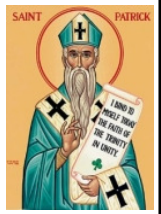




# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

20 December 2009

# LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED



Readings Next Week:  
**A Year for Priests**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52

### LITURGY TIMETABLE

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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 Will resume in 2010

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

### RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

**Come, Lord, and do not delay.**

**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 today (Sunday) as there will be a function at their church.



**PEACE CHAPEL BROOKLYN** The last Saturday Vigil Mass for 2009 in the Peace Chapel Brooklyn will be celebrated today 19 December. Mass will resume at Brooklyn on Saturday 6 February at 4pm.

An outdoor Christmas Vigil Mass for Children will be celebrated at Brooklyn by Father John at 4pm on Christmas Eve (Thursday)

**SECOND RITE RECONCILIATION** will take place this Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm in St Bernard's Church.



**FROM THE PASTORAL CENTRE** Father Robert, Father John, Deacon David, Margaret, Maureen, Helen and Jan, wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for your cards, presents and words of goodwill and appreciation.

Please see inside for Pastoral Centre hours over Christmas and January.

### MASS TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

From Monday 21 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



We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Analiza De Ramos, Frances Leavy (mother of Dan Leavy)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Werner Harant, Peter De Souza, Elza De Souza  
**OTHER:** Irene De Souza, Mary Ruby Cham Wong, Ivy Low, Joseph Owen Cham, Rose Wong, Jean Mary Keogh, Eric Geoffrey Warren, Ruby Reginald Warren, Gesmundo Daria, Elde Eliza Daria, Hilda May Cutler

**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, Teresa Cox



### READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday	Peter Canisius, priest, doctor Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	John of Kanty, priest Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Christmas Readings



**The Pastoral Centre will be closed from Thursday 24 December to Monday 4 January inclusive. From Tuesday 5 January 2010 until Friday 22 January inclusive, the Centre will be open between 9.30am and 1pm.**

**The Pastoral Centre will be closed on Monday 25 January and Tuesday 26 January.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** and our best wishes for the future to the following five St Leo's students who have attained over 90 in the Higher School Certificate and appear on the State Honour Roll for 2009 Students. They are James Calen Clifford (Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish), Emma Louise Gorrie, Laura Jane Dunkley (Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish), Louise Anne Jaques (Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish) and Matthew Timothy Nelson. Our best wishes also, to all other students who have received their results. We hope that you are able to follow the paths that you have chosen. If not, there are still so many opportunities available to you! Good luck!

## IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS!!

### KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2009

#### 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



**FLOWERS AT ST PATRICK'S** Now is the time to look around your gardens to see what can help beautify our church at Christmas. Buckets will be left outside the sacristy for your flower donations which will be gratefully received on Christmas Eve 24 December by 9am.

#### 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. Practice will be on **Wednesday 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 practice then please let them know they are more than welcome to join us.

**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.



**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.



**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.

## FROM OUR SCHOOLS

**Building Plans at St Patrick's** The latest information I have is that plans are proceeding on schedule for a demolition of the existing Kinder classes around the time of January 11. This could still be delayed so keep an eye out over the holidays to keep track as to whether work has commenced. As soon as work has commenced the following procedures will be applied.



\* There will be no weekday access from Royston Parade to the school via the top gate nearest to the office. There will be much greater reliance on the bottom gate and all are asked to utilise this when coming on site.

\* This week I was due to have discussions with council with a view of swapping the bus zone and kiss and drop zone to make things safer and easier at peak times. Please watch for notice of this in the new year.

\* There will be further strains on parking once work commences with up to twenty construction workers a day needing to utilise parking facilities. Please be mindful of this and a little patient when needed.

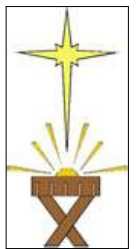
· To save space that would normally be allocated for worksite toilets, lunchroom and office, our hall toilets will be exclusively for workers, along with the interview room and co-ordinator office.

· **Weekend access will remain for Masses with a second gate to be available and opened for normal parking procedures.**

There will be numerous inconveniences and difficulties as we construct. There are also exciting benefits for our community when the works are completed so I ask parents to keep the big picture in mind during the times of difficulty. **Robert Peers, Principal**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT** This is our final SJ Comment for the year and we will resume at the end of January. Members of the KCCP Social Justice Group wish you and your loved ones a happy and holy Christmas and blessings for a safe and peaceful 2010.

In the meantime, keep in touch with others concerned about Social Justice, the Environment and the Marginalised in the region of Broken Bay by visiting **Around the Bay** through our parish website.



**ALTAR SOCIETY** An entire St Patrick's Church team has withdrawn 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.



### Pope's Encyclical, 'Charity in Truth'

'The excessive segmentation of knowledge, the rejection of metaphysics by the human sciences, the difficulties encountered by dialogue between science and theology are damaging not only to the development of knowledge, but also to the development of peoples, because these things make it harder to see the integral good of man in its various dimensions. The "broadening of our concept of reason and its application" is indispensable if we are to succeed in adequately weighing all the elements involved in the question of development and in the solution of socio-economic problems.'

Excerpt from *Caritas in Veritate* (n.31), Pope Benedict XVI- Full text at: [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_enc\\_20090629\\_caritas-in-veritate\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate_en.html)

**BLESSED MOTHER MARY OF THE CROSS MacKILLOP PRAY FOR US**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL PARISH

23 Yardley Avenue Waitara

Christmas Eve 6pm 9pm 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 8pm Vigil Mass Midnight

Christmas Day 7am 9.30am





**Truth and Mystery Unfold in Silence** Many things today block out the sound of silence, in which alone we can begin to own a sense of self – of who we were, and are, and can be – with ever-growing self-esteem, and healthy orientation, grounded in the real. The noise around us tends to be accepted deep within. Constant change just passes like a blur. And new technology speeds the ease of knowing, entertainment and communication.

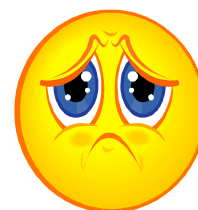
Profound interior silence is all too rare, but when it comes, we breathe the purer air of truth and mystery, wisdom and wonder, building on knowing, to reflect and ponder.

It was the hush of silence at Bethlehem that led the shepherds to see in this tiny child, the Promised One of whom the prophets spoke, Christ the Lord!

*Excerpts from a reflection by Fr James Esler SM*

**250 CLUB WEEK 5**  
**Monday 14 December**  
**Number 959**  
**Unsubscribed.**

Why weren't you a member of the 250 Club to win this \$500?!!



## R O S T E R S F O R 26/27 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	Garry Cornius Thomas Graham Andrew Placko Monique Placko	Gus Davis Giaan Wilson Daniel Reed Elly Gallagher	Malcolm Cross  Matthew Chamberlain Daniel Chamberlain	Bill Martin  Max Pryor Brandon Lukich-Young	John Messina  Patrick O'Brien Charlotte O'Brien Lucy Triantafilis Matthew Ison	Keith Fone  Olivia Ratcliffe Stuart Fone
Reader	Sylvia Fermin Marie Haag	Justin Berry Mary Dorahy	Yvonne Thomas Penny Loughland	Stella McNamara	Volunteers please	Sue Newnham Chris Newnham
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cecilia Waite Kathryn Webster Christine Cornius Jill Graham	Rose Formby Margaret Griffin Joan Tunny Margaret Collins				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga: Vince Hughes Michael O'Neill		Vicente Sanchez, Penny Loughland, Peter O'Connell, Janette O'Brien			
Children's Liturgy	Will re-commence in 2010		Will re-commence in 2010			
Altar Society	Brenda Brooks Jenny Jaques, Anne Gosson, Austin Sequeira, Jane Lazaroff, Catherine Hughes (f)		Group 5 (Friday) Helen Chui, Jess Formby (f), Sophie Kwok (f), Meralyn Tarte, Esther Penny, Lea Mead			
Maintenance	New dates to be drawn up for 2010		January 2010 Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Mani Subramany			
Morning Tea	Will re-commence in 2010		Will re-commence in 2010			
Counters	Graham Leslie, Roger Okell, Lynda Reed		Laurie Smith, Keith Loughland, Darryl Jones, Les Fogden, Alan Henson			
Rosary	Rosary Roster resumes on 18 January 2010. Happy Christmas to all!  Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.		Rosary Roster in January 2010 Happy Christmas.  Please phone the Pastoral Centre on 9456 2450 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster. The Group is in need of more members.			



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