

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Churches of St Bernard Berowra Heights and St Patrick Asquith

5 December 2010



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A

JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER



Readings Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6, 10 James 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

LITURGY TIMETABLE

MASS TIMES FOR 11/12 December 2010

Vigil 4pm	Peace Chapel	Fr Robert Brooklyn
Vigil 5.30pm	St Bernard's	Fr Robert
Vigil 6.30pm	St Patrick's	Fr Jinto
8am	St Patrick's	Fr Jinto
9am	St Bernard's	Fr Robert
10am	St Patrick's	Fr Jinto
6pm	St Patrick's	Fr Robert

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

St Patrick's
8am Wednesday, Friday
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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
12 December Pastoral Centre 8.50am

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

RESPONSE TO ADVENT PRAYER

Celebrant: From the dry stump of humanity's tree, a new shoot springs up.

People: Our land is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

Celebrant: On him rests the Spirit of the Lord.

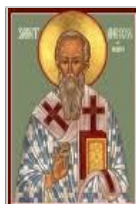
People: A spirit of wisdom and insight, of good counsel and power, of knowledge and of awe at what the Lord can do.

Celebrant: A voice cries in the wilderness.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.



A request from Bishop David Walker. At the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference meeting last week, the issue of same sex marriages was raised. It was agreed that Parishes be asked to put together a petition which could be sent to the local State and Federal members. The petition states the following: "Given the variety of domestic arrangements available in Australia, I request that you protect the unique institution of marriage as traditionally understood and actually lived as the complementary love between a man and a woman."
Please consider signing this petition which is located at the back of the church. Thank you



OOPS! Our wonderful Pastoral Centre Manager, Margaret Browne, had a fall this week at the office. Margaret was taken by ambulance to hospital and was later released with a broken wrist and fractured ribs. Margaret will be recovering at home for the time being. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.



READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 6	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday 7	Ambrose, bishop, doctor Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday 9	Juan Diego Cuauhtatzotm, hermit Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday 10	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Damasus I, pope Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13



ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL.. Next weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will conduct their Christmas Appeal in our Parish. Please respond generously and help those who have so little.

We pray for those who have died in the hope of the Resurrection
RECENTLY DECEASED: Leisa and William Siero
ANNIVERSARIES:
OTHER:
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Christine Cornius, William Mead, Marites De Ramos, George Wallis, Anne Ross, Kieran Barr, Deacon David Huntley, Christopher Spalding, John Macy, Brian Black, Sam Vella, Pat McGoulrick, Sam Biberian, Neil Mickelson, Fr John Wakeling, Andrew Reid, Billie Summers, Michael McCarthy, Jane Kohlwes, Jim Hale, Felicity Fone, Michael Hibbard, Dorothy Creenaune, Harold Smith, Dominique Thomas, Alfredo de Ramos, Peter Maher, Martha Abella, Donna McLauchan, Lorraine Spalding, Harold D'Souza, Eileen Hogbin, Eulalie Hailstone, Connie Langley, Carmela Guinta

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Asquith Conference There are many needy families in our area this year and gift tags for boys and girls are on the bench at the back of St Patrick's Church. The ages of the children are also noted on the tags. Please place presents in the box provided at the back of the Church. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP PRESENTS.



St Vincent de Paul Berowra Conference
Columban Calendars for 2011 and Christmas Cards can now be purchased after weekend Masses at St Bernard's. Calendars \$7.00.

St Bernard's Christmas Eve Children's Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24 December at 5:30pm. Children are invited to sing at this mass. Rehearsals will be held at St. Bernard's church on Wednesdays. Rehearsals will be held on Wed 8 December and 15 December from 3.15-4:15pm and on Wed 22 December rehearsal will be held from 10am-11am. Any children interested in singing at this mass are requested to attend the above rehearsals. For enquires, please contact Peter Brooks on 9456-2402 or Val James on 9456-0104 from the Music Ministry.



St Patrick's Christmas Eve Children's Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24 December at 6.30pm. Children are invited to sing at this mass. There will be 2 practices for the childrens choir in preparation for the Christmas Eve Mass. Choir practices will be on the 21 December and 24 December at 10am-11am in St Patricks church. I extend a warm welcome to all children that would like to participate in the music for the evening. Enquiries : Lynda Garside 9457 6679.



MEETINGS COMING UP

The next **Pastoral Council** Meeting is on the 7 December at 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. The next **Liturgy Committee** Meeting is also on the 7 December at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre.



A reader for the 10am Mass at St Patrick's is required for the permanent roster. The first reading date will be 23 January 2011. Please phone the Pastoral Centre if you are willing to fill this spot. You would be expected to read once every 8 weeks.



R.C.I.A Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Healing can mean many things. Healing of Physical, Psychological or Spiritual matters. Let us consider these aspects and pray for anyone we know who is in need of healing. Ecumenism is how we connect with believers of other Christian faiths and try to find the things that we have in common rather than those which divide us. Our next meeting is at 8pm Thursday night, 40 Royston Parade, Asquith. This is our last meeting until after the Christmas break so come and join us for a special supper.



Angela and Mary will shortly be starting our lessons for children aged seven and older, who are in need of Baptism or one of the other Sacraments of initiation such as Confirmation, Reconciliation or Eucharist. We start off at 8am Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday mornings and the Priest will dismiss us just after the Gospel. Our meetings are held in the Parish Meeting Room down past the basketball court and finish just as 8am Mass concludes. So parents, you still get to attend Mass. If you know of a child who wants to know more about God and become a member of His family, contact Angela Smith on 9476 5747.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT



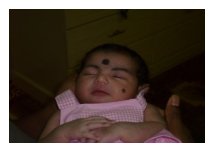
As we mark World AIDS Day this week there is good news about real, tangible, life-saving progress. Today, **6,500 fewer children will die of diseases** like AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria or pneumonia than just 5 years ago. It's staggering that with the right support such a big difference can be made and it goes to show what can be achieved when people call for governments to act. However there is more to do - in fact, despite these amazing advances, **over 1,000 children are born every day with HIV**. It's a heart breaking fact, yet what makes it even harder to swallow is that this can easily be prevented through a simple treatment given to women during pregnancy. You can sign **One.orgs** petition asking leaders to finish the job and make sure no child is born with HIV at one.org/international/actnow/nochild/o.pl?id=2059-5256897-Gm6paQx&t=3. Help ensure that mothers get the medicines they need so that by 2015 no child is born with HIV. It sounds ambitious, but we know what progress can be made in just 5 years, so please join this petition today.

20 Million Signatures for ARMS DOWN!

Young leaders from the world's great religious traditions convened in New York on 4 October to deliver a petition signed by more than 20 million people from 140 countries to H.E. Mr Sergio deQueiroz Duarte, United Nations Secretary-General's High Representative for Disarmament. The petition calls on all governments to officially pledge to cut their military budgets by 10% and reallocate those funds toward development. For more details see: religionsforpeace.org/news/press-releasearms-down.html



CONGRATULATIONS FATHER JINTO Our lovely Father Jinto has become an Uncle again. His niece, Sarah Shinto was born 9 November 2010 in Bahrain. Sarah weighed in at approximately 3.8 kgs and is the first child for Father Jinto's brother Shinto and his wife Seeniya. All family are doing well and enjoying the new addition to the family. Sarah is the first niece for Father Jinto and he is definitely a very proud uncle. Best wishes and blessings to your brother and sister in-law from all your friends in the Parish.



TERM DEPOSITS FOR CATHOLICS.

For every parishioner investment with the Catholic Development Fund the Parish will receive a commission of 0.5% pa on the amount invested. Full details can be obtained by contacting the Catholic Development Fund on 9847 0748 or visit cdf.dbb.org.au. Information leaflets are at the back of the Church also.



INTEREST RATES AS AT THE 1 DECEMBER 2010

Term	Rate
6 months	6.00 % p.a.
12 months	6.60 % p.a.

Catechist of the Good Shepherd.

There will be open days held on the 12 December and the 19 December at the Atrium after the 9am St Bernard's Mass. The Atrium will be open on these days until 12pm. If you are interested in sending your children next year or you are considering the training, this is a great opportunity to see what it is all about. Any enquiries please contact Natasha Steele on 9456 6994



FROM OUR SCHOOLS

St Patrick's—This week we had our thank you morning tea to acknowledge some of the parents who support the school in various ways. Although low key and informal, our gratitude as a staff for the involvement of parents – and the close partnership we have between parents and staff, is very strong and something to celebrate. My sincere thanks to all of our St Patrick's parents – to those who are highly involved – and to those who can afford less time, but remain supportive. Our school is better because of the contribution each of you make! Robert Peers, Principal



St Bernard's—This week saw the 2011 Kindergarten children and parents meet for their Orientation Morning. During the course of the morning they heard about the wonderful things that are happening at St Bernard's – there was a real sense of Community. I had the opportunity to speak to a number of parents. They expressed how pleased they were to have their child at St Bernard's and how much they were looking forward to becoming part of our community. During the course of my talk I mentioned Stewardship and how Bishop David believes that, "If our faith is important to us, surely it needs to find some expression in service. Jesus came not to serve, but to be served." Our PBL rules and the teaching throughout the grades support the goals of Stewardship – doing things for others and the environment. It is great to see the children reducing and recycling and trying hard to care for one another. Again I thank parents for supporting us in this area. Craig McNeer, Vice Principal



Summer School of Evangelisation 9-16 January 2011. The Summer School is a week long retreat for young people aged 16 to 35. The purpose is to enliven and form

the faith of young people, and to help build the Church by equipping them to do the same for their peers. The School has been run by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community for over 20 years in various locations around Australia. This year it is being held at Tocal College, Paterson (near Maitland). Please see the notice board for more details including costs and application address.



Father John Wakeling has been moved to Caritas Christi Hospice in Kew. The general phone number is 03 9853 2344. John's brain tumours have grown and he is not able to have any more radiation. There has also been some swelling around the brain but this has decreased with the use of medication and John is now less confused. John will not be able to drive again and it is unlikely that he will be able to return home or continue to live independently. Please keep John, his family and those who are caring for him in your prayers.

EASTERN TURKEY TOUR

Father Wim Hoekstra, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be leading a pilgrimage tour to Eastern Turkey from July 2 to 21, 2011. The tour will include Tarsus (birthplace of St Paul), Antioch ("where they were first called Christians"), Haran (links with Abraham), Mount Ararat (Noah's Ark), and many other cultural and historical places associated with the history of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. For brochures, enquires or information please ring Fr Wim on (02) 8839 8420 or e-mail wim@stpatcscathedral.com.au



HADCEA NEWS: A HADCEA Newsletter is available at the back of the church. Please take one and consider supporting this ministry of Catechesis in our public High schools, both by prayer and financial assistance. We need your help. The final Committee meeting for this year is this Thursday 9 December 7.45pm at St John's Church, opposite St Patrick's on Royston Parade.. Anyone interested in coming can contact Teresa Ashton 9987 4708 for further information.



CALLING ALL CHORISTERS. We are happy to announce that an ecumenical performance of 70 minutes from Handel's Messiah will again be presented in Hornsby's Cathedral Church, Our Lady of the Rosary, in collaboration with Angell Productions Pty limited, and supported by Hornsby Arts Council. This year's event is in aid of the **Hornsby Homelessness Task Force**.

For this we are calling for CHORISTERS to volunteer from Hornsby's surrounding areas and beyond. Last year we attracted around 80 singers and we hope to do even better this year.

The performance is Thursday, December 16, 2010, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Cathedral Church, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara. Musical Director is again Phillip Linquist, who is the choir master at St Swithun's Anglican Church, Pymble, and the organist will be Heather Boyd. We

plan to augment this year's performance by trumpets and an ensemble of additional musicians. Interested choristers – single or in groups – should contact Barb Angell of Angell productions Pty Limited through any of the following: Phone: 02 9985 7207, Fax: 02 9985 7175, Email: biz@angellpro.com.au or leave full contact details – especially an email address - on the answering machine at 02 9985 7207.

Catholic Institute of Sydney. Have you been considering broadening your faith understanding? Wondering where to next in your pastoral activities? Enrolments close 31 January 2011. See notice board for more details.



250 CLUB WEEK 15
 Drawn Tuesday 30 November
 No. 261 Stanley and Patricia
 Burge Poinciana Close Mt Colah



To Coral Thaddeus for preparing the prayers of intercession and welcomes during November.


BOONAH CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION 10—15 December. The Boonah Creative Arts Centre presents their Christmas 2010 Exhibition. The opening night is on Friday 10 December 6pm—8pm. Then exhibiting on Saturday 11 December 10am—2pm, Monday 13 December 10am—3pm, Tuesday 14 December 10am—3pm and Wednesday 15 December 10am—1pm. Boonah supports artists with disabilities and is brought to you by Centacare Broken Bay. For more information please contact Boonah on 9499 5675.



Congratulations.
 Your cheque will be posted.

ROSTERS FOR WEEK 11/12 DECEMBER 2010

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

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	Chris de Graaf Andrew Placko Ryan de Graaf Harrison Darcy Rohan/Jessica Knight	Vince Hughes Madison Hughes Elly Gallagher Daniel Reed	Karen Leavy Patrick O'Brien Charlotte O'Brien	Trevor McAdam Lachlan Donnell	Teresa Ashton Martin Hopkins Regan Leavy Lachie Donlevy	Margaret Steele James Roworth Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Sophia Smith John Ryan	Justin Berry Peter Collins	Henning Schneider Maureen Coves	Gerry Duffy	May Gomez Susie Gates	Don Low Ethleen Low
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cecilia Waite Brian Tutill Isabel Henson	Rose Formby Joan Tunny Margaret Collins				
Extraordinary Ministers	Jane Huner, Jenny Prideaux		Andrew Browne, Tina O'Sullivan, Pat Longworth, Jan Kachel, Rhoda Murdoch			
Children's Liturgy	12 December 8.50am Pastoral Centre		Will resume February 2011			
Altar Society	Gwen Wood Marcia Wood, Anne Bourke, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite, Katherine Webster		Group 4 (Thursday evening) Shelley Miller, Simone Tobin, Vanessa Batchelor, Karen Fusca, Tanya Lorimer, Gill McGregor, Dee Stringer, Zoe Mol, Paula Holton, Jo Pfeiffer, Gabe Donlevy			
Maintenance	18 December 2010 Team A and B		December 2010 Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Morning Tea	19 December Genevieve's Group		19 December Muldoon Family Group			
Counters	Ruth Maher, Philip Turner		Bill Smitheram, Henning Schneider, Elizabeth Fernandes, Coral Thaddeus			
Rosary 	Monday 6 December Chi Chi Datoc 17 Koorong St, Monday 13 December Carlos Barros 11 Yarrabin Cres, Please phone co-ordinator Bill McDonagh on 9456 3883 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster.		Tuesday 7 December Group 1 Pat Longworth 31 Dudley St, Asquith Group 2 Apollo & Elizabeth Fernandes 7A Galston Rd, Hornsby Group 3 Maureen Coves 12 Telopia St, Mt Colah Please phone Margaret Browne on 9456 2450 if you wish to be on the Rosary Roster or if you have changed your address.			

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(Rev) Jinto Joseph Pallathukuzhiyil, Assistant Priest