



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

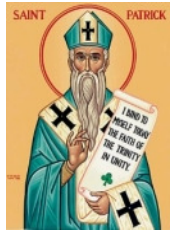
## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

7 December 2008

# LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION

Readings Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2, 10-11      1 Thess 5:16-24      Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Pauline Year commemorating the 2000th Anniversary of the Birth of St Paul



### LITURGY TIMETABLE

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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 MASS TIMES

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

#### 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  
December 14 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre

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



### READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 8 Dec	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Juan Diego Cuauhtotzm, hermit Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Damasus I, pope Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Lucy, virgin, martyr Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

### RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

**Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.**

**THANK YOU** to Father James for supplying for Father Carmelo  
and welcome back from leave Father Carmelo.

#### *The Second Sunday of Advent*

Advent in Australia reveals the sun  
climbing high in our sky as our  
planet travels on its circular path  
of time. New green growth breaks



out in profusion but the real state of our land is so often  
hidden. Lack of care and lack of vigilance means that our  
harsh Australian climate can easily result in an ever-  
advancing barren desert. Watchfulness is vital too in the  
human heart, thirsting for every fresh fall of grace. This is a season  
which calls for the proper cultivating of our human spirit. When Jesus  
views our own inner world from his vantage point of eternity, will he  
see it ready for new planting or shrivelled up by worldly glare?



#### LECTIO DIVINA - Sundays of Advent 2008

There are booklets at the back of the Church with a  
Foreword from Bishop David Walker offering us an  
opportunity to work with the Scriptures so that our  
hearts will be imbued with their message. The  
booklet's principal focus is a meditative prayerful reading of the  
Gospels of the Sundays in Advent. It can be done alone or can be a  
shared experience, in which a group meets to share their *lectio*.  
Please take a booklet home with you.

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!** Please notify  
Margaret at the Pastoral Centre if you are still on a roster  
and you no longer serve at any of the Masses. It is  
important for us to know, so that we can adjust our  
roster and have only current altar servers on it.



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anthony Marsh

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Leslie D'Mello, Father Neil Collins

**OTHER:** Megan Chow

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Christopher Spalding,  
John Macy, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat  
McGoulrick, Domenico Napoli, Billie Sumner, Sam  
Biberian, Karen Aiken, Spiro Borg, Corry Wilson,  
Neil Mickelson, Father John Wakeling, Andrew  
Reid, Alice Balk, Helen Falzon, Kathy Goodwin,  
Michael McCarthy, Judy Barker, Father John  
McCulloch, Pam Graham, Pam Spooner



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Laurie Smith who has received a Papal Blessing for over fifty years of service to the St Vincent de Paul Society. We are all pleased for you Laurie and you are very deserving of this privilege. Well done!



**Children's Choir** Next Sunday, 14 December, will be our last singing Sunday for the year, at 10am Mass at St Patrick's. After that, the Choir will be in recess until February 2009. However all choir-members, and any other young singers or musicians, are cordially invited to take part in the Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, on 24 December at 6.30pm. There will be two practices for this Mass, on Monday 22 December at 10am-11am, and Wednesday 24 December at 10-11am, at St Patrick's church.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

There are gift cards at the back of the church, with age and boy or girl on them. We ask you to take one and please return with a suitable gift for a child that age. There are many families struggling at this time and they are very grateful for your help. Please return your gift UNWRAPPED as the parent needs to see what they are giving their children. A box is at the back of the church for these presents. Thank you!



**Senior Choir** There will be no rehearsal for Senior Choir for this month, due to so many engagements in November, and there will be no rehearsal in January. Thanks, everyone.

**RCIA** Father Carmelo has agreed to lead the next session on "Prayer and Advent". This will make a fitting lead up to Christmas. Thursday night 8 p.m. at 40 Royston Parade, Asquith. This is our last session for this year. We will recommence on Thursday 8 January.

**MEETINGS**

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 9 December	7pm	St Vincent de Paul Asquith	Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday 10 December	6pm	Parish Finance Committee	Pastoral Centre



**CATECHISTS:** The Macquarie Princess Cruise has been confirmed for Thursday 11 December. We can only take 25 people max so please pay as soon as possible to reserve your place. \$25 dollars for catechists and \$31 for non catechists can be paid at the Pastoral Centre. Please note that drinks are extra and need to be purchased on the day at the bar. Alicja Pieprzyk Catechist Co-ordinator

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT**

We are all aware of the need to act on Climate Change and its effect on the poor and vulnerable. It is critical that the government gets the message right now that ordinary people want them to act decisively on emissions targets - currently they are buckling under the pressure from big business to reduce targets. For further info look up [www.catholicearthcareoz.net](http://www.catholicearthcareoz.net); if you want Church background info, [www.catholicearthcareoz.net](http://www.catholicearthcareoz.net). Also refer to the Oxfam Report on the Asquith noticeboard.



**December 7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

The second Sunday of Advent brings with it the familiar theme of Peace. The Christian steward is called to always be mindful of the needs of the poor and vulnerable. We are one human family and the goods we possess are not just meant to be hoarded among ourselves - they are meant for the good of all. 'St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: *"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."* C.C.C. 2447 For the Christian steward peace also means 'peace of mind'... the sort of peace of mind that can only come from putting all of our trust in God who always provides for our needs.



**Vatican denounces Congo "massacre of the poor".** Describing recent events in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a "massacre of the poor", Vatican spokesman Fr Federico Lombardi called for world support to end the violence and assist refugees. Caritas has begun distributing food rations in the area to 64,000 people who have fled their homes to escape escalating violence. Hundreds of thousands of people face hunger, disease and brutality as rebel forces work their way across North Kivu, bringing with them a wave of killing, rape and destruction. The appeal will assist 15,000 vulnerable displaced families (around 90,000 people). This appeal will fund emergency non-food items to the affected to ensure that they regain their dignity and livelihoods. To donate please call 1800 024 413 or GPO Box 9830 in your capital city, or donate online.

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**Stop children's suffering: Pope.** Pope Benedict made a plea for more action to address the poverty, conflicts and neglect that lead to the suffering or death of millions of children around the world.

**Wednesday, 10 December - Human Rights Day:**  
 Adoption of U N Declaration of Human Rights, 1948

## PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD'

**Christmas Eve at St Patrick's** The Christmas Eve vigil Mass at 6.30pm on 24 December will be a special Children's Christmas Mass. All children are invited to come to Mass dressed as shepherds or angels. Practices for music for this Mass will be held on Monday, 22 December at 10 to 11am in the church, and on Wednesday, 24 December at 10 to 11am. Any school-age child who would like to sing or play for this Mass is warmly invited to the practices. Children who would like represent the Gospel Characters eg. Mary, Joseph, Angel and shepherds are asked to phone Cristina Gomez on 9476 5006. These children will be required to be at a practice after the 10am Mass on Sunday 21 December.



## Christmas Eve at St Bernard's

The Vigil Mass will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 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, December 9 at 3.20pm. There will then be a follow up meeting/practice on Tuesday, December 16 also at 3.20pm. If you have any enquiries or are unable to attend the meeting please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663



**Volunteers for Christmas Masses** Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required at all Christmas Masses. Roster sheets will be at the back of both churches. Please put your name against the Mass at which you are able to assist.

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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2008

Tuesday 23 December      7.30pm      Second Rite of Reconciliation      St Patrick's Church

### Christmas Eve

4.00 pm	Vigil Mass Children (outdoor) 21 Karoola St Brooklyn (please bring a chair)	Peace Chapel
5.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Bernard's Church
6.30 pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Patrick's Church
9.00 pm	Vigil Mass	St Bernard's Church
Midnight	Solemn Mass	St Patrick's Church

### Christmas Day Masses

8.00 am	St Patrick's Church
9.00 am	St Bernard's Church
10.00 am	St Patrick's Church

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day



## FROM OUR SCHOOLS:



**St Patrick's CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** On Monday, 8 December, religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia and New Zealand. Families are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. His new Christmas CD "Under Your Star" is for sale as well as my other CDs/DVDs/Books on the night. They'll all be discounted to \$20.00 as a Christmas sale price.

**St Bernard's CARDS FOR THE LONELY:** For the third year running, we have again created personalized Christmas Cards for the lonely in our local community. The wonderful people at the Berowra Community Centre have again assisted us in making this outreach initiative such a success! The children from K-6 have been able to provide a true sense of "giving" and "spreading the Christmas Cheer" through this activity. What a wonderful gift to be able to give to someone who is alone this Christmas!



**END OF YEAR MASS:** A reminder for all families that our end of year Mass will take place on Wednesday 17 December at 9am.

# It's Back on Track! GOSFORD RACE COURSE

Diocese of Broken Bay Charity Race Day Tuesday 20 January, 2009



There are many people in our community who do not enjoy the comforts we often take for granted – a loving family environment, stable employment and food on the table. Through the Charitable

Works Fund, the Diocese of Broken Bay will use proceeds from the Race Day to continue to provide assistance to those in need. Race Day Luncheon Tickets \$60 -**Book for yourself or a table friends NOW** with Adrienne Wentzel at the Caroline Chisholm Centre (02) 9847 0220

# 250 CLUB Week 11

Drawn Monday 1 December


Ticket No. 446

P & M McAleer Congratulations.

Your cheque will be posted.



## ROSTERS FOR 13/14 DECEMBER 2008

Ministry	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.30pm	9am	6.30pm	8.00 am	10.00 am	6.00 pm
Acolyte/Snr Server Server	Michael O'Neill  Daniel O'Neill Luke O'Neill Jessica O'Neill	Gus Davis  Callum Birrell Mitchell Trott Daniel Trott	Malcolm Cross  Michaela De Souza Francesca Subramany	Rhoda Murdock  Stephanie Harant Adam Harant	May Gomez  Daniel Cronin Ben Molloy Alexandra Hurden Genevieve Cipollone	Robert Pesavento  James Roworth Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Ruth Doran Sylvia Fermin	Mark Dunkley Megan Dunkley	Les Fogden Helen Chui	Maureen Covas Angela Smith	Simone Noel	Denise Harant
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cecilia Waite Kathryn Webster Brian Tutill Philippa Ryan	Margaret Griffin Georgina Hughes Joan Tunny Rose Formby				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Jenny Prideaux, Jane Hunter		Vicente Sanchez, Penny Loughland, Peter O'Connell, Janette O'Brien			
Children's Liturgy	December 14 Pastoral Centre at 8.50am		New schedule for 2009 will be available shortly.			
Altar Society	Gwen Wood Dora Saba, Marcia Wood, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)		Group 5 - Friday Helen Chui, Jess Formby (f), Sophie Kwok (f), Meralyn Tarte, Esther Penny			
Maintenance	20 December Teams A & B		Maintenance December: Hedy Stahel, Steve McGrath, Mark Gallacher			
Morning Tea	Next One: December 14 Cecilia and Katherine		December 14 Schrieber Family Group			
Counters	Matthew Waite, Graham Leslie, Roger Okell		Laurie Smith, Keith Loughland, Darryl Jones, Les Fogden, Alan Henson			
Rosary	 <p><b>Monday 8 December</b> Carlos Barros 11 Yarrabin Crescent <b>Monday 15 December</b> Gwen Wood Deputy Leader 7 Boundary Street Berowra</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>		<p><b>Tuesday 9 December</b> Group 1 Vacant Group 2 Rhoda &amp; Robert Murdoch 21 Silvia Street Hornsby Group 3 Crescy &amp; Allan DeSouza 10 Bass Place Mt Colah</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Cheri Mangrai on 9476 3610 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>			

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(Rev) Carmelo Sciberras

Deacon David Huntley