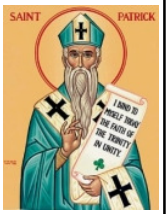




KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

13 December 2009

CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL



Readings Next Week:

Micah 5:1-4

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-44

A Year for Priests

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 Bernard's 8am Monday to Friday
St Patrick's 9am Monday to 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
13 December 8.50am Pastoral Centre

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

RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

**Come, Lord,
Fill us with the fire of your love.**

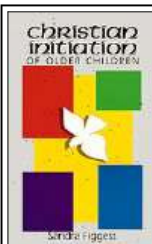
**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

PARKING Rev Ann Hogan of the
Uniting Church has advised that we
cannot use the car park on the corner of
Baldwin Avenue and Royston Parade on
Sundays 13 December and 20 December,
as there will be functions at their church on those days. If
our own parking at St Patrick's is full then parishioners will
have to find parking on the street for these two Sundays.

MASS TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

From Monday 16 December to Friday 22 January inclusive
weekday Mass times are as follows:

St Bernard's Church	8am	Monday to Friday
St Patrick's Church	9am	Monday to Saturday



**R.C.I.C. Rite of Christian Initiation of
Children** A group will be starting up shortly for
children approximately nine years of age or older who
are interested in being Baptised at Easter or who have
missed out on other Sacramental programmes.
Enquiries to Angela Smith 9476 5747.



RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS



Saturday 19 December 9.30am - 10am	Reconciliation First Rite St Patrick's Church
Tuesday 22 December 7.30pm	Reconciliation Second Rite St Bernard's Church

READINGS THIS WEEK

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Flora Knudsen, Charles Dighton
OTHER: Clare Connolly, Mary Veronica Daly

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Billie Sumners,
Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Sam
Vella, Pat McGoulrick, Sam Biberian, Karen Aiken,
Spiro Borg, Neil Mickelson, Fr. John Wakeling,
Andrew Reid, Michael McCarthy, Louie Simpson,
Laurie Smith, Jane Kohlwes, Gina Wicks, Jim Hale,
Kenneth Gomez, Felicity Fone, Peter McBride,
Michael Hibbard, Rev Ted Shepherd, Margaret
Williams, Oscar Buhajiar, Kerrie McArdle, Marie Wilson, Patricia Fosh



IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS!!

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CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday)

4pm	Vigil Mass for Children	21 Karoola Street, Brooklyn (Outdoors) Please bring a chair
5.30pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Bernard's Church
6.30pm	Vigil Mass for Children	St Patrick's Church
9pm	Vigil	St Bernard's Church

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday)

Midnight	Solemn Mass	St Patrick's Church
8am		St Patrick's Church
9am		St Bernard's Church
10am		St Patrick's Church

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS



CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST BERNARD'S 5.30PM SINGERS REQUESTED! This year for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass we are trying to organise a choir of children to lead the congregation in song. If your child is interested in participating please let Vidette know on 94565910 or text on 0437006814. Practices will be on **Wednesday the 16 December 3.15pm until 4.30pm; Wednesday the 23 December 7pm until 8pm** If you have children now in high school who are also keen to participate and they are available for the practices then please let them know they are more than welcome to join us.



Christmas Eve at St Bernard's- Gospel Enactment The Vigil Mass for children will be held at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve. We would appreciate any school age children interested in enacting the Gospel in this Mass to come to a practice on Tuesday, December 15 at 3.20pm. If you have any enquiries or are unable to attend the meeting please contact Genevieve Funk on 9456 4663.

Christmas Eve at St Patrick's Children who will be attending the Christmas Vigil Mass at St Patrick's on 24 December at 6.30pm are warmly invited to sing and to take part in enacting the Gospel. Practices on Monday 21

December and Thursday 24 December in St Patrick's Church, at 10am-11am for singers and 11am to 11.30am for actors. Children of any age welcome, costumes provided. Enquiries: Lynda Garside 9457 6679

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY ROSTERS

Acolytes/Senior Servers, Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are required for Christmas Masses on December 24/25. Would you please indicate your availability by putting your name on the Roster Sheet at the back of the church. See *Christmas Mass timetable above*.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars are on sale at both churches. The cards are in packs of 10 for \$6.00 per pack. This is very good value. The Columban Calendars sell for \$7.00 each. Also there are gift tags if you would like to purchase a gift for an underprivileged child. Please take a tag and purchase a gift for a child in that age bracket and bring it to the church. (unwrapped please) Thank you for your generosity.



Father Mac's Famous Heavenly Puddings available in 800gr or Family Size 1.6 kg Fax (02) 9349 2146 Phone: (02) 9349 3066 Mobile: 0419 243 285



POSITION VACANT CATECHIST CO-ORDINATOR

Commencement date: Mid Feb 2010. Role can be shared between two people. Training provided. Duties: A few hours a week of light office duties (updating paperwork, accrediting new

catechists/helpers, ordering and distributing stock, basic Word and Excel use), holding some meetings throughout the year and organising recruitment twice a year.

Alicja Pieprzyk 94567596



ALTAR SOCIETY Next week an entire St Patrick's Church team is withdrawing from the Altar Society Roster due to various commitments. We thank them for all their hard work over the years. This means that we need to replace this team so that we can stay to our six weekly roster. Ideally a group of mum's from the school could replace the team and restore the status quo. Please phone the Pastoral Centre if you can assist in expanding the ranks of the Altar Society.

RCIA The RCIA team and candidates are taking a short break over Christmas and will be meeting again on Thursday 7 January. They send best wishes for a happy and a holy Christmas to all parishioners and invite you to join them in the New Year studying Our Lord's teachings. God Bless You all.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

The Parliament of the World's Religions has brought together representatives from 80 nationalities and more than 220 faith traditions for seven days of debate and dialogue. The organisers hope that chance meetings, along with attendance at the 600 different formal meetings, will lead to new partnerships between religious groups. The emphasis is on building relationships and giving members of each faith the opportunity to better understand several others. There are no formal debates or votes, but any commitments made by members of a particular community are formally recorded. This parliament is distinctive because of the central role being given to representatives of Australia's aboriginal peoples and to leaders of indigenous peoples from around the world. Ten percent of the parliament's sessions are devoted to issues of concern for aboriginal and indigenous communities.

Copenhagen Hopes Keep this very important conference in your prayers and keep up to date by studying both sides of the debate as there is much misinformation being spoken by both sides of this important issue.

Friday 18 December. International Migrants Day; Islamic New Year; South Australian Parliament was the first in the world to give women the right to vote, 1894



POSITION VACANT The Parish Support Unit (PSU) is seeking to recruit a full-time Administrative Assistant to work in the Diocesan Office located at Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. Further enquires, a job description and application form can be obtained from: Jackie Hanson, Senior Administration Officer, Parish Support Unit: Telephone – 9847 0484 email: jackie.hanson@dbb.org.au

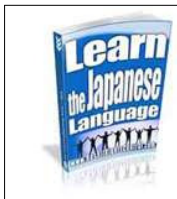
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Advent

Trust... in our increasingly secular society it is not fashionable to trust God. Stewardship means that we are grateful for our many blessings, and we are generous with our lives and our possessions. In living this way we learn to **trust more in God and less in ourselves**. Trust is the cornerstone of any relationship, and our relationship with God is no different. God trusts us to do our part and we must trust explicitly in God. Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca



FROM OUR SCHOOLS St Patrick's Special Announcement – Formal Lessons in Japanese for our Students in 2010: For some time, I have been seeking a way of incorporating formal lessons for our students in a language other than English without sacrificing already existing programs in the school. We have successfully applied for a significant funding boost in 2010 (which has the condition of being for the teaching of an Asian language). In a special program we will combine a Japanese teacher with deep knowledge of the language, and a current St Patrick's teacher who knows our students and our beliefs about teaching to "team-teach" Japanese lessons. Mrs Kerri O'Neill will be the school-based staff member and Mrs Katie Gilles has been employed to teach Japanese. In 2010 this will be introduced on a small scale and then extended in 2011. We look forward to the many opportunities this program will bring our students. **Robert Peers, Principal**



St Bernard's Luanna Fletcher, Principal The building works at St Bernard's are progressing rapidly. 2010 promises to be a very special school year with the new buildings and facilities.

TO EVERYONE AT OUR TWO WONDERFUL SCHOOLS - HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY AND COME BACK RELAXED AND REFRESHED IN 2010

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

23 Yardley Avenue Waitara

Christmas Eve 6pm Young Families Mass 9pm Youth Mass Midnight Celebrated by Bishop David
Christmas Day 8am 9.30am 11am Korean Language Mass

Queen of Peace Catholic Church 18 Stuart Avenue Normanhurst

Christmas Eve 6.30pm Young Families Mass 8pm Vigil Mass Midnight
Christmas Day 7am 9.30am





ARE YOU A NURSE WITH A SENSE OF ADVENTURE? Palms Australia, the Australian Catholic Church's volunteer sending agency, currently has requests for Nurses and other medical practitioners to work in developing communities in Uganda, Ethiopia and East Timor. You could be training and supervising nursing students in a rural nursing college / hospital in Uganda, sharing your skills and expertise to build the confidence and knowledge of local nurses! Contact Palms now, on 02.9518.9551, by email: daniel@palms.org.au / christine@palms.org.au, or visit our website: www.palms.org.au


The Catholic Institute of Sydney Summer School enrolments will be closing soon. For further details please log onto www.cis.catholic.edu.au or call (02) 9752 9500.



250 CLUB WEEK 4
Monday 7 December
Number 086
Unsubscribed



ROSTERS FOR 19/20 DECEMBER

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	Michael O'Neill Nicole Hutchins Luke O'Neill Jessica O'Neill	Justin Berry Jordan Anderson Madison Hughes Joshua McCarthy	Mani Subramany Ambrose Wong Daniel Cronin	Malcolm Cross Volunteers Please	May Gomez Alisha Eveleens Thomas Messina Erica Messina Thomas Peregrina	Robert Pesavento Katie Hunter
Reader	John Ryan AnneMareeHutchins	Mark Dunkley Rachel Dunkley	Margaret Acret Brian Walsh	Mary Stokes Angela Smith	Michael Halliday Sandra McGregor	Don Low Ethleen Low
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Kathryn Webster Cecilia Waite Brian Tutill Philippa Ryan	Joan Tunny Margaret Griffin Rose Formby Barbara McMullen				
Extraordinary Ministers	Chris Enright, Gus Davis		Malcolm , Sue Host, Joe Da Silva			
Children's Liturgy	Will re-commence in 2010		Will re-commence in 2010			
Altar Society	Ruth Doran Roger Okell, Glen & Annette Shapter, Cornel Arnold, Carol Barlow, Mary Tutill (f)		Group 4 (Saturday) Jo Barton, Else Burke, Maria Yardley, Janice Cooper, Cathy Stevens, Chris Hayman, Kim Fitzgerald Thank you ladies for all your hard work—MB			
Maintenance	19 December Teams A & B		December 2009 Malcolm Cross, David Chui, Bob Nicholls			
Morning Tea	Will re-commence in 2010		Will re-commence in 2010			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Lyn Beacom		Margaret Acret, Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Henry Sylvester			
Rosary	 <p>Monday 14 December Carlos Barros 11 Yarrabin Crescent Last home Rosary rostered for the year. Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>		<p>Tuesday 15 December Group 1 Gwen O'Regan 38 Michigan Avenue Asquith Group 2 Vacant Group 3 Vacant Last home Rosary rostered for the year. Please phone the Pastoral Centre on 9456 2450 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster. As you can see the Group is in need of more members.</p>			



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