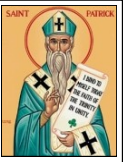


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

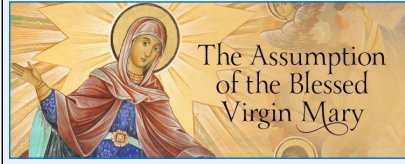
Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

14th August 2022
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4;
Lk 12:49-53



The Assumption ~ Monday 15 August ~ Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights:
12 midday (Parish and whole school Mass)
Masses at St Patricks, Asquith:
9am (Parish and whole school Mass) and **7pm** (Parish Mass)

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.'

I have come to bring fire



As Australians living on the edges of heavily timbered country we all know that a fierce fire is one of the best things which can happen to a eucalyptus forest. The seed pods burst open in the intense heat. The fire cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth and returns nutrients to the soil in the ashes. The seeds have a chance to germinate in that soil.

It is that sort of fire which Jesus had in mind when he says **'I have come to bring fire to the earth and I wish it were blazing already!'**

What is the fire he is speaking of? It turned out the 'what' was not a **'what'** but a **'who'**! The Holy Spirit was unleashed on the first Pentecost Sunday just like a lightning bolt in the South West Wilderness.

Recall that scene at Pentecost – the frightened and dispirited disciples huddled in a room like seeds in a pod putting a hard outer casing between themselves and a hostile world.

This might have given them some sense of security, but, so long as they stayed in that protective shell of a room, they were quite unable to realise their true destiny.

Then, what happened? **'Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire . . . They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.'** (Acts 2:2-3)

That fire – that divine fire – burst them out of the room. They began to preach the Resurrection and they realised their destiny as fearless disciples of our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But this can have divisive consequences. At the extreme, following Our Lord can mean total repudiation by members of one's family, and persecution by the society concerned. For example, quite apart from torture, killings and displacement, in some Muslim countries, like Malaysia, to become a Christian is to lose property and inheritance rights – the family is dismembered as one becomes a member of the Body of Christ. We should pray often for those who suffer this ostracising by their families and communities.

But, for us, what does it mean to be ignited by the divine flame?

What does this mean for the undergrowth of our lives?

You and I know, if we have had a few years on the planet, what are the actions or attitudes which stifle or smother our lives as fearless Christians.

Family expectations and stereotyped roles can be one. Our Lord himself experienced that so strongly at Nazareth – his home village – that he had to break away, never to return. He knew he had to be immersed (baptised) in the chaos of the outside world in order to conduct his ministry with power.

That is why Our Lord warns that for some disciples, following him with vigour and creativity may well mean breaking out of the little boxes which families can construct for their members – and that will cause division.

My dear friends, I love roses and dahlias and hollyhocks and lupins and English country gardens. But, if we see ourselves as plants in such a garden, particularly if we see ourselves as plants in a walled garden, of course in that situation fire is a real threat and our natural inclination is to look to the hose to douse it.

But, we are Catholics, not roses or dahlias. We are little eucalyptus seeds. We need fire. We need the blazing fire of the Holy Spirit to allow who we truly are to burst forth.

Then, and only then, we have a chance to be

– not seeds which never break out of the pod of security or complacency

– not seedlings weakly dying in the bracken

– but glorious young trees reaching for the sun in all its glory.

Until at the end of history we together become a great stand of tall trees reaching for the risen Son in all his glory!

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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
Until further notice there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am:
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's
Friday After 9am Mass 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.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)
Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.
Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp
1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 / P.O. Box 335, Berowra Hts 2082
Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Parish Administrator: Fr Biju Jose, OSH
Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price
Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta T & Phill C
Sacramental Team Email: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

20th Sunday Ordinary Time ~ Year C
Monday 15/08 ~ Solemnity A Holy Day of Obligation
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;
 1 Cor 15:20-26;
 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday 16/08
 Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 17/08
 Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 18/08
 Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 19/08
 Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 20/08 ~ Memorial
 St Bernard, abbot, doctor
 Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anita Perilla, Nicholas Pugh, Tony Yap, George Macri, Wilford Long, Alison Avery (nee) Burns, Anne Davie, Rosa Ng, Teresa Melissari, Sr Gabrielle Flood (past Principal of St Bernard's Berowra Hts)

ANNIVERSARIES: Lyn Maguire, Phyllis Newnham, Agnes, Charles and Shirley Mosley, Nancy McEnaney, Margaret Hinton, Marie Mickelson, Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson, John (Jack) McEnaney

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will be brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
 Daryl Harvey, Judy Farrell, Carla Medeiros, Chris Enright, Ann Leslie, Modesta Borromeo Laroco, Georgina Hughes, Jeanette Bakker, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue, Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



Pope's intention for August: Small Businesses;
 We pray for small and medium sized businesses;

in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serve their communities.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.

Thank you Fr Roni VC & Fr Joby VC of the Divine Retreat Centre Somersby for offering Masses last weekend and **Thank you** Fr Sonny OCD, of the Carmelite Priory St Ives for offering Masses with Fr Biju this weekend.



All Confirmation Candidates will be presented at Masses over this weekend.

Please know children that we will continue to support you and pray for you as you continue your workshops and come closer to knowing and loving the Holy Spirit.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE THIS WEEK:

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



We urgently need new Altar Server's at St Patrick's, Asquith.

Training has been arranged for any children wanting to become Altar Servers as follows:

St Patrick's Asquith	Thurs. August 25th after School	3.30pm	Please meet Mr Malcolm Cross (trainer & WWCC holder) in courtyard of St Pat's Church.
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Parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend.

This form can be downloaded from our website by copy and pasting this link into your browser:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/ministries-at-mass>

then in the section 'Altar Servers, Assist at Sunday Masses', chose 'click here' for St Patrick's.

Please email the form to the parish office or hand to the trainer on the day, thank you.



St Bernard's School invites you to its Golden Jubilee ~ Celebrating 50 years (+1)

Friday 19 August 2022,
 11.30am Mass in Church;
 12.30pm Open classrooms & memorabilia display in hall;
 1.30pm BYO picnic;
 2.15pm Choir Performance.

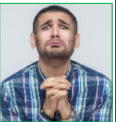
Calling on anyone willing to give back to God via a Parish Ministry.

As shown above we are in great need of Altar Servers, but in truth,

ALL ministries could do with a few more willing hands.

Yet sometimes we are surprised by people's generosity ... for example ...

This week a parishioner contacted the office with the offer to be a reader. Normally a Eucharistic Minister (which has not yet returned post-Covid), she still felt the need to give back to God so has joined the reading ministry. For this wonderful consideration of our needs, we now publicly (albeit anonymously) thank her.



We could use particular help in the areas of:

Church Cleaning and Flower arrangements at St Patrick's ~ these two ministries are 'stand-alone', meaning you can simply clean ... OR ... simply do the flowers ... OR ... if you're super keen we'll even let you do both!
Commitment: once per 5 weeks but it might be less if we get lots of volunteers !

Eucharistic Ministers to the Housebound ~ yes, we are lucky enough to once again enter our Aged Care Facilities (other parishes are not so lucky) and take our Lord in the Eucharist to those who cannot come to the Church. There are of course rules we need to comply with but parish staff will assist you in any way you need.
Commitment: ideally once a month - more volunteers means a lower frequency.

Please, contact the parish office to volunteer for these or ANY ministry.



Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space to come together, as men and women, to pray by **Lectio Divina** while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. Both men's and women's groups will meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, starting in September.

When: First Monday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Who: 18-35 year olds

Where: Men's Sessions | Joseph House, Willoughby

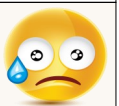
Where: Women's Sessions | Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Office, 1-19 Woodcourt Rd Berowra Heights (next to St Bernard's Church) ~ that's right, in our very own backyard !

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/1myPBemMUZ3gT5vHG7> or see the Facebook Event for more details!



Week 4 ~ 08/08/22; Winning #: 367; Amt: \$25.00 Winner: Unfinancial

Call the office for more details on just how easy it is to be part of this successful parish fundraiser.



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
 ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT from **Bishop Anthony Randazzo** - 5 August 2022



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am writing to provide you with some background information on a review I have undertaken regarding our annual Appeals in the Diocese.

You would be aware we have a number of Appeals throughout the year. Some are for the Pastoral Works of the Diocese, Peter's Pence, or donations that go directly to the Holy See and the upkeep of Holy Places.

Other Appeals are supported by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference (ACBC) and include Catholic Mission, Project Compassion, Sea Sunday and NATSICC. And of course many parishes support their local St Vincent de Paul Society with the Vinnies Winter Appeal and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

I am very aware everyone has been facing challenging times, be it health concerns, natural disasters, financial stress with rising fuel and grocery costs, and rising interest rates.

So while our Appeals Calendar has remained the same for several years, the social and welfare needs in our communities have changed considerably.

My intention is not to increase the number of Appeals but ensure your generosity is directed to where it will do the most good.

Homelessness, for example, can be found across all socio-economic groups including our own communities and parishes.

This is why I encouraged CatholicCare Broken Bay to support Homelessness Week with a fundraising campaign focusing on critical services for the vulnerable in our Diocese.

This new annual campaign is in collaboration with Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) and will culminate on 8 August, the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who devoted her life to the poor, established schools and places of refuge for the working class and disadvantaged.

No income target is set for this Appeal, however I am encouraging all parishes and schools to participate and support this important initiative. All donations are tax deductible.

CatholicCare has distributed information kits and resources to all Parishes. The information will explain what services the donations will assist. Some of these services do not receive any government assistance, and for those that do, we know for every dollar raised, at least triple that amount is always needed.

Our Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeals enable us to reach further and deeper into helping our local community, and that connects us directly to the mission of Jesus.

The Diocese PWBB Appeals are held in May, August and November. The November and May Appeals raise between 80-90% of the annual PWBB total.

Following the review, I have decided there will be a PWBB Appeal in November and May – but no public Diocesan appeal in August. This does not preclude parishes from continuing to hold a third PWBB Appeal should they wish to do so, and it will not affect any planned giving, online pledges or credit card donations where contributions are perhaps monthly, quarterly or annually.

Every year many parishes support their local St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal and the Christmas Appeal. I am grateful to the many volunteers who have dedicated time and effort to supporting this organisation and will continue to do so. Our Office for Communications will assist with information dissemination for both of these Appeals.

There is often the need for specific initiatives in the Diocese which do not fall under our PWBB charitable services. These may include other works of mercy, specific educational needs or scholarships, resources for the physically and intellectually challenged. It is for this reason I have decided in the latter half of next year, that the Diocese will launch an annual Bishop's Appeal.

This will not take the place of a PWBB Appeal, and it will be post 30 June 2023– possibly around September.

Following further consultation, I will provide details in the coming months, however I do know as a compassionate and generous community, we will always look to care for the marginalised, the less fortunate, and ways and means to spread the Good News.

Parishes are encouraged to support the six Diocesan Appeals which comprise:

- Peter's Pence -July 2022
- Holy Places – April 2022
- CatholicCare Homelessness Week – August 2022
- Pastoral Works Broken Bay – November 2022
- Pastoral Works Broken Bay – May 2023
- Bishop's Appeal – latter half 2023

I am sure parishioners will continue to support other Catholic charities such as Catholic Mission, Project Compassion and Sea Sunday as they have always done during the year and we will always be prepared to assist in times of emergencies and natural disasters.

It is my hope this review will address the requests from parishioners for a better understanding of what I, as Bishop, would encourage as a commitment to charitable giving.

The Calendar of Appeals will be shortly posted on our website.

Thank you again for your ongoing generosity and support for our Diocese.

My prayers are always with you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ, + *Anthony*, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay



Welcome to our Faith Family
Baptism congratulations to

Zoe Zavone
and
Orlando Kabilafkas

who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Please

Could the holder of Planned Giving

Envelope number 74

contact the office as soon as possible, thank you.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is a wonderful place of growth for young missionary disciples. We are proud to count among our current and former members parish keyboard players, singers, soloists, cantors, choir directors, some who have founded their own string group, some who sing at weddings and diocesan liturgies, others who lead liturgies at schools and retreat centres, and one current member of Sydney Philharmonia Choir. As we grow as singers and musicians, we also become more aware of what we can do with our gifts to help others. Children's Choir practises every Friday afternoon during school terms from 4 to 5pm at St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. New members welcome! Pls call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



SERRA VOCATIONS
Mass & Dinner Meeting

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will celebrate Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church Pymble** on **Thursday 25th August 2022**.

Mass at **6.30pm**, followed by a meal and meeting, after which Bishop David will speak about the outcomes of the **Plenary Council**. Everyone is welcome. Please "Come and See". *Please remember to pray every day for vocations.*

To attend call Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 20th August / 21st August 2022 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers	Harry Tod, Archie Tod	Isaac Tonkin, Bronte Tonkin	<i>God is calling YOU! Can you hear Him?</i>	Sub requested Sub requested	Emma Daly, Catherine Mooney	<i>Want to be an Altar Server? Call 9456 450.</i>
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Zinta Hartmann	Celia Cox	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Christine Vila
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Alena Hartmann	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Elizabeth Fernandes	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow — HELP PLEASE — <i>volunteer today pls!</i>			

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*.

Berowra Village is so very good at Ecumenism !!
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- 7pm-8:15pm on Monday nights.
- Starting 15th August
- Register:

Some questions Google can't answer

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<https://stmarksberowra.org/alpha/>

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LEGO® EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER 2022
9AM-2PM

Scan here for more info and competition entry forms

[BEROWRAUNITINGCHURCH.ORG.AU](https://berowraunitingchurch.org.au)

St Mark's Anglican Church invites you to "Alpha"

from 7pm-8.15pm

Monday nights for 6 weeks,
starting next Monday 15th August.

For more information on Alpha at St Mark's go to: <https://stmarksberowra.org/alpha/>

Berowra Uniting Church is holding their annual **Lego Exhibition** next Month. It's going to be a great day, full of amazing exhibits and competition entries and they'd love to see you there!

September 3rd, 9am to 2pm.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! At KCCP we take **Safeguarding seriously!**

The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours. The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity. The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The WWCC Customer Support centre can be contacted on 8219 3777.

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