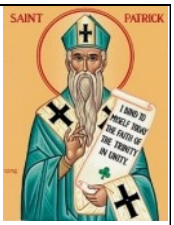


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

30th December 2018



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Year C

### How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21; Lk 2: 41-52

#### Adolescent impatience © Fr Michael Tate



One of the more desperate things you see on TV is the anguished, distraught parents of a child who has 'gone missing'. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear.

**This is real life.** This was real life for the Holy Family whose feast day it is today. Even more real and occurring more often is the adolescent impatience of Jesus.

**Mary: 'My child, why have you done this to us?'**

**Jesus: 'Why were you searching for me?'**

**Did you not know I must be about my father's business?'**

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

As a youngster moves from childhood to the intuition of a unique identity which is his or hers alone, it seems inevitable that these gaps in understanding arise. **What was Jesus' unique role?**

How could he, when would he, find the language, the terms, the words which would best describe his sense of a unique identity?

It was only natural that the young Jesus of Nazareth, being a Jewish adolescent, would spend three days questioning and discussing with the custodians of the language of the Jewish tradition in the Temple.

By the time Mary and Joseph found him, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels.

**'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'**

**My Father's business.**

Jesus did not refer to God as 'Ocean of Being', 'Unwavering Light', or 'Almighty Lord'. He uses the term 'Father', a term of relationship, a term in which he is the Son. This was the unique identity which was his by nature, and now he had the words for it.

**And what was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus?**

To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys. But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church. Social identity, yes. But the life-giving understanding of that identity happens at a particular time for each person. For most of us, there is a sort of 'delayed adolescence' which can make it hard to integrate this identity into our conscious lives.

But for all of us, the followers who share Jesus' family identity, we can dare to address God in the words which Jesus taught us:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come;*

*Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those who trespass against us,*

*and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

# TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO 2018

**Don't cry because it's over.**

**Smile because it happened.** Dr. Seuss



**On this Feast of the Holy Family we take time to give thanks to and for our Faith Family**

Having experienced the wonderful and beautifully presented celebration of Our Saviour's Birth, the talents and gifts (freely given) by so many in our community, deserve to be publicly acknowledged.

*The only difficulty is where to begin and so, in no particular order, we thank God for His blessings of:*

**New Year's Day**  
January 1<sup>st</sup> Mass Times

**New Year's Day Mass**  
Solemnity ~ Mary the Holy Mother of God

**Please consider starting the New Year with God and Our Lady on this special day.**

**8am Mass at Berowra // 9am Mass at Asquith**

- \* our maintenance teams and altar societies
- \* our cleaners, decorators and flower arrangers
- \* our senior servers and altar servers
- \* our readers, commentators and welcomers
- \* our hospitality experts

- \* our musicians and all our choirs
- \* our EM's (in the church and to our household)
- \* our collectors and counters
- \* You! our amazing congregation and of course
- \* Fr Shaju and Fr Shiju.

*Lord, we thank you for our family.  
Bless each one of us in our uniqueness and let us use our gifts and talents to ensure unity and love within our family now and always.  
Amen.*

#### PASTORAL CENTRE

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**Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.**

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Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine

School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



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#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.
First Friday –	<b>No First Friday Healing Mass or Night Vigil during January.</b>	
	Usual Friday mass times apply	

#### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above)



January Office Hours

**The Pastoral Centre will reopen on Monday 7 Jan. to Fri 11 Jan 2019 between 9.30am and 12.30pm daily.** If you need assistance outside these hours please phone the office and leave a message (9456 2450) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. **USUAL OFFICE HOURS** will resume on Monday 14 Jan. 2019 (9am to 3.30pm).

**REMEMBER: If in urgent need of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.**

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 5/6 Jan. The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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



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CATHOLIC PARISH  
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Vince Hughes	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	Robert Pesavento
Server	Preston Nguyen Suzie Thompson Adam Waite	Megan Chung Maddi Durnell Max Jarominek	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderrama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	Alysha Berry John Ryan	Peter Collins Cristina Hopwood	Lorraine Bongloy Brian Walsh	Michael Halliday Millie Wong	Sandra Maloney Mary Stokes	Youth Reader Youth Reader
Children's Liturgy	<i>In recess until February 2018</i>		<i>In recess until February 2018</i>			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Dato, Jane Hunter		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Fiona Cunningham, Gwen Wood (s)		Sophie Kwok (f), Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B.		January: Brian Gleeson, Paul McLoughlin			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, May Shaw		Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus, Mary Stokes			

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

**Rosary** After weekday Masses both Churches  
**Visit Housebound** Fr Shaju & Fr Shiju - 9456 2450  
**Nursing Home Visits** By request  
**Emergency Priest** 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only)  
**Clergy Days Off** Fr Shaju – Monday  
Fr Shiju – Tuesday  
**Home Visits** For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests—  
Please phone the office 9456 2450.  
**HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.  
*Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre, if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

## What's happening in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

**NO 1ST FRIDAY** Anointing-Healing Mass/Night Vigil **in Jan.**  
**19 Jan.** farewell Mass Fr Shiju—5pm Berowra - cuppa & cake follows.  
**20 Jan.** farewell Mass Fr Shiju—10am Asquith - cuppa & cake follows.  
**26 January:** Australia Day // Republic Day India

**250 Club Results drawn between Dec 20 and Jan 31 will be published in the 3rd February 2019 bulletin.**



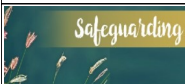
**Are you travelling this New Year?**  
*You are important to us and so we ask you to take special care when travelling over the New Year period. Enjoy your break, may it be relaxing and enjoyable but most of all please return to us safely.*



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Patricia Barton (Sr Paul); Betty Patterson, Esther Griffiths, Angelo Conte, Pedring Alvarado, Marcelino Cantuba. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Siew Kuan Wong, Wilson Long, Sylvia Holmes, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Eulalie Hailstone, Neil Mickelson, Deacon David Huntley, Bill McDonagh, Jack & Marie McNamara  
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), William Fullilove, Jwona Nowak, Jude Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, John Goudie, Peter Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakozy, Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Darcy Green, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**  
 That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



### December Safeguarding Message:

During this Christmas Season let us be reminded that the spiritual lives of children are of unsurpassable value (CESA).

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.

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