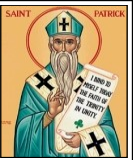


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 12th September 2021 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Our Mission Statement:

'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement:

'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'

Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. **'Who do you say I am?'** Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. **'Who do you say I am?'** Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, **'Who do you say I am?'** It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live.

'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past.

It doesn't ask **'Who do you say I was?'**; it asks, **'Who do you say I AM?'** The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: **'Who do YOU say I am?'**



Scriptural context – A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

Gospel Focus – Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, **'Get behind me, Satan!'** It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

Scriptural context – Sandwich technique

The Gospel of Mark is famous for a technique of **'sandwiching'** stories or sections between two related events to bring what is sandwiched into greater focus. This gospel passage falls within a significant sandwich that runs from 8:22 (the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida) to 10:52 (the healing of blind Bartimaeus). The healings of blindness that surround the sandwich reflect the lack of **'sight'** that the disciples have. The **'meat'** of the sandwich is all about the disciples not really understanding Jesus' mission and what it means to truly be a disciple. Read the whole section from 8:22 – 10:52 and see how it works.



Due to COVID-19 - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED ~ Sunday Mass is live-streamed as follows:

Saturday Vigil - 6pm (St Patrick's) and Sunday Mass - 9am (St Bernard's).

[Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am] **As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:**

With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed.** The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order."

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches
CLOSED
for the duration
of the
LOCKDOWN**

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours URGENT only) - 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.*



ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 13/09 ~ Memorial

St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 14/09 ~ Feast

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday 15/09 ~ Memorial

Our Lady of Sorrows

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday 16/09 ~ Memorial

St Cornelius, pope, martyr, and

St Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 17/09

1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 18/09

1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
Remembers & prayers for...

Tuesday 14 September ~ Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

To many people, venerating and reverencing the Cross seems a very strange practice. The Cross was the instrument of torture used by the Romans to execute particularly troublesome or rebellious inhabitants of their conquered lands. It was a form of execution – along with burning alive and being eaten by wild animals – the Romans used as a means of literally annihilating an enemy. All three methods were designed to ensure that the person was destroyed completely so that nothing was left to bury.

In the eyes of the Romans, this was the greatest insult that could be paid to an enemy: without proper burial their families could not properly mourn their passing and they could not enter into the afterlife. The general practice with crucifixion was that the executed person was left on the cross for wild dogs and carrion birds to attack. Ultimately, the picked over bones were cast into a lime pit where they effectively dissolved. It was rare that a victim of crucifixion was allowed to be buried. Given this history, it is easy to understand why the early Christians did not generally reverence the Cross. It was not until the 4th century, apparently on 14 September, 326, that Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, identified the cross of Christ's crucifixion and acclaimed its potential for miraculous cures. On the site that she located the Cross, Helena ordered to have built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. From this time, and with the formal adoption of Christianity as the religion of Rome, the Cross became a symbol of the passion, death *and* resurrection of Christ. The common understanding shifted from the Cross being the means of Christ's death to being the means of his triumph over death.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr James

Duck, Joyce Dimmock, Alejandro Maniego, Monica Kavanagh, Angela Smith

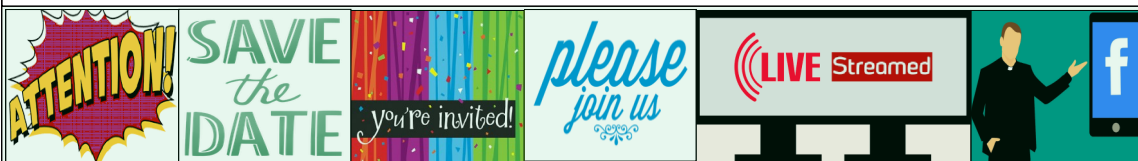
ANNIVERSARIES: K P Thomas, Ted Newnham, Reg Cooper, Marie Nicholson, Margaret Hinton, Shirley Gray

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

For those suffering around the world from Covid-19 - that this disease will be successfully brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Mary John, Alex John, Bindu Alex, Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Chris Enright, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Tom Dawson, David Chee, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick O'Donoghue, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Jean Cook, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, John Gallagher, Felicity Fone, Peter Todd, Peter Brooks, Dan Leavy, Brian Treacy, Barbara Jones, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter.



You're invited to commemorate the
50th Anniversary of the opening of the new
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith
with a Special Live-Streamed Mass at 10am Sunday 26 September 2021.



Please note:

At 9.45am a PowerPoint presentation will be broadcast giving a history of the church and due acknowledgement to those who made it a reality, so be sure to tune in early by going to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>



As you are all very much aware, Covid-19 rules and restrictions mean the parish cannot celebrate this milestone in the way intended, however, it is very important to still mark the occasion in some way and what better way than still celebrating with Holy Mass presided over by **Bishop Anthony Randazzo**

who has kindly consented to be the main Celebrant for this Jubilee Mass.

The special gathering which would have taken place in the normal way of things, will have to be postponed until sometime in 2022, by which time it is hoped that life will have returned to some semblance of *'the good old days'*. Just as soon as we safely can, we will come together to kick up our heels and maybe do a jig or two in honour of and thanks to St Patrick and the parishioners past, present and future of our parish.



It is with deep sadness we advise of the passing of

Fr James Duck (87yo).

A much loved member of the presbyterate of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Fr Duck supported the priests of many parishes after his retirement from active ministry, by offering to supply in times of need, including Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish on many occasions.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Fr Duck will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.



In memoriam

Another of our senior parishioners has died over the past few weeks in the person of

Joyce Dimmock.

Along with her late husband Reg they had lived in the parish for over 60 years. They were a generation of many parishioners who helped to build both churches, St. Patrick's and St. Bernard's. A gentle, kind, loving person with great compassion to others.

Joyce was 96 years. *May she rest in peace.*



Happy Anniversary 60th

60 Years of Bliss "Diamond Anniversary"

Our parish extends congratulations and prayers to
Anne and Lance Bourke
who married on 16 September, 1961 at Sacred Heart Parish, Pymble.

They've lived in Berowra in the same house all this time, have 5 wonderful children and are still active parishioners. From carting stones to still washing Altar linen they are good and faithful servants of the Lord.
Anne & Lance, may God continue to bless your marriage with love and happiness now and always.

September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Sunday 12 September 2021 - The Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**. Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via live stream from the Cathedral. Click here to participate in the Mass ~ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>



Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities

A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People

This weekend Parish Communities across Australia celebrate Safeguarding Sunday Mass. The Safeguarding Office of the Diocese of Broken Bay in collaboration with the Safeguarding teams of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta are proud to make available a significant resource to support Catholic Communities develop a culture where adults consider, encourage and invite the participation and consultation of children and young people.



The resource is available online. Click here to access www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021

Supporting & Engaging | Listening | Communicating

If you are interested in a hard copy of the

guide or would like to learn more about how to implement these principles of participation speak with your Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Officer or contact the Office for Safeguarding on **P 8379 1605** or **E safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au**

Learning Hub Online launch of new resource - *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.*

A booklet developed and published by the Safeguarding Offices of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Archdiocese of Sydney and Diocese of Parramatta.

Booklet can be accessed here <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021>

If you have any questions please contact the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) Team – **P 8379 1605** Email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' Mark 8:27-35

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection.

For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatized Church ... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful—Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18*)

Prayer Petition ~ We pray for the Plenary Council Assemblies of 2021 and 2022: That the Assemblies to be held this year and next year will renew the Church making it humbler and hopeful.

Instrumentum Laboris ~ A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community

205. In the present context of the Church in Australia, Mary's steadfastness at the foot of the cross is especially significant. As she did with Jesus so are we called to stand in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. We too are called to be witnesses to the suffering of Jesus relived in the many survivors of sexual abuse, in the pain of our First Nations peoples and in the lives of all who suffer. **Please pray for the Plenary Council** www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

NOTA BENE:
First Plenary Council Assembly
Moving Fully Online
- see back page for details



The September issue of Broken Bay News is now available online.

This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop David Walker's 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here: https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211



The Diocese of Broken Bay introduce **BAY CONNECT**, a new way to continue to comment and engage online with our community during these challenging times, 4 times per week. The **Bay Connect** page can be found at, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

The programme offers:

- **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaas) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- **HUMPDAY HANGOUT with BR BERNARD** - Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.
✕ To find out more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

If you need more information, please contact us at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way."

Alive in the Spirit

Separated as we are during lockdown, we all need to find ways to re-connect with each other.

Prego is a way of reflecting on and praying with the Sunday Gospel in small groups, that was developed by a Jesuit spirituality centre in the UK. Our parish is running this programme via zoom on Sunday evenings from 6pm-7pm. You are warmly invited to come and join us.

To join the Zoom Meeting on Sunday at 6pm, copy & paste into your browser:
<https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252?pwd=TXZBNnIhXNzlkNmNCUksvaDh6RmFg1QT09#success>

✕ Following the Alive in the Spirit conference in July, a group of interested parishioners has continued to meet and make plans to open doors for the Holy Spirit in our parish. A Welcoming Committee is being formed in preparation for when the churches are open again, and a regular Sunday night prayer group (see above) has been set up via Zoom. Relevant workshops and videos have been shown via Zoom to different parish ministry groups including music, ushers and newcomers, and the PPC.

More plans are afoot - watch this space!



	St Bernard's Church	St Patrick's Church
Maintenance	Teams A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>	September: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>

Until restrictions lift: Rostering for essential ministries during the live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately - if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

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.*

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved and is now a fully online gathering with one person per device. While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months. You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Thank you Fr Joy for sharing these with us: NEW LOCKDOWN RULES FOR CHRISTIANS - these are not exact references, but if you look hard enough you can find the meanings.

- As you observe the Government Rules, also try to Observe the Heavenly rules as well:**
- + Wash your heart with Christ's blood. (1 Cor 6:11)
 - + Keep a social distance from evil. (Job 28:28)
 - + Avoid the crowd of wickedness and wicked men. (Psalm 1:1)
 - + Cover your mind from being infected from the sneeze of sin and hatred. (Lev 19:17)
 - + Do not shake hands with abomination. (Deut 25:16)
 - + Do not hug or embrace hearsay and false teachings. (2 Pet 2:1)
 - + Be safe so that you will be saved. (Jer 17:14)
 - + Sanitise your life with the Word of God. (Psalm 1:2)
 - + In case you notice any symptoms of sin, call the helpline of Christ in PRAYER. (Jer 33:3)
 - + Always remember to boost your spiritual immunity with Faith and the Power of the Holy Spirit. (Jude 1:20). *Please, pass these along to all who need a spiritual boost at this time.*

The 250 Club!

Week 8 – 06/09/2021 ~ Winning #: 223
 Winner: *Kirsten MacKinnon*
 Amount: \$25.00



OUR BANK DETAILS **NEW Bank Account Number:**

If you deposit directly to the parish account (*on a regular or ad hoc basis*), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible by calling 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkcep@bbcatholic.org.au

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.

PEOPLE KEEP ASKING "IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"

LISTEN UP

CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL AGREE ON THE SAME THING

IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS

Shared by Judy and Noel Farrell ~ to keep our spirits up :)

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to the August 2021 Pastoral Works Appeal Broken Bay. **So far your donations total over \$4,600.** Donations can still be taken, for more details please call or email the parish office.

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