

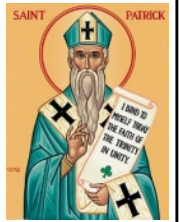


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR C - 11 MARCH 2007

THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL



Readings Next Week: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

LITURGY TIMETABLE

Sunday

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 and Friday

Weekday Masses St Patrick's

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

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

11 March 8.50 am St Bernard's Hall
18 March 9.50am St Patrick's Hall



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 12 March	2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dan 3:25, 343-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	PATRICK, bishop Jer 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12

My fellow parishioners,

This message may only apply to those who were present at the 6.00pm Mass at Asquith last Sunday at which I presided. However, there may be others whom I had previously offended by some of my remarks at other celebrations. I include these also.

Fr Robert brought to my attention the remarks of some who were hurt by me not only last Sunday but also on other occasions, since my coming to join the Parish community. With Fr Robert I want to be a builder and not a destroyer of this new Parish. I do not wish any of my fellow parishioners to go elsewhere for Mass or avoid any Mass at which I preside. These are early days for me in a new community at a time in my life when change is difficult and when it takes one longer to adjust. I need to get to know you, your history and your sensibilities. I ask you to be kind enough and be a little patient with me till you come to know me better.

Last Sunday I had a very demanding afternoon and by 6.00pm I was physically tired and emotionally drained. This is not an excuse but only an explanation. However, it was reported to me that I spoke unwisely. I will try to amend my ways. It has also been made known to me that my homilies are far too long. I will do my best to keep them short in the future.

For this and for any other hurt I may have caused any one of you I apologise unreservedly. It would be helpful if you were to communicate my apology to anyone you know who may have already decided to cease worshipping with our community because of my weakness, one of the members of the parish family.

Please pray for me,

Fr Carmelo

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Felicidad, Bernardo and Joanne Bravo, Colin Spalding, Josephine Sciberras, Kathleen Jones, Bernard O'Malley

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Colin Acret, Father Terry O'Brien, Margaret McKenna-Muir, Sonia Brown, Kathy Goodwin, John Macey, George Thompson, Reba Mackett



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ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS: This Mass for the feast of one of our Parish patron saints will be held at **9am at St Patrick's Church on 17 March.** Volunteers to assist at the Mass are required - Lectors, Senior Servers, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can assist please put your name down on the sheet on the noticeboard.

MASS AT BROOKLYN: Mass will be celebrated at the Brooklyn Peace Chapel, 21 Karoola Street, on Tuesday 13 March at 10am. All Welcome.

SENIORS GROUP NEWS

Do you need help to do shopping, keep a medical appointment, or would like a friendly visit, or someone to come and pray with you? Do you know of anyone close by who would appreciate the same sort of help? These are some of the things we do. We also like to meet for social get togethers on a bimonthly basis.



NEXT OUTING. "Lunch at the Davo" .

Our Seniors group will be going on Friday 23 March for a 25 minute Ferry trip on Brisbane Water from Woy Woy to Davistown and then Courtesy Bus to lunch at the Davistown RSL Club. Meet at Hornsby station at 9am to get the 9.21 train to WoyWoy, or board the train at 9.31am at Berowra, to arrive in Woy Woy at 10.00am. This gives us plenty of time to wander down to the ferry which leaves at 10.45am. Return journey will have you back at Berowra by 2.54 pm, Hornsby 3.05pm, unless you want to stay longer and make your own way home on the 2.35 ferry, arriving at Berowra 4.07; Hornsby 4.19pm. Costs: Rail fare for Seniors \$2.50, Return ferry trip for Seniors \$5.80; buy your own lunch at the RSL Club. **GROUP BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** for the ferry, so: Can all members, friends and any other interested parishioners **please contact Ruth 9456 4764 or Teresa 9987 4708 to say whether you will be joining us.** If you need help to get to the station we will also organise that for you. Looking forward to a pleasant day. Pray for the rain to hold off on that day!



The Parish Children's Choir is open to any young person from Year 3 and up, attending any school in the parish, who would like to join a group of bright, brilliant, friendly, committed young people. We sing on 2nd and 4th Sundays during school terms at 10am Mass at St Patrick's, and we practise every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in the church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

FAREWELL to Chris Plummer, a parishioner for many years, who is taking up residence in Wollstonecraft. Thank you Chris for your contribution to Parish life and good luck for the future.



CATECHIST CORNER

IMPORTANT!

- 20th March** (Tuesday) from 12-2pm in St Patrick's School Hall, all our catechists are invited to gather for a "brainstorming session" regarding the Pathways Of Discipleship Curriculum. Please come along and share your opinion and any concerns. RSVP to Rosetta or Coral please.
- 23rd March** (Friday) from 9am at CCD offices at Pennant Hills, there will be a Co-ordinators workshop. Anyone interested in attending in Rosetta's place can accompany Coral, and your participation would be very much appreciated.
- 2nd April** (Monday) from 9.30am in St Bernard's School Library, our catechists will come together for the next SRE meeting. Bring along class numbers & return any extra workbooks please.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO ASSIST OUR CATECHISTS in the classroom for 30 minutes each week. Please help out even for a one-off lesson, as extra supervision in these classes is invaluable. Don't think about it - just do it. You never know, it might be the ministry for you. We have 28 catechists teaching over 400 students, and all have many other commitments but make time for God's work.

Please continue to pray for the support of these amazing men and women.

"The people who make a difference are not the ones with the credentials, but the one's with the concern." (Max Lucado)

Rosetta Stipo 9476 1234 Coral Thaddeus 9940 3837



THANK YOU to Brian Walsh, who prepared the Prayers of Intercession for February.

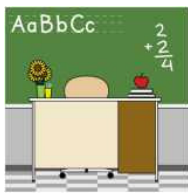
EASTER LITURGIES: Acolytes, Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers are required for the Easter liturgies. Please put your name on the roster sheets at the back of the church.

Social Justice As we prepare for the State Election we call to mind the values which we hope will guide us at this time: Human Dignity, The Common Good, Solidarity with and Preference for the 'made' Poor and Ecological Responsibility. The **NetAct Election Kit** has been prepared to help your decision-making and may be viewed at <http://www.scan.org.au/netact.html>; the topics covered are listed on the SJ noticeboard.

Challenging the impacts of HIV and AIDS is the topic of the current Ozspirit issue and may be accessed on ozspirit@caritas.org.au

Dropping off the edge. After major media coverage recently of Tony Vinson's *Dropping off the Edge* report on social disadvantage, the Jesuit and Catholic Social Services have launched the report and its website. The site features a downloadable presentation of the findings, summary tables and an order form. There is also the promise of an interactive postcode map. australiandisadvantage.org.au

FROM OUR SCHOOLS:



Student Representative Council: Congratulations to the following St Bernard's students who were elected as SRC Representatives for their class:

Meaghan Collins - Kinder; Zoe Coyne - Year 1G; Bianca Hutchins - Year 1SM; Chris James - Year 2; Olivia Turner - Year 3; Connor Stags - Year 4; Blake Spencer - Year 5; Morgan Crammond - Year 6

Staff Development Day: Staff from both St Bernard's and St Patrick's worked together last Friday, 9 March on the Diocesan 2007 Professional Development initiative, "Quality Teaching Framework".

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Notes from Meeting held on 27 February 2007

- Father Robert remarked on a good spirit in the community, with everyone working together.
- Catechists to hold recruiting Sunday later in the year.
- Current enrolment in Sacrament of Penance is 89. Parents have commented that the sessions with their children have been personally enriching for their own faith as well as being a great source of growth for their relationship with their child.
- First Reconciliation is 13 March at St Patrick's and 14 March at St Bernard's.
- Nine evening groups and two day groups organised for the Parish Lenten Program.
- Paul Saunders and Adrian Gomez reported a total of around 50 participants in the two Youth Group meetings so far this year.
- Next meeting 27 March at St Patrick's at 8pm.



This Sunday is the Youth Mass at 6.00pm at St Patrick's followed by the Youth Meeting. Any high school aged musicians or singers who would like to join in the music please be at church at 4.30pm. The youth meeting goes from 7.00 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall and involves games, music, food (\$5 for pizza), discussion and prayer. Please encourage any high school aged youth to attend.



PROJECT COMPASSION



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

Open Day – Friday 23rd March. We would like to invite families to attend our Open Day & Information Morning to be held on Friday, 23rd March, from 9.30am – 11.00am. The morning will include a school tour, morning tea & the opportunity to talk with the Principal Mr Robert Peers, staff and parents. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you could express your interest in attending by phoning our School Secretary, Mrs Mary McAleer on 9477 3800.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend our Open Day and would like more information about St Patrick's, please don't hesitate to contact our school office at any time for a prospectus and enrolment package. **The open day will mark the commencement of our enrolment period and applications can be submitted from this time. Enrolment interviews will then follow in May.**

Selinah, 62 lives in Mmakau, a rural area north of Pretoria in South Africa. Five years ago her daughter Monica died from an AIDS related illness. Her husband died of poor health the following year. She is now the primary care-giver for her three grandchildren, Petunia, 16, Rose, 14 and Thabang, 12. Since learning to grow vegetables, Selinah has harvested beans, spinach and cabbage. Selinah's grandchildren, Thabang and Rose, now attend school and participate in activities after school, during weekends and holidays. "This project has brought life to my house," Selinah said. Your donation to Project Compassion will ensure that this support for people living with HIV and AIDS continues.



TODAY!!
 The Annual
 Country Fair
 in aid of the
 Benedictine
 Sri Lankan and Indian Missions will be
 held today, Sunday 11 March, at St
 Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd ,
 Arcadia. The Fair begins after 10am Mass
 and will be held rain or shine.

250 CLUB - WEEK 20
Drawn Monday 5 March
Ticket Number 945
UNSUBSCRIBED



**Please note: If this
 winning number had been
 subscribed to, the subscriber would
 have received the sum of \$500.**
**Please consider joining the 250
 Club. Phone the Pastoral Centre to
 join now. New series starts
 tomorrow and runs for 20 weeks!**

R O S T E R S F O R 17/18 MARCH

Ministry	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.30 pm Vigil	9am	6.30 pm Vigil	8.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm
Acolytes/Snr Servers	Michael O'Neill	Gus Davis	Peter Hourigan	Bill Martin	John Messina	Margaret Steele
Servers	Luke O'Neill Daniel O'Neill Lilli Roberts	Maree Bain Elaine Formby Lauren Hutchins				
Lectors	Noel Kelly Jerome Gomez	Justin Berry AnneMaree Hutchins	Peter Hourigan Laurie Smith	Teresa Ashton Jim FitzGerald	June Bell Susie Gates	Diana Ball Jack Chui
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kathryn Webster Cecilia Waite Brian Tutill Kay Brogan	Georgina Hughes Margaret Griffin Kath Goodwin Joan Tunny				
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mt Wilga Michael O'Neill Denis Steiner		To Housebound Teresa Ashton, Jessie Long, Margaret Acret, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Next one: 2 April 8.50am St Bernard's Hall		Next one: 18 March 9.50am St Patrick's Hall			
Altar Society	Roger Okell, Glen & Annette Shapter, Cornel Arnold, Carol Barlow, Mary Tutill (F)		Group 4 (Saturday) Jo Barton, Else Burke, Maria Yardley, Janine O'Keefe, Carmel Ioffida, Terry Quirke, Janice Cooper			
Maintenance	31 March 2007 - Team A Phil Yates, Paul Maher, Dave Gallagher Greg Seaegg, Wayne Tucker, Tony Walsh, Mark Birrell, Tim Watts		March 2007 Malcolm Cross, David Chui, Bob Nicholls			
Morning Tea	25 March: Gae & John		Next One: 18 March Class Parents			
Counters	Mark Birrell, Peter Formby, Terry Gleeson		Kevin & Ann Carmody, David Burke, Patrick O'Donoghue			
Rosary	Monday 12 March Julia Healy 1 Warrina St Berowra Monday 19 March Ann Bourke 66 Berowra Waters Road, B <i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883</i>		Tuesday March 20 Group 1: Rina & Chris Gomez 20 Stokes Avenue Asquith Group 2: David & Bonnie Yiu 415 Somerville Road, HH Group 3: Cecylia & Robert Ramsden 29 Sprigg Sreet Mt Colah <i>Anyone wanting to be on the Roster, phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476- 3610</i>			

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