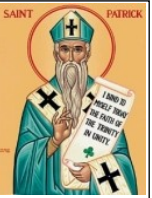


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 13th September 2020 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A  
Sirach 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



**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:** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**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'



## Today the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday

On the second Sunday of September the Catholic Church in Australia seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts.

It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly, their families and supporters. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and [www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding)

**HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ** ~ Charged with the rape and murder of a young woman, it only took the jury twenty minutes to return a guilty verdict for the three men in the dock. The courtroom erupted in cheers as the verdict was read out. As the men were being led out of the courtroom the mother of two of them ran toward the dock yelling, 'I think what you've done is despicable, but I want you to know that I love you.' Outside the courthouse, the media were expecting the parents of the victim to advocate capital punishment for the criminals. Instead, they said they wanted to forgive the perpetrators of this vicious crime. Everyone listened in disbelief. No one at that courthouse was running away from the heinous nature of the crimes, nor from the punishment the men deserved, but the parents involved chose to focus on either love or forgiveness.



**In today's Gospel,** Jesus tells us we should forgive each other seventy-seven times. Numbers are not randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. To number something as seven is to describe it as being perfect. When we hear Jesus use this phrase we recall the story in the Book of Genesis of the seven days of creation where, on the seventh day, God looks at the result of his creative love and sees that it is very good. Jesus, using some shorthand, says that not only is forgiveness good, but that it is a creative act that gives life to the world and gives glory to those who exercise it. In the 5th Century, St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today's Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well. It's easy to be forgiving in the big picture. We can preach strongly about war, peace and reconciliation. It's quite another to forgive those closest to us. Sometimes the hardest place to be compassionate and just is our own home. If we are not speaking to a husband, wife, child, parent, sibling or friend then today's Gospel has a strong challenge right where we live. Part of the problem is that we could have accepted the film *Love Story*'s motto, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry'. This idea is many things, but it's not Christian. For followers of Jesus the exact opposite is true. We seek opportunities to forgive and ask for forgiveness. Jesus doesn't tell us that forgiveness is easy, just necessary. To forgive someone in our family, our workplace, our circle of friends or in our Church is not to pretend that a sinful situation did not occur, but to face it head on and demand justice with compassion. For when we stand before God with the weakness and sinfulness of our own life, God will not settle old scores, take revenge and exact retribution. Rather God will be perfectly just and completely compassionate. When we choose forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate we begin to glimpse God's creative goodness coming to perfection in us, because forgiveness is a participation in the very heart of God.

### PASTORAL CENTRE

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**Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.**  
  
Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH  
Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH  
  
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper  
Bookkeeper Karen Price  
  
Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine  
Sacramental Team: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)



### SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m<sup>2</sup> requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons  
at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

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 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME

Monday 14/09 ~ Feast  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass of the Feast, Gloria  
Proper Preface or Preface of the  
Passion of the Lord I  
Num 21: 4-9; Jn 3: 13-17

Tuesday 15/09 ~ Memorial  
Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass of the Day  
Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1-  
11  
Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 19: 25-27;

Wednesday 16/09 ~ Memorial  
Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and  
Cyprian, bishop, martyr

Mass of the Saints  
Preface of weekday or saints  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7: 31-35

Thursday 17/09

Mass *ad libitum*  
1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 7: 36-50

Friday 18/09

Mass *ad libitum*  
1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8: 1-3

Saturday 19/09

Mass *ad libitum*  
1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49; Lk 8: 4-15

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anna Shivo,  
Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody,  
Margaret Hinton, Crescencia De La Torre-  
Mendoza, Daisy Hughes, Joo Loke (Peter)  
Wee, Raymond Hughes, Dolores Garcia,  
Mia Donnelly, Maureen Casey, Marie  
Mickelson, Mary Ann Weir

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Reg Cooper, Krystyna  
and Dionizy Pieprzyk, Pam Spooner,  
Chrissie Butterworth, Shirley Gray, Phyllis  
Newnham, Charles & Agnes Mosley,  
Shirley Mosley, Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill  
Davies, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria,  
Josie & Max Buie, Arthur Marsh, Luz  
Turqueza, Mel Sheldon, Jovencia Ferrer

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Kerrin Enright,  
Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Stephen C C,  
Nemia Camille Asiong, Ann Cochrane,  
Rodney Porter, Marie O'Hare, Araceli  
'Chichi' Datoc, Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy)  
Mustey, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack,  
Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove  
(Snr), Margaret Hinton, Alfredo R De  
Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone,  
Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel,  
Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy,  
Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor,  
Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen  
Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann,  
Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley,  
Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers,  
Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith,  
Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa  
Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie  
Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina  
Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John  
Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Arlene Josen,  
Kath Lock, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones,  
John Macy, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De  
Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy,  
Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary  
Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique  
Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej  
Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child,  
in particular the Voice of the Child.

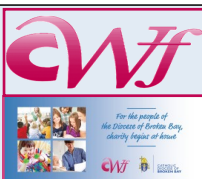
It has been 30 years since Australia ratified the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. During September the Diocese will post a number of significant messages via online platforms. Please follow the Diocese of Broken Bay social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with the release of resources and events.

**Learning Hub:** *Children's Health Starts with healthy communities.* The places children live, play and go to school, play a big part in how they grow up. Article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states 'Children have the right to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they will stay healthy.'

Click on the link to learn how you can play your part - [https://www.napcan.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NAP35\\_ChildrensWeek\\_A4Poster\\_FINAL\\_NATIONAL.pdf](https://www.napcan.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NAP35_ChildrensWeek_A4Poster_FINAL_NATIONAL.pdf)



SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS  
MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020



**Charitable Works Fund Appeal**  
**CONTINUES this weekend**  
**This financial year's quota: \$34,872**  
**(1st appeal ~ \$11,624)**

**First Appeal for the 2020/2021 Financial Year and it is 100% tax deductible**

Families across Broken Bay need your help. Your generous donation will support five catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Diocese. Every Parish is set a CWF fundraising target. This ensures that the charities that receive funding, can plan and budget accordingly:

CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral care Practitioner Programme, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine [CCD (Catechists)], St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre for people with deafness or hearing impairment.

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. Donations for this appeal can be made from our parish in the following ways:

- Donating in the traditional way (via the plate) - You will need to collect a CWF envelope from the back of our churches and place on either of the plates as they are passed around.  
**THERE WILL NOT be a special plate passed for the CWF alone this year.**
- Donate in person at the parish office using a credit card (cash can be taken but c/card is safer and much preferred).
- Donate over the phone by calling the parish office on 9456 2450 and using your credit card.
- Donate online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund). **Please be sure to nominate our parish so that your gift is applied to KCCP's fundraising target.**

**Come On  
Join  
The Club!**  
**The 250 Club!**

**An investment of just \$1 per week buys you 4 consecutive numbers is this long running parish initiative and you could win: \$25.00 during Weeks 1 – 4 and \$500 !!! each 5th week and you might just win the big \$500 drawer !**

Drawers continue in this pattern to the end of a 20 week series.

Payment can be taken via the plate, over the phone or on the website via BPoint.

**Numbers are still available, so please get on board this parish initiative.**

For more information call the parish office on 9456 2450.

**The 250 Club!**

Week 2: 7/9/2020 ~ Winning No.: 725 ~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ **WINNER** P & F O'Donoghue



**Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on.** We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

**Thank you for your generosity.** Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.

**OUR BANK  
DETAILS**

**KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001**

**Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account**  
**Please specify how to split your donation between 1st / 2nd collections.**



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Thank You  
for your Kindness

My heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Parish for their amazing and overwhelming support, love, concern, generosity, care, thoughtfulness and particularly their prayers which have helped me a lot in my recovery. A special mention goes to Mary Nicholson and Denis Steiner who saved me from my 36 hour ordeal. Sadly, I can't join you yet in the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist (as I am not fully recovered) but I am already looking forward to resuming my normal routine. I love you all dearly. Know that you are all in my prayers. **Chichi**

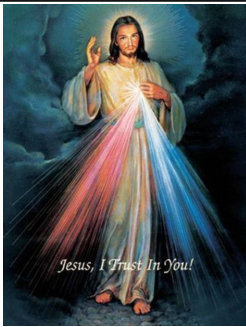
## Ushers Needed



## Our sincere thanks to Jim Fitzgerald and Peta Tonkin who responded to our plea for Ushers last week.

The roster has been put together with the volunteers to hand. If you could though, we ask you to keep in mind joining this ministry when you return to Mass physically. If need be, our secretary will gladly do an amended roster to include more names to share the load around.

Please call the parish office 9456 2450 or email [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) to join up.



### Australia and Oceania prays with the Divine Mercy Chaplet

This prayer initiative is based at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Keysborough, Melbourne.

Twice a year, on the 18th May (the birthday of St John Paul II) and on the 13th of September (the anniversary of when our Merciful Jesus gave St Faustina the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy), all are invited to join in prayer at 3pm in your own time zone for particular intentions.

#### You may wish to participate this Sunday, 13 September.

Please visit <https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html> or download flyer with further details.

*"Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue."*

**Maria Faustina Kowalska,**

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul



### PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme

'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!! So make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream!

**Date: Friday 18 September 2020**

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/events/361345181560667>



**This week is Marriage Week Australia.** A time when marriage can be celebrated and honoured. It is also an opportunity to pray for all marriages in our community and beyond—including those separated from loved ones while keeping us safe in this difficult time of pandemic such as Health Service industries and our Defence Force. Marriage Week Australia have this year partnered with Focus on the Family Australia to put together a fun Date Night where lockdown or curfew requirements can be kept!

**DATE NIGHT: Will be held on Saturday the 19th September between 8 – 9pm AEST**

and will be hosted by Christian comedian, Ben Price. Brett and Kate Ryan of Focus on the Family Australia will talk on - "Looking back to help strengthen your future." Discussing how to grow your relationship when life throws you a curve ball ....or two!"

The cost is \$10 a couple who on registering will receive an email with content and ideas to make the evening relaxed, fun and special.

Registration through: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/virtual-date-night-2020-tickets-117714763025>



### CHRISM MASS 2020: Thursday 17 September at 7.30pm

This year's Mass will be live-streamed for your safety and convenience.

Given the current level of concern about the transmission of the contagion, and the implications for many parishes should one member of clergy test positively in a large gathering of clergy, Bishop Anthony will celebrate the Liturgy at the Cathedral with a representative group only. He will invite each of the five Deans to be present, along with one other priest from each Deanery. The Chrism Mass will be live-streamed and you are invited to join The Bishop via [www.bbcatholic.org.au](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au)



### Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity:

#### A Christian Call to Reflection and Action During COVID-19 and Beyond

*A co-publication of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the World Council of Churches*

This document encourages churches and Christian organisations to reflect on the importance of interreligious solidarity in a world wounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. It offers a Christian basis for interreligious solidarity that can inspire the impulse to serve with increased ecumenical and interreligious awareness and co-operation.

As Christians, the basis for interreligious solidarity comes from the Trinity and from our belief that all human beings are creatures of the One God; our trust and well-founded hope in Jesus Christ who heals by His wounds; seeing Christ in all who are suffering; and our connection with others through the Holy Spirit. We are guided by the principles of humility and vulnerability; respect for others; compassion and furthering the common good; dialogue and mutual learning; repentance; gratitude and generosity; and love, which

shows the true face of Christianity.

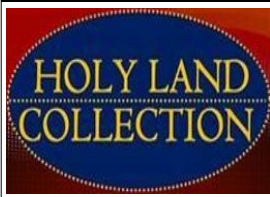
Recommendations include calling all Christians to serve our neighbours and to serve alongside them, finding ways to bear witness to suffering and the voice of the vulnerable; to promote a culture of inclusivism where difference is celebrated; to nurture solidarity through common forms of spirituality; to engage and support the energy of young people; and to restructure projects and processes to benefit from interreligious solidarity. Read the document at [www.pcinterreligious.org](http://www.pcinterreligious.org)

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 19th/20th September– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Michael O'Neill	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Paul Maher	Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Kerrie O'Neill
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	(sub requested)	Les Fogden	Russel Schreiber	Mary Stokes	Michelle Chahine
Usher / s	Jan and Joseph Favaloro	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Sue & Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo, Leticia Wee			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		September: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			

**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*.



**Today,  
we hold the annual  
collection for the support  
of the church in the  
Holy Land**

Normally taking place on Good Friday;  
but impossible this year due to COVID-19;  
Pope Francis moved the date to

**TODAY Sunday September 13th**

to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross  
on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated.

**Special envelopes can be found at the back of our churches and placed on either collection plate today.**



## Forgiveness ©Fr Michael Tate

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'.

It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others. When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story.

In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness.

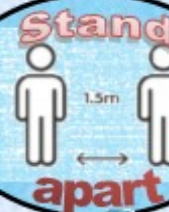
If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

## Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

**MOST  
IMPORTANT  
and  
No. 1 Rule  
follow  
ALL  
DIRECTIONS  
of  
the  
USHER/s**

Capacity of  
our churches  
**100 in  
St Patricks,  
60 in  
St Bernard's**  
If unwell ~  
**DO NOT**  
come to mass ~  
please  
see your doctor



**Stand  
apart**



**Wear  
a mask**

**Volunteer to  
disinfect  
pews after  
Mass, OR  
leave  
immediately  
and DO NOT  
congregate  
outside the  
church**

**Covid-19  
symptoms**  
\*Fever  
(37.5 or higher)  
\*Sore/scratchy  
throat  
\*Shortness of  
breath  
\*Loss of smell  
\*Loss of taste  
\*Cough