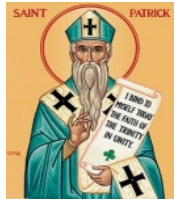


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

9 December 2007



JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOREVER

Readings Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10 James 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

LITURGY TIMETABLE - Sunday

Vigil 4pm	Peace Chapel Brooklyn 21 Karoola Street
Vigil 5.30pm	St Bernard's
Vigil 6.30pm	St Patrick's
8am	St Patrick's
9am	St Bernard's
10am	St Patrick's
6pm	St Patrick's

Weekday Masses St Bernard's

8am	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9am	Wednesday, Friday

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RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM See Brochure in Church Foyer

WEDDINGS Contact the Pastoral Centre

FOR CHILDREN Liturgy of the Word Today
9 December at 10.50am in St Bernard's Hall

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

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to parishioners Norma and Jorge Reyes who celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday 8 December 2007. We hope you party well Norma and Jorge, surrounded by your children and extended family.



CHRISTMAS MASSES: We need Acolytes/Senior Servers, Altar Servers and Lectors/Readers to volunteer for Christmas Masses. Rosters will be put up at both churches for people to put their name down for these Ministries. Please be generous with your time at this very special time of year.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance will be held in the Parish Hall after all weekend Masses on the 2nd and 3rd February, 2008. Enrolment forms and information regarding this Sacrament can be found at the back of both churches. This is the first weekend after school resumes in 2008. The candidates must be seven years of age and preferably have been Confirmed



URGENT - Lenten Programme 2008



With Lent starting so early in 2008, we need to begin planning now. We need to know how many are interested in taking part - also volunteers to act as Leaders of the Groups as well as homes for venues. If you offer your home this does not mean you have to act as a Leader - if you would prefer not to, we'll make the necessary arrangements. Please complete, today, the sheet at the back of the Churches - including your phone number and address.

The Lenten Programme Committee.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

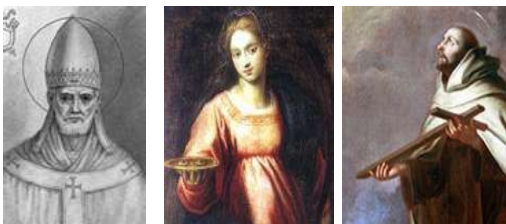
This weekend St Vincent De Paul will be conducting the Annual Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are placed around St Patrick's church and all donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible so if a receipt is required use the envelope, fill in your details and a receipt will be posted to you. Otherwise you need just put your donation in the poor box. I wish to thank all who have supported us now and during our previous appeals. Wishing you a happy and holy Christmas. Laurie Smith Phone 9477 3256



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



RECENTLY DECEASED: Mother of Jose Alkon in Peru.
OTHER: Mary Ruby Cham Wong, Joseph Owen Wong, Ivy Low, Rose Wong
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: John Macy, Kathy Goodwin, Monique Leyden, Judy Huntley, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoldrick, Alf Guest, Andrew Browne, Etheldreda McCauley



Monday 10	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Damasus I, pope Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Lucy, virgin, martyr Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	John of the Cross, priest, doctor Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

SITUATION CRITICAL: We have made a number of pleas for volunteers to join the counting roster at St Bernard's and received only one response. We are in desperate need of more counters so if you can help please phone Margaret at the Pastoral Centre or put your name on the list at the back of the Church.



Calling all Seniors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:



Fr Carmelo will be celebrating a Christmas Mass at Kuring-gai Gardens Nursing Home on Friday 14 December at 11 am. You are invited to join us, together with the residents for this Mass. There will only be a short time for socialising afterwards as the residents will be having lunch at 12 noon.

"CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST BERNARD'S"

The Vigil Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, 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 Wednesday, December 12 at 3.20pm. There will be a second meeting the following Wednesday, December 19 also at 3.20pm. If you have any enquires or are unable to attend the meeting please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663. Children are welcome to come to the Vigil Mass dressed as shepherds or angels if they wish.



250 CLUB: A new series of the 250 Club will commence on 17 December 2007 and envelopes have been posted to participants in the Club, this week. Once again, your participation will provide much needed funds for Parish requirements, above and beyond the income received from weekly and monthly donations.

We urge parishioners who are not members of the 250 Club to join. Just ring the Pastoral Centre and two envelopes will be posted to you. The first will be for the 20 week series to commence on 17 December and the second will be for the 20 week series commencing at the beginning of May. All you need to do is enclose \$20 in the first envelope and put it on the plate or otherwise, post it to the Pastoral Centre. Some people like to pay \$40 for both envelopes and this will make them financial up to September. The winning number is the last three digits from the First Prize of the first \$2 lottery ticket drawn each week, eg if the winning number is 94576, then the winning 250 Club number is 576. A prize of \$25 is awarded each week and on weeks 5, 10, 15 and 20 a prize of \$500 is awarded to the holder of that number, provided he/she is financial. Please think about joining.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: We would like to express our thanks to the parish for a fantastic end-of-year party! Today we say goodbye to four children from Korea who are returning home just before Christmas: Jenny, Robin, Isaac and Julie. We thank them for their contribution to the choir, and wish them safe travelling and a wonderful Christmas with their families. Special congratulations to Jenny, who has been singing with the Choir for a year now. We also send our very best wishes to our Year 6 members who will be moving on to high school next year: Anthony, Ellie, Amanda, Kaitlin, Hannah and Christel. We thank them for their great commitment and for sharing their musical gifts with us.

For the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December, we are inviting any child who would like to sing at that Mass to come sing with the Choir. There will be one practice, on 24th December, at 10am until 11am in the church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



SENIOR CHOIR: Our newly-formed choir for adult singers for special purposes has begun practices, but it is not too late to join! Next practice Tuesday 11th December, at 9.30am, in the church, and then on the following Tuesday 18th December. Come and meet some old friends! No special talents needed, just the readiness to offer share your time and gifts with your community. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

KCCP SENIORS GROUP: We will be gathering for our Christmas get-together on Tuesday 18 December at the Berowra Tavern, Berowra Heights, at 11:30am for a short meeting before lunch at 12noon. Please contact either Ruth (9456 4764) or Teresa (9987 4708) if you wish to come, so that we can make sure we book for enough people.



Social Justice COMMENT

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd signs Kyoto! In the first official act of his term, Kevin Rudd signed the Kyoto Protocol on Monday! This is an important first step towards demonstrating that the new government is serious about tackling climate change. Kyoto will come in force in Australia in March 2008. Remember too the **Climate Change Conference** underway in Bali and pray that solutions may be found to the problems confronting us all. On the Asquith noticeboard there is a list of four ways you can tackle climate change.

Election: As Australians we are reminded of just how fortunate we are to be living in a country where citizens have the right and duty to vote in free and fair elections.

OzSpirit/Caritas. You are invited to go to www.ozspirit.com to sign up for fortnightly updates on social justice issues and find out how you can get involved.

Human rights first is another very interesting and useful website based in New York which offers suggestions on action you can take on many social justice issues. www.humanrightsfirst.org

December 10 - Human Rights Day: Adoption of United Nations Declaration of Human Rights 1948



Human Rights Day and forum

YOUTH GROUP: will meet for the 6pm Mass at St Patrick's Church this Sunday 9 December and afterwards in the Hall. The Group will meet on Saturday 22 December for the 5.30pm Mass at St Bernard's Church.

Peruvian Ambassadors for WYD Australia, 2007 - sponsored by our Parish

Ana Maria Basilio Cerna

Ana lives in Tres de Mayo (or Corn Hill) and is one of 4 children. She was born on 14-2-1980 in Lima, and her parents come from the mountains of Ancash in the mid-north of Peru. She studied computers for five years part-time while she was working at the Corn Hill Children's House, paying for her studies from her wage. She then began working as a computer teacher at the two Women's Houses - in Candela and Corn Hill and has done a great job in both places. She has been very involved in helping in the chapel- with groups preparing for First Communion and Confirmation, as well as with the liturgy group. She is also a health promoter, which means that she visits the sick, gives health talks in soup kitchens, the chapel, etc, helps in medical campaigns, alerts the doctor to health problems in the local area etc Ana's brother, Maximilio, (who has three young children) was diagnosed with Leukemia in February 2006, and since that time she has been the mainstay of the family in helping her brother. She gave up the opportunity to go to University so that she could help pay for the expensive treatment needed for her brother. Her brother's family all moved back to the family home when he became sick, so there are now 11 people living in the house. About three months ago, her father was seriously injured in the "Motor-taxi" he was driving, and he has been bed-ridden since that time.

In spite of all the difficulties in her family, Ana has a deep faith and a positive outlook on life, and is always willing to help others. She is very excited at the thought of going to Australia next year, and has begun studying English.

Sharon Valderama Gonzales

Sharon lives in Cerro Candela and is the second youngest of six children. She was born on 23-2-85 in the provincial area of Huánuco. The family has had to move various times due to the work commitments of her father who is a builder. In 2000 Sharon's older sister, Lizett, was diagnosed with a brain tumour. The treatment has been very expensive, and the family sold everything and moved to Cerro Candela so as to give Lizett the opportunity to receive treatment. She is still under treatment, and this has been a severe drain on family funds. Her father became ill with osteoporosis about four years ago, and had to give up work. Her mother, Ana, works tirelessly as part of the coordination of the Candela Women's House and teaches doll-making, and is also a health promoter.

Four years ago, Sharon received a scholarship to study at the Catholic University "Sedes y Sapiencia" in the field of education (infants teaching) and has been helping part time at the Candela Children's House with the younger children. She will complete her studies next year.

Sharon has been very involved in helping at the Candela Chapel, with groups of First Communion and Confirmation, and supporting outreach to youth in the local area. She has a deep faith and a great sense of solidarity. As part of her studies, Sharon is learning English, and is thrilled to be able to represent Cerro Candela at the WYD in Sydney next year.



FROM OUR SCHOOLS:

St Patricks: Work will commence in the canteen and kitchen in January with the stripout of the canteen in the last week of school. **ANY GROUP THAT HAS GOODS STORED IN THE CANTEEN IS ASKED TO HAVE THEM REMOVED BY DECEMBER 14.** Thanks again to the great team on the Hall Committee who are working so hard to ensure the hard work from the fete and Commonwealth funding is put to effective use.

50th Anniversary: As we head towards the holidays, please keep spreading the word about the important festivities centred around March for the 50th Anniversary of our school. We would love everyone to feel welcome and ask all to help spread the word. **Robert Peers School Principal**



St Bernard's: Before I list the school leaders for 2008, I need to impress on everyone how thrilled I have been with the leadership shown by every Year 5 student in recent months. At St Bernard's, EVERY Year 6 student is a leader and much is expected of each individual! I am confident that Year 6 2008 will be a special year in many regards.

School Captains: Monica Chinchilla and Bede Johnston, **McAuley House Captains:** Nina Rigor and Sean Heffernan, **Mercy House Captains:** Rachel Russell and Lucas Barlow, **Bernard House Captains:** Natalie Tobin and Nicholas McNay.

I congratulate every Year 5 student who presented a leadership speech to the school last week. Each and every speech was commendable.

A final note re student leadership, centres around the outstanding Year 6 leaders of 2007.

Congratulations and thank you to each and every student of Year 6, 2007.

Philip Ledlin School Principal

CARD FROM ROSEMAREE AND BARRY O'BRIEN

Rosemaree and Barry have posted a Christmas Card to the Pastoral Centre which says 'To all at St Bernard's, Love and God Bless for a happy & holy Christmas to you all.'




250 CLUB: Week No. 19
 Drawn Monday 3 December
 Ticket No. 427 C & S Newnham
 Congratulations. Your cheque is in the mail.



**FATHER MAC'S HEAVENLY PUDDINGS - DELIVERY ARRANGED
 TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:
 Tel: (02) 9349 3066/Fax: (02) 9349 2146 Mob: 0419 243 285**



R O S T E R S F O R 15th & 16th DECEMBER 2007

Ministry	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.30pm	9am	6.30pm	8.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm
Acolyte/SnrServer	Garth Graham	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Trevor McAdam	May Gomez	Matthew Cross
Server	Miriam Graham Thomas Graham Luke Tobin	Mitchell Trott Sara Jaja Rebecca Jaja	Ambrose Wong Daniel Cronin	Nicholas Stevens	Isabelle Arzoumalian Alisha Eveleens Thomas Messina	Ashley Genford Katie Hunter
Reader	Marie Haag John Ryan	Peter Collions Barbarba McMullen	Patricia Longworth Jerome Gomez	Marcel Reemst John Creenaune	Maggie Soares Jo Quinlan	Don Low Ethleen Low
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kay Brogan Philippa Ryan Jill Graham Yvonne Graham	Georgina Hughes Joan Tunny Rose Formby Margaret Collins				
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	To Mt Wilga Jenny Prideaux, Jane Hunter		To Housebound: Tina O'Sullivan, Pat Longworth, Jan Kachel, Rhoda Murdoch			
Children's Liturgy of the Word	December 23 at 8.50am in St Bernard's Hall		December 16 at 9.50am in St Patrick's Hall			
Altar Society	Ruth Doran Roger O'Kell, Glen & Annette Shapter, Cornel Arnold, Carol Barlow, Mary Tuttil (f)		Group 1 (Saturday) Colleen Goudie, Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Mary McDonald, Pat Crosdale, Jeanette Hester			
Maintenance:	22 December: Teams A & B (BBQ)		December: Hedy Stahel, Steve McGrath, Mark Gallacher			
Morning Tea	New roster out in New Year.		Next one: 23 December Schrieber Family Group			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Peter Hansen		Clare Sim, Malcolm Cross, Maureen Bourke, Margaret Thornton, Matthew Clayton			
Rosary	 <p>Monday 10th December Julia Healy, 1 Warrina Street Monday 17th December Bill McDonagh, 4 Kimbarra Close <i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883</i></p>		<p>Tuesday 11th December Group 1 Jessica & Mark Formby 57 Baldwin Avenue, Asquith Group 2 Jane & Alistair Hunter 19 Margaret Avenue, Hornsby Heights Group 3 Diana Ball 221 Murralong Road, Mt Colah <i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476-3610</i></p>			

St Patrick's: If you can't make your duty and have not been able to find a replacement please call St Patrick's Church Sacristy on 9476-6904

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