

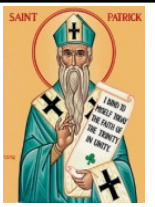


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra and St Patrick Asquith

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

8 February 2009



# PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED

Readings Next Sunday: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45



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

<b>St Patrick's</b>	8am Wednesday & Friday
	9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
<b>St Bernard's</b>	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  
15 Feb 9.50am in Father Patrick McMaugh Hall  
22 Feb 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre

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

Dear Parishioners

Over the past couple of years the Rite of Christian Initiation Candidates have expressed a wish to be initiated into the life of our community at one ceremony. Previously, when we were two separate parishes, the Berowra candidates would go to St Bernard's and the Asquith candidates go to St Patrick's. Since becoming one parish the candidates have been initiated together at the Easter Vigil at St Patrick's.

Last year Fr Carmelo expressed a desire that it would be good if the whole parish could gather at one place for the most sacred night of the Church's Year and, as one, welcome and be involved in the Rites of Initiation. I supported this and raised it at Masses at Easter 2008. It had also been on the agenda of the Liturgy Committee.

I would now like to canvas your opinion as to having one Easter Vigil which would be held at St Patrick's as this would accommodate the congregation comfortably. Those who usually attend the Easter Vigil at St Bernard's would need to come to St Patrick's. The Liturgy Committee suggested that those who wish to come could be assisted by parishioners carpooling. Also that there may be an extra Mass on Easter Sunday at 7am to assist with those who may not want to come to St Patrick's for the Easter Vigil.

It is mainly those at St Bernard's who will be affected by this and it is not set in concrete. If there is an overwhelming opposition to this proposal I ask that you would put this in writing and drop it or post it to the Pastoral Centre by Ash Wednesday 25 February.

Many thanks for your consideration.

(Rev) Robert Borg PP



**RCIA** Easter will be here quicker than we know. This week "Jesus into Jerusalem" talks about the implications of Palm Sunday. Thursday 12 February at 8pm - 40 Royston Parade Asquith.



### READINGS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b> 9 February	Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scholastica, virgin Gen 1:20—2:4; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk &:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Cyril, monk, & Methodius, bishop Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10



to Malcolm Cross and Brian Walsh for preparing the Prayers of Intercession and Liturgies for December and January.

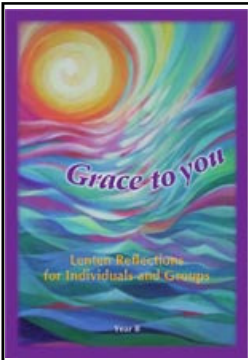
We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Neville Nicholson, Ryta Zawodzinski, John Gerald Carmody, Florence Mary Carmody, Patrick John Carmody, Edward Charles Carmody

**OTHER:** Sarah & Patrick Carney, Veronica Daly

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Donna Vogel, Pat McGoulrick, Domenico Napoli, 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





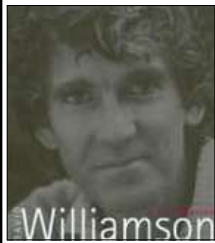
## LENTEN PROGRAM

Ash Wednesday and Lent are fast approaching and it is time to start planning for Lenten Discussion Groups in our Parish. The Program 'Grace to you' offers a prayerful and insightful journey towards an understanding that God's love is at work in our

ordinary daily lives, just as it has always been. Our Creator God's gracious gift of love is everywhere, and the prayers, reflection and songs in 'Grace to you' gently remind us of this. The underlying current flowing through these reflections is God's abundant grace - a gift that is unconditional and freely given.

We operate on having small groups of approx 10 people meeting weekly, to study and discuss a set programme. Meetings are usually held in homes, but to start us off this year one group will be meeting 9.00 am Mondays in the St Patrick's Meeting Room; pre-schoolers most welcome! We need people to: offer their home and be a leader **OR** offer their home **OR** be a leader **OR** come along and be part of a group. There are a number of options so PLEASE take part in some way. Simply fill in your details on the form at the rear of St Patrick's and St Bernard's churches and at the Peace Chapel at Brooklyn.

## THEATRE PARTY TO PYMBLE PLAYERS



We were not able to secure a booking for the 4 pm session on 21 February so I have booked for 8 pm Saturday 21 February to see David Williamson's play "Face to Face". Spare tickets are available and if you have

previously booked and the new time doesn't suit you, please notify me after 10 February on 9476 2304. **Mary Stokes**



## CHURCH ROSTERS

A number of rosters are due to be renewed in February and March and

it is imperative that they are as accurate as possible. Please contact Margaret Browne at the Pastoral Centre if you would like to be part of a rostered team or if you wish to be removed from any. We are always looking for more volunteers for the various and important ministries and would welcome new people who can re-charge the roster batteries and fill in the gaps left by those who are now retiring because of age or ill health. Hoping to hear from you!!

PS Thank you to the only person who rang to 'join up'!

**Launching Liturgy '09** - Are you a musician, reader, extraordinary minister of communion, altar server, or take part in any other ministry at Sunday Mass? Launching Liturgy '09 is a series of workshops to help deepen our understanding and enrich our experience of liturgy.



Session 1 - 'Introduction to Liturgy' will be held on Saturday 21 February from 2pm - 5.30pm at St Patrick's at Asquith. It is open to all parishioners but especially all who currently serve the community through ministry roles during our Sunday liturgies. See leaflets and posters at the back of the church for details, and please register today on the sheets at the back of the church, or call Vince Hughes 9456 0668 or Sue Newnham 9987 4185.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Many thanks to parishioners for your generosity to our Christmas Appeal. We were able to help many less fortunate than ourselves, to enjoy Christmas through your gifts, food and monetary donations. Well done!

## Children's Choir



Welcome back to our parish Children's Choir, singing at 10am Mass for the first time this year. The Choir sings at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday during school terms, and practises every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Any singer from Year 3 and up is most welcome to join, from any school in the parish. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

**Senior Choir** We will be holding our regular monthly rehearsal on Thurs, 12th February, after 9am Mass, in St Patrick's church. The Senior Choir is a parish initiative to provide music support for parish funerals and other events such as Masses of Anointing, and World Day of Prayer. All welcome - no age limit whatsoever.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASQUITH CONFERENCE

meets every Tuesday in St Patrick's Meeting Room at 7.30pm.



**For the Sake of God's Children**

**CATECHISTS:** Hornsby Heights and Hornsby North scripture classes start back Week 3. Asquith starts back Week 4. Other schools are not quite sure about their starting time so please check in with them.

Books can be picked up from the Pastoral Centre. Please let me know if you require me to order more. Please note that if you teach a combined year group that you pick up books that are of the alternate year group than last year.

The dates for the next Basic Accreditation Courses for those on their provisional accreditation are: Feb 16 at Chatswood from 9:00am-4:00pm. March 5 at Berowra from 9:00am-4:00pm. You only need to choose one of the above days to attend and be fully accredited. Please RSVP on 98470492.

Remember: Catechist Sunday next weekend 14/15 February. **Alicja Pieprzyk** Catechist Co-ordinator

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT Faith and Climate Change.** On Thursday, 26 February at Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Terrigal there will be an opportunity to share the experience of those who have heard, and actively responded to, the call to *Care for Creation*. A long way to go, but if you should happen to be in the area, would be well worthwhile. Full details on all noticeboards.

The awful tragedy that unfolded in the **Gaza Strip** over the past months has defied description and challenged the very values of peace and goodwill we. An expression of the experience of innocent civilians caught up in the violence came from the Parish Priest of Gaza, Father Manuel Masallam: 'My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, what you see and hear on your television screens is not the complete painful truth about what our people in Gaza are going through. Their suffering is so widespread over our land that no television or radio could report the whole truth about it .....'. Refer: <http://zenit.org/article-24842?l=english> for more details. The current negotiations in Cairo provide hope for lasting ceasefire that could be the basis of renewed peace talks, but the ceasefire is fragile. Commenting on the situation from Australia, ACSJC Chairman Bishop Christopher Saunders said, 'It is obvious that a durable ceasefire is required before the humanitarian crisis is addressed, violations of international law on both sides are investigated and dialogue can resume. First and foremost, let us pray for the innocent civilians who have been caught up yet again in this horrific Middle Eastern conflict.'



**LETTER OF THANKS:** To the Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, Thank you for your generous donation of dry goods, and toiletries for our homeless shelters. The specific items that you donated are particularly useful to the guests that stay with us. They have been distributed to Teresa House, a shelter that focuses on homeless people "in crisis." Guests there are often people suffering from mental illness, victims of domestic violence, or those struggling with drug addiction.



Some of the items you donated were also distributed to DePores House, which is another Cana shelter. The focus of this shelter is on people that are serious about wanting to get off the streets, and willing to be part of our community, for example by sharing meals together a few times a week. Your generosity and organisation is overwhelming. Please continue to keep the guests and volunteers at Cana Communities in your prayers.

**Sean Mullin (Volunteer)**

## FROM OUR SCHOOLS

### St Bernard's Primary School Berowra

Excerpt from St Bernard's School Newsletter

I extend a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined St Bernard's community. The year has started smoothly and we are especially proud of the new Kindergarten students, who've taken to school like 'ducks to water'. St Bernard's is a community that prides itself on being "welcoming" and I hope and pray that you are feeling "at home" even in these early stages! All staff, particularly those who've recently joined the community (Miss Pascoe, Miss Kirk and Mrs Tod and I), have commented on the exemplary manners, helpfulness and friendliness of both the students and parents. We live in a world where relationships are to be treasured and respected and this is certainly proving to be the case here at St Bernard's. To all our established families, thank you for warmly welcoming the staff back to the new school year. Your friendly hellos, well wishes and smiling faces have been greatly appreciated.....

**Luanna Fletcher, Principal**



### St Patrick's Primary School Asquith

Excerpt from St Patrick's School Newsletter

What a wonderful start we've had to the 2009 school year! There has been a lovely feeling in both the classrooms and around the school over the last week with students and staff alike reporting a great holiday, as we embark on a new school year. Welcome to our two new staff members: Mr Tim Breen (4 Green) and Miss Ola Czerwinska (1 Gold). Both teachers have been well received by parents and students alike and we're delighted to have them on board. A special welcome to all new families to our community. I pray you will all feel welcome and very much part of our St Patrick's community, both now and throughout your years with us.....

**Robert Peers, Principal**



## Introduction and Renewal Days

Benedictine Monastery, 121 Arcadia Road  
Arcadia Tel: 96531159. **Sundays 15 February, 17 May, 16 August & 15 November 2009**

Commencing with Eucharist at 10.30am followed by morning tea, the first presentation, meditation, prayer with the monastic community, lunch, the second presentation and meditation. The days conclude with information sharing at 3pm. BYO Lunch (Morning tea and coffee provided. For enquiries about transport or accommodation contact Ann Bergman 94982625 or anniebergman@hotmail.com



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading St Paul writes that he has been '*entrusted with a commission*' and that he has an obligation to proclaim the Gospel! We too have been entrusted with sharing the gift of our faith. As Christian Stewards we share the good news not out of obligation but out of gratitude for having been given it. Paul also asks the question, '*What then is my reward?*'

People trying to live as stewards similarly may ask what reward they will receive. This is not to be confused with selfishness but is more an expression of Christian hope. Hope in a good and gracious God who provides for our every need.



**PILGRIMAGE:** In this centenary year of Blessed Mary MacKillop's death, the Sisters of St Joseph have organised two national pilgrimages:

"In Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" to visit Sydney, Melbourne, Penola, and Adelaide from 18-28 May & from 12-22 October 2009.

To book please contact the National Co-Ordinator on 8912 4818 or email

[mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au](mailto:mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au)

**250 CLUB WEEK 20**


Drawn Monday 2 February

Ticket Winner: No. 651 **Unsubscribed**



If someone had subscribed to this 250 Club Number they would have been \$500 richer!! Please consider joining.

**R O S T E R S F O R 14/15 FEBRUARY 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	Garth Graham	Justin Berry	Malcolm Cross	Trevor McAdam	Rhoda Murdock	Robert Pesavento
Server	Andrew Placko Alec Arnold Aiden Arnold	Jessica Funk Callum Birrell Mitchell Trott	Ambrose Wong Daniel Cronin	Nicholas Stevens	Isabelle Arzoumalian Alisha Eveleens Thomas Messina Erica Messina Thomas Peregrina	Katie Hunter
Reader	Marie Haag Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins Mary Dorahy	Celia Cox Sue Watts	Cecily May Julia Gibson	Jane Hunter Gabrielle Donleavy	Don Low Ethleen Low
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Philippa Ryan Brian Tutill Kathryn Webster Cecilia Waite	Joan Tunny Georgina Hughes Margaret Griffin Margaret Collins				
Extraordinary Ministers	Mt Wilga Jane Hunter, Jenny Prideaux		Susan & Terry Lee, Maureen Coves, Diana Ball			
Children's Liturgy	22 February 8.50am at the Pastoral Centre		15 February 9.50am in Father Patrick McMaugh Hall			
Altar Society	Joan Tunny Roger Okell, Glen & Annette Shapter, Carol Barlow, Mary Tutill		Group 2 (Thursday evening) Jackie Thornton, Leanne Ledlin, Anne Collins, Lis Stofka, Maria Genford, Cathy Cummins, Karen Kirby, Angela Gogoll, Diane Hartshorn, Kate McGrath, Helen Chacon			
Maintenance	28 February 2009 - Team B		February: Bill Martin, Tony Kremer			
Morning Tea	22 February - Gisela & Sheila		16 February - Catechists 22 February - Class Mass Parents			
Counters	Matthew Waite, Graham Leslie, Roger Okell		Mary & Peter McAleer, Imm & Thomas Lui, Andrew Browne			
Rosary	 <p><b>Monday 9 February</b> Eulalie Hailstone 53 Hillcrest Road <b>Monday 16 February</b> Ann Bourke 66 Berowra Waters Road</p> <p>Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.</p>		<p><b>Tuesday 10 February</b> Group 1 Gwen O'Regan 38 Michigan Avenue, Asquith Group 2 Vacant Group 3 Vacant</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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