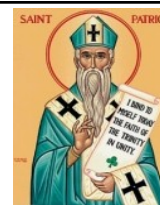


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra Heights and St Patrick Asquith

28 November 2010



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A

LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD



Readings Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

LITURGY TIMETABLE

MASS TIMES FOR 4/5 December 2010

Vigil 4pm	Peace Chapel	Fr Jinto
	Brooklyn	
Vigil 5.30pm	St Bernard's	Fr Robert
Vigil 6.30pm	St Patrick's	Fr Jinto
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

28 November Pastoral Centre 8.50am
5 December Father Patrick McMaugh Hall 9.50am

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

RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

The first star is fixed to the base of the Southern Cross.

Celebrant: The time has come: you must wake up now
People: Our salvation is even nearer than before.
Celebrant: The night is almost over and the day is close at hand.
People: Let us give up all things of the darkness and embrace the light.
Celebrant: Create in us Lord, a new season of grace.
People: That our inmost selves will spring to life in faith, hope and love.



Midnight Blue - 1st Sunday of Advent

Advent marks the start of the liturgical year but Australia's mood is one of closing down and going on holidays. Liturgical symbols and colours developed out of the experience of the Northern Hemisphere, suiting the rhythm of the seasons as people experienced them. Hence the

purple of Advent reflects the grey, purple, darkening wintry skies of the Northern Hemisphere at this time of year.

Purple speaks more of Lent and penance than it does of the anticipation and expectation of Advent. Blue is the colour of our jacarandas, agapanthus and hydrangea. It is the blue of our dazzling skies, day and night, and of the coastal waters to which we flock from this time on throughout summer. We explore how Advent 'under the Southern Cross' can speak to the multicultural Australian heart - with people drawn from Asia and all other parts of the world as well as Europe. Midnight blue recalls the long night of waiting by God's people for the fulfilment of God's promise. In the long night of sin rise the prophetic stars of promise: 'a Saviour will come'. Blue is Mary's colour. The blue of Advent reminds us that Mary travels with us on our 'journey of faith'. Through Mary, God's promise is fulfilled. Her attitude of faith will help us keep Advent prayerfully.

INVITATION FROM BISHOP DAVID WALKER

Diocesan Ecumenical Celebration for Advent. Commencing at 8.00 pm, Wednesday December 1 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. **All welcome!**



CONGRATULATIONS! Our congratulations and best wishes to Julia and Bill Healy who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday 26 November. This much loved couple are well known to parishioners at both ends of the Parish and we hear that there are some lovely celebrations ahead of them. Well done Julia and Bill!

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 29	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Andrew, apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday 1	Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Francis Xavier, priest Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	John Damascene, priest, doctor Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Ivan Arthur, Jack Belcastro
OTHER: Elde Daria, Greg May, Peter Hinchey, Mick Hinchey
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: 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

Watch this space as it grows each week!!

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.

Christmas Eve At St Bernard's



The Vigil Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Friday, December 24. We would appreciate any school age children interested in being involved in this Mass to come to a meeting in the church. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 at 3.20pm. There will then be a follow up meeting/practice on Tuesday 14 also at 3.20pm. If you have any enquiries or are

unable to attend the meeting please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663.

Volunteer needed for Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Patrick's. A volunteer is needed to organise the Gospel play for the children's Christmas Vigil Mass on 24 December at St Patrick's. The lucky applicant would only need to organise two practices for young actors in the week leading up to Christmas, and be present at the Christmas Eve Mass. We already have two helpers for this and would welcome more. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.



R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 'The Rules of the Catholic Church' sounds heavy but they are things we have known and lived with for many years and now pass on to those proposing to join the Catholic

Church. Come and join in the discussion. At this stage we are still accepting new enquirers so it's not too late, if you know someone who might be interested, or if you feel you could be a sponsor or godparent to a new Catholic. Come along to 40 Royston Parade, Asquith at 8pm on Thursday night. Telephone enquiries to Susie Gates on 9482 4136.

PARISH CHOIR will be singing at the Christmas Mass at Kuring-gai Gardens on Monday 6 December at 2pm. Due to this engagement, our usual December rehearsal will not take place. Anyone who has a couple of hours free and would like to join us, bringing good cheer to senior folk would be most welcome. Meet at Kuring-gai Gardens at 2.30pm.

Children's Choir will be singing for the last time this year on 12 December at 10am Mass. Our annual Christmas party will be on Friday, 10 December, at 4pm. Singers from Year 3 and up always welcome. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

The website '**What's Working: Aboriginal women have answers themselves**' was launched recently by Women for Wik – a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous women including academics, writers, filmmakers, artists and teachers. With the concern that racism, negativism and disinformation still cloud public debate on Indigenous policies, the website documents all the policies that have been proven to work and the many successful initiatives taken by Indigenous communities throughout Australia. Visit: whatsworking.com.au/whats-working/

On 3 December every year **International Day of People with Disability** is celebrated worldwide recognising the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities. To find out more about this day visit: idpwd.com.au/Pages/default.aspx

November 28 – **Manly "Fair Trade" Market.** Manly Council will be holding their Manly Fair Trade Christmas markets. There will be 40 stalls offering a wide range of products, including handicrafts, clothes, bags, home wares, jewellery, toys, coffee, tea and chocolate. Free Christmas craft activities and all day entertainment. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Manly Council Forecourt, Manly. What a lovely way to spend a few hours and help Fair Trade at the same time!



JESUS CHRIST IS REALLY BIG IN POLAND! The world's tallest statue of Jesus, 'Christ the King of the Universe', has been unveiled in Swiebodzin, Poland. The figure soars 33m and is three metres taller than Brazil's statue of Christ the Redeemer which stands on a mountain top overlooking Rio de Janeiro. A 3m gold crown on the 440 tonne statue brings the fiberglass and plaster figure's overall height to 36m. The figure symbolizes the 33 years Jesus lived on earth and the crown represents the three years of Christ's ministry.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM NEWS Wendy de Graaf has retired from the Sacramental Team in the Parish due to family commitments. We thank her for her commitment and hard work over the last several years and wish her well. However, there is now a huge gap at the Berowra end of the Parish and the position to fill, is very necessary 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.

Vigil for Life

Pope Benedict XVI will be celebrating a solemn "Vigil for all Nascent Human Life",

coinciding with the first vespers of the First Sunday of Advent and with reference to the approaching Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, this Saturday 27 November (Sunday our time). The Pope has invited all Catholics to pray for the life of the unborn child at this time. Bishop David has asked that we join the Holy Father in praying for a culture of life that favours the world's unborn children.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS St Patrick's Congratulations to Keeley Bowen (5 Green) who has been selected to be a part of the Sydney Swans Junior Academy for 2011. Keeley will be training with the Swans and playing half-time games at the Sydney Swans games. Well done Keeley

I encourage families to bring to life the rich symbolism of the Advent Season this year (Year A). Place an Advent wreath in your home, talk about the Advent candles and what they mean (if unsure there are some wonderful online explanations available). Pray as a family in the knowledge that Jesus' birth at Christmas time has changed the world – and that nothing is impossible if we trust in him. Happy new (Liturgical) year to all our St Patrick's families! Robert Peers, Principal



St Bernard's I feel so privileged to be a part of this amazing community of both St Bernard's School and the Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish. Your generosity is constant and abundant. The foyer, for anyone who hasn't been in during the last two weeks, is FULL of bags containing shoes and socks. These shoes will be gratefully accepted by the people of Africa. Thank you for your generous support. Maria Whitton REC



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN 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.



The Grail Singers present **Carols and Readings**, Thursday 9 December 7.30pm at the Chapel of St Mary MacKillop, Mount St, North Sydney. Ph 02 9955 3053



W.I.S.H. Women's Interfaith Sharing Hornsby, 7-30pm CWA Rooms, Hornsby on Tuesday 30 November, our final meeting for 2010 will discuss "Food and your Faith" All women of goodwill are welcome on a casual or regular basis. Enquiries Margaret 94772172

All welcome to The Grail centre, Sat 4 December 4.00pm – 6.00pm: Fr Ed Campion on **John Henry Newman: A Cardinal for Our Times?** Ph 02 9955 3053

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting our area. Your continued support helps save many lives. In fact, every blood donation saves three lives. The Mobile Blood Service will be at St John's Church, 6 Royston Parade, Asquith on the **29th of November from 10am - 3.00pm.** Thank you for your support of this life saving service.



LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2010 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 4 December at 10.30am. The Principal Celebrant will be His Eminence George Cardinal Pell. A blessing of the sick will follow

the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Wheelchair access is by the side pedestrian gate in St Mary's Road (near College Street corner)



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

This day is observed annually on 3 December and coincides with the beginning of Advent. The theme this year is 'Jesus said....Be Open' It focuses particularly on encouraging and affirming Parish communities to provide opportunities for the full participation of people with disability and their families, in the life of the Church. We are called and challenged to take action, to ensure our communities are open and active. This timely theme is an invitation and call to us, to create and ensure a change in societal attitude and to recognise the gifts and lives of people with disability.



DEMENTIA CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information join us. 2.30pm Thursday 9 December 2010 Berowra Community Health Centre, 123 Berowra Waters Road, Berowra Heights. See notice board for more details.

250 CLUB WEEK 14

Drawn Monday 22 November
No. 986 Margaret Phillipson
Ethel St Hornsby




Congratulations.
Your cheque will be posted.

ADVENT—'Advent has a twofold character - as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.' (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar #39) From the Catholic Enquiry Centre <http://www.catholicenquiry.com>



ROSTERS FOR WEEK 4/5 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 Wilson Murphy Samuel Funk Daniel Trott	Denis Steiner Sara Jaja Giaan Wilson Jordan Anderson	Mani Subramany Michaela DeSouza James Gogoll Less Fogden Helen Chui	Trevor McAdam Hannah McAdam Felix Holm Maureen Coves Angela Smith	John Messina Alexandra Hurden Naomi Massa Tammy McGregor Matthew Croker	Keith Fone Ian Finn Rebeka Finn
Reader	Paul Maher Marie Haag	Julia Healy Ruth Doran			Sandra Maloney	Dennis Harant Genevieve Cipollone
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cecilia Waite Brian Tutill Kathryn Webster Jill Graham	Rose Formby Joan Tunny				
Extraordinary Ministers	Garth Graham, Michael O'Neill		Teresa Ashton, Margaret Acret, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Children's Liturgy	12 December 8.50am Pastoral Centre		5 December 9.50am Father Patrick McMaugh Hall, Jan Favaloro, Jackie Favaloro-Tod			
Altar Society	Gwen Wood Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook		Group 3 (Saturday) Clare Glendenning, Pat Menzies, Pauline McClelland, Lorraine Champ, Mabel Pereira			
Maintenance	18 December 2010 Team A and B		December 2010 Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Morning Tea	19 December Genevieve's Group		5 December Ball Family Group			
Counters	Peter Brogan, Joanne Cruden, Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom		Clare Sim, Malcolm Cross, Maureen Bourke, Margaret Thornton, Matthew Clayton			
Rosary	 <p>Monday 6 December Chi Chi Datoc, 17 Koorong Street 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.</p>		<p>Tuesday 30 November Group 1 Rosalinda & Roland Vergara 16 Stratford Close Asquith Group 2 Rhoda & Robert Murdoch 21 Silvia St, Hornsby Group 3 Pauline and Brian Walsh 6 Andrews Close, 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.</p>			



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