

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus' Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 13th June 2021 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, **Entrance Antiphon:** O God, my saviour! Lord it is good to give thanks to you. **Responsorial Psalm: Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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'

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Walking by Faith

A major theme of the Scripture readings is 'Sowing seeds of faith'.

All readings portray God as the sower of seeds - the seeds of faith. Ezekiel sees God as the planter of a new seed (tender shoot) that will become a great tree -anew king that will rule his people.

The psalmist gives thanks to the Lord for the Lord's goodness. Rooted in the Lord, a person will bear fruit to a ripe old age. Bearing fruit with our life means more than just existing, or taking up space. Living for others and sharing faith enables us to bear fruit for the Lord.

In Second Corinthians, Paul talks about making it an aim to please the Lord, and about the importance of trusting in God rather than in what we do or what we can see.

Mark tells us that the people wanted Jesus to explain the Reign of God. They were having trouble understanding, so Jesus used the image of the mustard seed.

If a seed as tiny as a mustard seed can grow into a mighty tree, then, too, one act of faith can grow into a lifetime of believing. It is okay to have doubts or to worry that our faith is not strong enough. If we allow Jesus to nourish our faith and if we nourish our faith, it will grow and touch many in our parish and family.

Hope and patience also run through all these readings. Each time a seed is planted and a plant emerges, we experience a miracle. So, too, our faith is a miracle.

Faith takes root and grows slowly with hidden and mysterious nourishment from God, even when we are unaware of it. Patience is needed by all who wait for the Reign of God.



Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference — Annual Diocesan Clergy THIS WEEK: Monday 14th to Friday 18th June 2021 Fr Joy and I will be attending this annual Conference from late Monday to early Friday. Please take note: There will therefore be NO Masses in our parish on Tues-Wed-Thurs

and our churches will remain closed on these days. Thankyou, Fr Shaju PP.

PASTORAL

Conference

Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

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Assistant Priest

Parish Secretary **Margaret Cooper** Karen Price Bookkeeper Office Assistant (Tues) Jan Favaloro

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m² requirement] St Patrick's: 202 persons at St Bernard's: 122 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.

5pm	St Bernard's		
6pm	St Patrick's		
8am	St Patrick's		
9am	St Bernard's		
10am	St Patrick's		
6pm	St Patrick's		
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WEEKEND MASSES

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B Monday 14/06

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42 Tuesday 15/06

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 16/06 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 17/06 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday 18/06 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23 Saturday 19/06

2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Wright Mathew Franklin, Michael Gan Ai Lau, Ilureza Wong, Iggy Castillon, Terry Treacy, Josephine Sugirtham

ANNIVERSARIES: Maree Havden. Uwe Haag, Leo Vila, Helena Noske, Mary Ann Weir, Judy Huntley, Geoffrey Warren, Andrzej Macieyewski, Andrea Daria, Elde Daria, Eliza Daria, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Filomena & Vicente Banaga, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father), Peter O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann **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: Peter Todd, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Angela Smith, Patrick O'Donoghue, David Chee, Roger Okell, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Tom Dawson, Sr Tincy Thomas, John Gallagher, Marie Haag, Felicity Fone, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



Week 17 - 07/06/2021 Winning #: Paul Maher Winner: 201 ~ Amount: \$25 Number blocks now available. Call the office to join in this easy, fun and long running fundraiser for the parish.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: The beauty of Marriage ~ Let us pray for young

people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.



for Confirmation on Sunday 5th September 2021 at ~11.30am St Bernard's ~ 2pm St Patrick's ~ 4pm St Patrick's

These Masses are for candidates only and incorporate ~ 1 candidate + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only

ENROLMENT FORMS are now available for download from the Parish Website https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/confirmation

Full details of next weekends Enrolment process - June 19/20, Workshops and practice & most importantly, the Mandatory Parents Information Evening July 14th at 7.30pm This is an essential requirement for your child to proceed to the Sacrament of Confirmation.



RCIA FOR OLDER CHILDREN: Crossroads ~ A pathway for older children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation

Older Children

There may be a number of children in upper primary classes, or early secondary school, who have missed out on the sacramental programmes which younger children complete in about Year 3 and 4. If you would like your older child to be Baptised and/or complete their Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion, please make contact with the Pastoral Centre and arrangements can be made to meet with you and your child to plan for this.

Sincere thanks are extended to Millie. Mary. Gerry. Leanne & James. who have willingly joined (and in some cases re-joined) this beautiful and rewarding ministry by answering our plea for assistance. However, Volunteers are still needed to lighten the load

and bolster numbers on the rosters to take Holy Communion to parishioners in Christophorus House Asquith and Regis (Ku-ring-gai Gardens) Asquith. NB: Could we also appeal for a couple more names on the Mt Wilga Rehab Hospital roster please :)

Please Note Well:

- You need to be a EM, if not one already, you will need some training our priests will help you. 1.
- You will need a cleared National Police History Check, the parish office will help you and the 2. parish will bare the cost; please be aware this is a mandatory requirement of Aged Care Facilities.
- 3. You will need a Flu Vaccination from 1.6.21 it is law that all volunteers going into Aged Care Facilities must have this vaccination.

This is such an important ministry \sim the taking of our Lord in the Eucharist to fellow parishioners who are unable to join us physically at Mass. The rewards are great and they just love to see you.

For more information please speak to Father or the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, thank you .





Become Alive in the Spirit

Our parish is engaging in a special opportunity. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, which will enliven and inspire our community through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. We will be gathering together to view live sessions, and then small groups will select their own choices among the many workshops, with a focus on ministry enrichment.

Each small group will also debrief and share their insights together, bringing their wisdom back to the larger group. This is an amazing opportunity to enrich your faith and inspire and resource us in serving God's mission. It is a virtual conference, which means that the three keynote addresses will be streamed live, and workshops will be on-line, with an option to view up until December this year.

The conference opens on Thursday evening, 8th July, at 7pm with the first keynote, and continues on Friday 9th July with the second keynote at 10am, followed by small group workshops and discussion. The 2nd keynote will be repeated on Friday evening at 7pm for those unable to attend on Friday morning. On Saturday 10th July the 3rd keynote begins at 10am, followed again by small group workshops and discussion. The conference closes at 4pm on Saturday.

In our parish, the conference will be run as a small-to-medium parish experience, with a focus on strengthening active ministries. Once we have an idea of who will be attending, we will decide on an appropriate venue, with internet and large screen/ monitor/ TV access.

"LET US ASK OURSELVES: ARE WE PREPARED TO WELCOME THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES, TO LISTEN TO THE CALL OF MISSION?" PF FRAN

Further information can be found at https://aliveinthespirit.com.au. The parish will be covering the cost of the conference.

To register your interest contact Patricia Smith 9428 7935 or the parish office.

The conference aims to bring renewal, connection, inspiration and formation through keynote speakers, workshops, liturgy and prayer.



2021—2022 Planned Giving Envelopes AVAILABLE NOW ~

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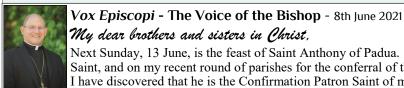
and they are waiting for your collection at the back of our churches TODAY !!

Please remember to collect your box to save the parish lots and lots in postage.

By giving through the PGE system, you assist the PFC to budget for many yearly expenses.

If you'd like to know how you can join the PGE programme or other ways you can assist the parish financially, please call 9456 2450. You may notice you have a different number from last year, please don't be concerned by this, rather please be assured that the recording of contributions against your name will not be interrupted by this number change.

To all who gave so generously to the upkeep of our parish through this past very difficult year we offer sincere thanks.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Next Sunday, 13 June, is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua. He is my baptismal Patron Saint, and on my recent round of parishes for the conferral of the sacrament of Confirmation, I have discovered that he is the Confirmation Patron Saint of many of our young boys and girls. Because his feast lands on a Sunday this year, we will not be celebrating him in the liturgy, so I thought that I might reflect upon this great Saint in BB Neighbourhoods today.

In Rome not far from where I used to live, there is a beautiful church which is totally Baroque in style. This church is the Portuguese national church in Rome and is known as Sant'Antonio dei Portoghesi (Saint Anthony of the Portuguese). It is, in fact, dedicated to Saint Anthony of Lisbon or as most of the world knows him, Saint Anthony of Padua.

The Portuguese are quite protective of their man who was born in Lisbon in the year 1195. He was the eldest son of an influential family and was baptised Ferdinand. His parents had great plans for him. Accordingly, they provided him with a sound education as they nudged him towards an ecclesiastical or bureaucratic career. Without a doubt he would initially have studied Arts and then pursued Theology and Law.

His parents were to be disappointed however, not due to any failure or laziness on his part, rather because he chose not to follow their dreams for him. Instead, at the age of fifteen, he left home and began the great pilgrimage of faith which led him to the priesthood at 25 years of age.

Saint Anthony is so often remembered for pious reasons, and yet I suspect that the real sanctity of the man lies in his love and devotion to the Word of God.

He travelled through Northern Italy and Southern France, preaching especially in the areas which had been plagued by heresy. He combated both political and moral abuses in the Church as well as the rejection of Church authority and doctrine. I expect that his most powerful weapon against these enemies was his evangelical lifestyle. By living what he preached, he was able to confound heretics and edify the faithful.

Saint Anthony was also renowned as a confessor and minister of reconciliation between peoples. His example of love and acceptance itself became a powerful call to conversion.

One final glimpse at this holy pastor and doctor of the Church will show that he was a man of integrity who defended those who were powerless and incapable of defending themselves. He took to himself the proclamation of the dignity of every person some 700 years before the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council stated their intention "to develop the doctrine of recent popes on the inviolable rights of the human person" (Dignitatis humanae, 1) – a theme which was very close to the heart of Saint John Paul II. On 13 June 1231, at the age of 36, Saint Anthony gave his final homily. He had travelled thousands of kilometres on his mission, and he had preached to tens of thousands of the faithful.

Saint Anthony is remembered for many reasons, for some it is as the patron saint of the lost, for others he is remembered for good health, for some as one who helps with their faith, and still others as an inspiration for hope. I offer you Saint Anthony as a great saint because he gave his life to the proclamation of the Word of God. He is a saint who can inspire us, clergy and people, the community of

the Church of Broken Bay.

Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us! + Anthony

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES ! www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/ Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ One October 2021 **Plenary**Council 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like' Mark 4:26-34

Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal: All were called to the kingdom of God, called to turn away from self-destructive attitudes and behaviours, not to judge others and urged to consider how God's love could be more fully lived in their lives.

Most importantly, believers were called to imitate the love of Christ by loving each other unconditionally. This love cannot be mere words because it is an imitation of Christ's own love for every person, a love that forgives, transforms and brings those who hear him into the fullness of life.

Jesus not only cures the sick and dines with the outcasts, he calls them to conversion and to justice and restores them to a place in the community of mission where all can contribute towards the common good. Pope Francis calls Christians to "... share their joy," and "... point to a horizon of beauty and ... invite others to a delicious banquet."

Reflection Question ~ How can the Church promote an 'integral ecology of life' in the face of risks to life, to human dignity, and to the environment?

Plenary Council – National Prayer Campaign

People across Australia have been invited to participate in the fan the flame national prayer campaign towards the first Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The prayer campaign was launched on the feast of Pentecost Sunday and provides the chance for us to support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. Please pray for the Plenary Council.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

> **Tobias Chayton** Fuda

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep Tobias, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's has finally resumed after a long COVID break and is very happy to welcome new members and old members back! If you are in Year 3 or above, and would like to sing at 10am Mass twice a month, on each 2nd and 4th Sunday, you are more than welcome to join the Choir. We practise every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Come and join us, meet new friends, and give something back to God!

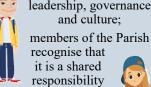
Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

See parish website for dates and times for Masses.

At KCCP we take **Safeguarding Seriously and**



to





safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.



	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	Sub requested	Sue Lum	John Messina	David Massa	Keith Fone	
Reader (1)	John Ryan	Alena Hartmann	Penny Loughland	Jim Fitzgerald	Elizabeth Fernandes	Kerri O'Neill	
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Zinta Hartmann	Miguel Do Rego	Mary Stokes	Cora Cuasay	Paul O"Neill	
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Sub requested	Chris Smith	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Les Fogden	
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning	Glenn Shapter, Annette S Chichi Datoc (s)	hapter, Marlene Moloney (f)	Lucia Lim				
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional	& B - additional help always appreciated		June: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellew - additional help always appreciate			
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years, doing the merciful work of burying the dead, keeping their graves and giving comfort to grieving families. Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a petition to reverse a NSW Government decision to exclude faith and charitable COUPLES FOR CHRIST groups from cemetery Management.

Please consider signing the petition at: https://saveourgraves.com.au For more information from Archbishop Anthony Fisher's newsletter go to: https://comms.sydneycatholic.org/v/75218/6850313/email.html? k=o1bFUTA0NXfUtj0rCutAHTW2bCc6gJncxH1TOhxhl_8





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