

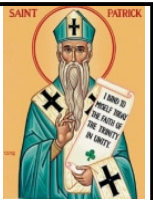


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

22 February 2009



LORD, HEAL MY SOUL, FOR I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU

Readings Next Sunday: Gen 9:8-15 1 Pet 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



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

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

BUSH FIRE COLLECTION

The Parish raised \$1,800 for the Bush Fire victims last weekend. Thank you to all who contributed.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. Liturgy times are as follows

8am	Mass	St Patrick's
9am	Mass	St Bernard's
9am	Liturgy of the Word	St Patrick's
10am	Liturgy of the Word	St Bernard's
7.30pm	Mass	St Bernard's



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
22 Feb 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre
22 Feb 10am St Patrick's, Children's Mass

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

Lenten Penance



Lent is a preparation for Easter, the focal point of the Church's liturgical year. As we prepare for the most important of the Christian feasts we are reminded of the love that God has shown in sending Jesus to us. Lent is a time of thanksgiving for what God has done for us. Jesus' announcement that the kingdom of God had come was a proclamation of the divine intervention, which was intended to draw all humanity to a share in the divine life.

The preparation to receive the kingdom is to repent: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. In the presence of Jesus, we are called to conversion which is not just something that takes place just once; it is a continuing transformation of ourselves which opens us up more and more to God's presence in Jesus. It is an ongoing reality in our life. We remember this especially at this time of Lent. Lent is a period in which we focus in a special way on turning our hearts towards God. To do this we must be ready to surrender ourselves. We need to find ways, which are personally meaningful for us to bring about this surrender.

Practices of penance are meant to help us to come to openness to God. They need to be educative, transforming us so that our hearts may turn more easily to God. Our choice of Lenten penance is important. It is not just what we do; it is why we do it, and the effect that it has on our life. Choose wisely, and Lent can become a time of many graces and significant growth in our relationship with God.

DAYS OF PENANCE Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to the church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.
- b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
- c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to The Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. On Good Friday and, if possible also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed. Paschal Precept: Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All of the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

David L Walker BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 23 Feb	Polycarp, bishop, martyr Sirach 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29	
Tuesday	Sirach 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37	
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thursday	Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	
Friday	Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15	
Saturday	Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32	

We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection:
RECENTLY DECEASED: Geoffrey Collet, Ray Longford (husband of Margaret), Doris Corner, Nancy Bagnall (mother of Maureen Dagg), Elizabeth Jean (Betty) Gaynor
ANNIVERSARIES: Neville Nicholson, Michael Way, Frances Maung
OTHER: Bridget Greene, Bill Sharp
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoulrick, Billie Sumner, Joan Cunningham, 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, Louie Simpson, Laurie Smith, Jane Kohlwes, Kel Hutcheson, Gina Wicks





Access to the Parish Property at Asquith Last weekend a fire was lit causing damage to our Parish school. This was done during the night between Saturday and Sunday. As a result, a decision has been made to lock all gates on the Parish property. This will be an inconvenience for some, but it will save any more vandalism being done. Over the next couple of weeks, new locks will be installed. Any parishioners who require access to the Parish property will need to contact the Pastoral Centre to obtain a key. At present quotes are being sought to have a master key system for the school and the church.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on the first Saturday of each month beginning in March, for a trial period until December. The exposition will begin after Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at St Patrick's and will conclude at 10am. During this time you are invited to come and pray for vocations to the ordained ministry and consecrated life, as well as any other special intentions. The First Rite of Reconciliation will be available during the period of Adoration.



LENTEN MESSAGE 2009 FROM POPE BENEDICT XVI: Copies of this message are available from the back of the churches. Please take one home to read.



Lenten Programme

Lenten Groups have been formed and parishioners are most welcome to put their names on the sheets provided and they will be slotted in - the sessions will start the week following Ash

Wednesday. If there is sufficient interest, a group will meet at 10.30am on Thursday mornings in the Hookhams Corner area - again, please add your name to the sheet.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6 March at St Patrick's Church 11.30am This year our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer and invitations have been sent out to other churches and communities in the area. Please invite a friend to join you on 6

March as it is a great opportunity to share with other Christian men and women in your local community. The theme, chosen by the people of Papua New Guinea, is 'In Christ We are Many Members, yet one Body.' Morning tea will be served in the Father Patrick McMaugh Hall after the liturgy.

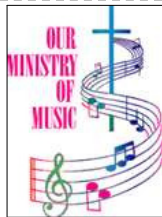
FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT WORKSHOPS
Tuesday, 24 February at 8pm Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall, Asquith Sacrament Of Penance Parent Workshop 1



Tuesday, 3 March at 8pm Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall, Asquith Sacrament Of Penance Parent Workshop 2

Children's Choir

This Sunday we are pleased to be supporting Year 3 from St Patrick's in their Class Mass at 10am. As we join with the wider community in the national day of mourning for bushfire victims, we deeply appreciate this opportunity to come together at this time to pray and remember and support each other. The Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays during school terms and practises every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Singers from Year 3 and up most welcome. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Senior Choir are invited to sing for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March at St Patrick's at 11.30am. Rehearsal at 11am.

CATECHISTS: The dates for the next Basic Accreditation Course for those on their provisional accreditation is on March 5 at the Pastoral Centre from 9:00am-4:00pm. You only need to attend and be fully accredited. Please RSVP on 98470492. Bookings do need to be made in advance.

Thank you to those that spoke at Mass last week. We have a few more people who are interested in joining our ministry. Please continue to pray for more help.

Alicja Pieprzyk Catechist Co-ordinator

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT

It is difficult to know to what extent the February fires were exacerbated by global warming. But it seems highly probable that climate change is having a much more rapid impact than many scientists expected. The fires have vital lessons that we must not ignore. Our governments urgently need to "press the reset button" on climate change policy. - Fr Bruce Duncan, *Social Policy Connections*.



Fr Duncan's comment above makes the following even more important - **Faith and Climate Change** evening. See noticeboard for details at Terrigal next Thursday, 26 February.

Also refer to the noticeboard for details of The Inaugural Caritas Australia Lecture at the Notre Dame University, Broadway on 4 March when Mr Patrick Dodson will promote a new way forward on indigenous Reconciliation.

And finally, a reminder that your Social Justice Group will meet next Tuesday, 24 February and we would love you to join us. For meeting details, please contact the Pastoral Office.



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE: The faithful ladies at St Patrick's who have laundered and ironed the altar cloths, baptism towels and purifier cloths for many years, have now dwindled to 2, and they would love to welcome some more willing hands to take up this ministry with them. If you are able to help, please phone Jess Formby on 9477 3101. Thank you in anticipation of your offers to assist.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Our congratulations and best wishes to Angelina and Salvatore Loscuito who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary, by renewing their wedding vows at the 10am Mass at St Patrick's Church Asquith this weekend. Angelina and Salvatore will be surrounded by their loving family and friends as they celebrate this wonderful milestone.



LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures in Lent and Holy Week 2009. These booklets are available at the back of the churches and at the Peace Chapel at Brooklyn. Please take one home with you. 'Lectio divina is a form of meditative, prayerful, reading of the Scriptures that challenges us on how well we are living as disciples of Jesus. It confronts us, reveals to us the state of our faith life and show us what needs to be done to improve it. It humbles us before God, and inclines us to God to find the grace we need to reform our lives.'



David L Walker, Bishop of Broken Bay.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice. Please take home a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent. Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world. Envelopes will be in the church next weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASQUITH CONFERENCE meets every Tuesday in St Patrick's Meeting Room at 7.30pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2009

There will be a service at Berowra Uniting Church, Allan Road, on Friday 6 March at 7.30pm. All welcome.



BROKEN BAY NEWS

The March Issue of Broken Bay News is now available at the back of the churches. Please take a copy home with you.



FROM OUR SCHOOLS

St Bernard's Primary School St Bernard's was honoured with a visit from Isa Guha last week. Isa is currently ranked by the ICC as the leading female bowler in the world. She visited stage three students to share her thoughts on leadership and the importance of education. The most exciting part of her visit though, was her participation in lunch time cricket, where she demonstrated her prowess with the bat and ball. Isa is now in camp preparing to open the bowling for the English team in the World Cup in March. The children of St Bernard's will watch her results with great interest. Isa would like to thank the students of St Bernard's for their sincere welcome, and also to the Year 4 girls who taught her to play handball!!!

St Patrick's Primary School Fire in Admin Building: By now many parents would be aware of unwelcome visitors on the weekend and the fire that was started outside the Admin building. We are indeed quite fortunate as the fire burnt itself out and even though the office area is damaged, it could have been much, much worse. Insurance assessors have been in and we'll endeavour to restore the office area as quickly as possible.

Bushfire Appeal: Like the rest of Australia, the spirit of support and love by the St Patrick's community towards the Bushfire victims was hugely evident during our day of prayer and donation last Friday. The prayers in classrooms were very much geared to the level of the children and yet their insights and reflections were quite profound



Are you looking for more **peace** in your busy life?

Do you want to **deepen your faith** or **explore your spirituality**?

SPG is a prayer group that meets weekly for: **Prayer, Scripture reflection and Shared stillness** in a welcoming, supportive environment.

The Group is called SPG for Sonya's Prayer Group, as it was co-founded by parishioner and school parent Sonya Brown. Sonya died last year after a long battle with cancer.

Where: SPG meets at St Patrick's school grounds in the meeting room.

When: Monday mornings during school term 9:00 - 9:45.

We also facilitate Lenten and Advent programs.

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries to: Sarah 94570492 or sarahfm@optusnet.com.au

Lynda 94576679 Simone 99872757



5 Thursdays - 3 Saints. A Lenten Introduction to Carmelite Spirituality.

Using the contemplative tradition of the Carmelite Order we will look at the Lenten themes of "Prayer", "Penance", "Almsgiving", "Mercy" and "Forgiveness" to uncover the deeper spiritual meaning of this Holy Season. Thursday 25 February - St Teresa of Avila and Prayer. Thursday 5 March - St Teresa of Avila on Penance and Self-Knowledge. Thursday 12 March - St John of the Cross on Almsgiving and Love. Thursday 19 March - St John of the Cross on Beauty and Sin. Thursday 26 March - St Therese of Lisieux on Forgiveness and the Mercy of God. This series of talks will be given by Fr Greg Homeming OCD, Regional Vicar of the Discalced Carmelites in Australia, in the parish hall of Corpus Christi Parish, 263 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. Talks begin at 7.30 pm.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAIL

The Grail is an international spiritual, cultural and social movement of women with its roots in Christian faith, at the same time open to women following other spiritual paths. Interested women are invited to attend three Saturday sessions, *Introduction to the Grail*, on March 7, 14 and April 4, 10.30am - 3.30pm at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney. Info available by Ph 9955


Sunday 1st March, 7:30pm: For **YOUNG ADULTS** wanting to go further in their faith, searching for more or wanting to meet others who are keen to make a difference....All are welcome to "**YUCAN Dialogue**" for Young Adults (20s and 30s)!
Topic: "**Imaginative Contemplation**" An interactive evening with Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman, SJ, Director of Jesuit Refugee Service Australia. Come along to experience Imaginative Contemplation with the Scriptures and enhance your prayer life. St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay (North Sydney). Donation \$5. For more information go to yucan.org.au.

250 CLUB WEEK 2
Drawn Monday
16 February
Ticket Winner:
No.164
Jane Hunter
Margaret Ave
Hornsby Heights

Your cheque will be posted to you.



ROSTERS FOR 28 FEBRUARY/1 MARCH 2009

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	Garry Cornius	Denis Steiner	Malcolm Cross	Bill Martin	Karen Leavy	Keith Fone
Server	Luke Tobin Andrew Placko Monique Placko	Daniel Reed Joel de Graaf Joshua McCarthy	Patrick O'Brien Charlotte O'Brien	Nicholas Stevens	Georgia Hopkins Alyson McGrath	Stuart Fone
Reader	John Ryan Sylvia Fermin	Peter Collins Barbara McMullen	Patricia Longworth Jerome Gomez	Marcel Reemst John Creenaune	Maggie Soares Jo Quinlan	Don Low Ethleen Low
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Kathryn Webster Cecilia Waite Philippa Ryan Christine Cornius	Joan Tunny Georgina Hughes Margaret Griffin Margaret Collins				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Chichi Datoc, Vince Hughes		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host, Joe Da Silva, Sylvia Rego			
Children's Liturgy	22 March 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre		1 March 9.50am Father Patrick McMaugh Hall Jan Favaloro, Jackie Favaloro-Tod			
Altar Society	Eulalie Hailstone Natasha Steele, Lisa Hayden, Ted Cook, Diane Andrew		Group 4 (Saturday) Jo Barton, Else Burke, Maria Yardley, Janine O'Keefe, Janice Cooper, Cathy Stevens, Chris Hayman, Kim Fitzgerald			
Maintenance	28 February 2009 - Team B		February: Bill Martin, Tony Kremer			
Morning Tea	Next one: March 8 - School Mass Parents		Next one: March 8 - Family Group Leaders			
Counters	Peter Hanson, David Funk, Barbara McMullen		Margaret Acret, Chris Newnham, Jan Bennett, Henry Sylvester			
Rosary	 <p>Monday 23 February Chi Chi Datoc 17 Koorong Street Monday 2 March Eunice Allison 6 Arcadia Crescent</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>		<p>Tuesday 24 February Group 1: Vacant Group 2: Maureen & John Sharpe 38 Ulolo Avenue Hornsby Heights Group 3: Cheri & Gerald Mangrai 11 Carinya Road 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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