will be posted.

BOONAH CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION 10—15 December. The Boonah Creative Arts Centre presents their Christmas 2010 Exhibition. The opening night is on Friday 10 December 6pm—8pm. Then exhibiting on Saturday 11 December 10am—2pm, Monday 13 December 10am—3pm, Tuesday 14 December 10am—3pm and Wednesday 15 December 10am—1pm.



Boonah supports artists with disabilities and is brought to you by Centacare Broken Bay. For more information please contact Boonah on 9499 5675.

ROSTERS FOR WEEK 18/19 DECEMBER 2010

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Ministry	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.30pm	9am	6.30pm	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte/ Snr Server/ Server	Thomas Graham Nicole Hutchins Andrew Placko Monique Placko	Denis Steiner Bethany Richards Hugh Roberts Jack Roberts	Mani Subramany Bradley Cooper Aidan Hon	Malcolm Cross Thomas Peregrina Georgia Peregrina	Mary Jo Ison Thomas Messina Erica Messina Jacinta Messina	Robert Pesavento Stuart Fone Katie Hunter
Reader	Mary Dorahy Anne Maree Hutchins	Julia Healey Barbara McMullen	Celia Cox Sue Watts	Ian Gibson Julia Gibson	Jane Hunter Gabrielle Donleavy	Margaret Steele Dianna Ball
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Isabel Henson Jill Graham Brian Tutill Kathryn Webster	Margaret Collins Rose Formby Joan Tunny				
Extraordinary Ministers	Isabel Henson, Ruth Doran		Susan and Terry Lee, Maureen Coves			
Children's Liturgy	Will resume February 2011		Will resume February 2011			
Altar Society	Ruth Doran Roger O'Kell, Genn and Annette Shapter, Cornel Arnold, Mary Tutill		Group 5 (Friday) Helen Chui, Jess Formby (Flowers), Sophie Kwok (Flowers), Meralyn Tarte, Esther Penny, Lea Mead, Sandy Clipperton, Barbara Folkard			
Maintenance	8 January 2011 Team A		December 2010 Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Morning Tea	19 December Genevieve's Group		19 December Muldoon Family Group			
Counters	Mark Birrell, Peter Formby, Terry Gleeson		Mary and Peter McAleer, Imm and Thomas Lui, Andrew Browne			
Rosary	Monday 13 December Carlos Barros 11 Yarrabin Cres, Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.		Tuesday 14 December Group 1 Jessica & Mark Formby 57 Baldwin Ave, Asquith Group 2 Chris and Pat Smith 108 Old Berowra Rd, Hornsby Group 3 Crescy and Allan DeSouza 10 Bass Place, Mt Colah Please phone Margaret Browne on 9456 2450 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster or if you have changed your address.			

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(Rev) Jinto Joseph Pallathukuzhiyil, Assistant Priest