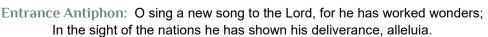


### **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**



Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia! Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

5th Sunday of Easter

Year C Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

#### **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'.

# 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

Up to and including Sat. 2 July 2022 there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am

Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat

St Bernard's 9am

Wed ~ Fri

#### 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.

# Is total love really possible?

Was the Last-Supper commandment of Jesus to love one another really all that **new**. Is there not an Old Testament requirement to love my neighbour as myself (Lev 19:18).

The really new ideal is that we are to love *in the way that Jesus loves us*, and that is totally, to the last drop of his blood, poured out in the sacrifice of Calvary.



Another sense in which his love-commandment is new is how he defines who is my neighbour, whom I should love. His parable of the Good Samaritan shows that everyone is my neighbour, even those of different nationality or religion.

So now, love for our neighbour is very demanding, and goes beyond all racism or prejudice.

The really hard question is whether such love is possible. While giving a hesitant yes to this as a possibility, it is clear that most of us, most of the time clearly fail to live this new commandment fully. We can only love in this way by cooperating very generously with the grace of God. But the power to do so is based on the new image of humanity given us by Christ, and because we have his living presence with us, to help us love others in his way.

It is a very demanding ideal to love our neighbour as ourselves or even to love our neighbour in any way at all. In the face of Islamic extremism or any other form of terrorism, or in time of war, we are strongly tempted to dehumanise the enemy and regard them as no longer part of the human family, and so unworthy of any kind of love or respect. But Jesus' commandment to love, and his own example of forgiving those who crucified him, constantly calls us to reconsider things and seek for reconciliation rather than total victory.

It is only by living in spiritual contact with Jesus that we can love our neighbour deeply. It is by living close to him that we can love as Jesus taught. If not, we will be relying only on our human efforts alone, and we will love with some other type of love but not the unconditional love Jesus asked for when he said,

"I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

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Parish Priest: Fr Shaju John, OSH

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

#### 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

**Monday 16/05** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday 17/05** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday 18/05 Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday 19/05** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 20/05 Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday 21/05** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Stanley Cooper, Tom Dawson, Juanita Casey, Clare Hopkins, John Bonnici, Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks, Fr John Worthington SM

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ida O'Halloran, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Michael Ai Lau Gan, Jola & Stach, Marion Berry, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran; Alfredo De Ramos

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

OTHER: Aubrey Bijen



#### Pope's intention for May: Faith-Filled Young People;

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

### The 250 Club!

Week 13: 09/05/22; Winning #: 469; Amt: \$25.00; Winner: *Unfinancial* 

It's easy to join the 250 Club. Call the office for more details

### God said No!!

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No, it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.
I asked God to make my disabled child whole. God said, No, their spirit is whole, their body is only temporary.
I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No, patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted it is learnt.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No, I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No, I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea. [Anon]



### It's May and you know what that means ... it's time for the ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT

Every year in May a count of all parishioners is taken at all weekend Masses and a report returned to the Diocese of BB. The count commences this weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.* 

Welcome Fr Andrew Murray ~ As advised in last weekends bulletin,

Fr Andrew Murray sm is a Marist Father, who trained in philosophy and spent most of his life teaching at the Catholic Institute of Sydney at Manly and Strathfield.

He retired from his full-time position in 2016 but continues to pursue his interest in the Pacific Islands. Fr Andrew is assisting Fr Joy for 3 weekends, offering Mass at both churches.

We are very happy to have you with us Father Andrew.

Celebrants for the following Weekend Masses

14th / 15th May 21st / 22nd May 28th / 29th May

Fr Joy Thomas and Fr Andrew Murray

### In May we duly honour our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary





Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christian,
how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.
If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities,
in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.
I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.
Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.

Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,
that having invoked you on earth

### Procession for the Feast of Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia

we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.



- Saturday 21st May 2022
- 10.30am St Peters Church Devonshire St, Surry Hills, Pilgrims Blessing and start of procession
- 12.00pm St Marys Cathedral, Mass in Honour of Mary Help of Christians Praying for World Peace.

Next Weekend is the FINAL Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal for 2021/2022 financial year.

Supporting the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal puts your gift to work in your local faith community. We are confident that our generous community will yet again demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal.

Our parish quota for the 2021/2022 financial year is \$34,153 of which we have raised \$20.390 ~ this leaves a shortfall of \$13,763 which we hope to raise during this final appeal.



Envelopes are available from the back of our churches this weekend in readiness for next weekends appeal.

Please remember your ongoing support to the PWBB Appeal (great or small), is greatly appreciated and I sincerely thank you for giving whatever you can. Fr Joy. **Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.** 



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

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**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 Shaju.

### **Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 11 May 2022**

Sometimes it is the smallest acts of compassion and friendship that can have the biggest impact.

The students, staff and families saw that last week at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School, Waitara.

Kevin, (on the right in the photograph) recently arrived in Australia after a courageous journey, escaping the war in Ukraine to Poland and arriving in the diocese just a week before Easter.

He did not know any English and faced many new and challenging situations.

However the staff at OLOR Waitara, and the other students in Year 2 were really keen to help Kevin settle in to his new environment.

When the school had their Mother's Day stall last week all the students were excited and keen to buy something for their mums.

Not surprisingly Kevin wasn't sure what was happening. The Principal, Mrs Jacinta Crowe knew how to help Kevin. She asked another student, Nicholas, also in Year 2, to help because he had "superpowers".

Nicholas speaks Kevin's language and was able to explain what was happening and went with him to the stall where Nicholas bought something for his mum.

With giftbag in hand Kevin returned to class feeling empowered and his fellow students witnessed how their school's core values - respect, hospitality, integrity, compassion and service - really can make a difference.

This Sunday's Gospel (John 13:35) speaks of Jesus' new commandment:

### "Love one another as I have loved you"

Love is a very powerful word and so often trivialised.

Love is also a sacrifice, it makes faith real and unifying, and as St Teresa of Calcutta so often said; "Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning.

Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."

Clearly our schools are encouraging their students to put words into actions.



### 10th World Meeting of Families—Rome June 22-26, 2022

"After being postponed for a year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to celebrate the 10th World Meeting of Families locally. making it possible for every family to participate.

While Rome will be the main venue for the event, each diocese will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme: "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness".

### 26 June 2pm - SAVE THE DATE!!!

All families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm.

This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More details to come!



### Tri - Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening ~

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22.

SAVE THE DATE: Wed 20 July 6:00pm – 9:00pm – more details will follow in June.



**Baptism** congratulations to Sofia

Welcome to our

Faith Family

Martinez Hernandez

lack William Vandenberg

who are to baptised this weekend.

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



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's.

Children's Choir has returned to St Patrick's! We were so blessed to have this group of amazing young people singing at 10am Mass last Sunday, and we look forward to seeing them regularly now, every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month except January.

In order to provide such beautiful music, the Choir practises every week, on Friday afternoons after school from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Any young person from Year 3 and up with an interest in music or who would just like to have a go, is welcome to join us. Come to our next practice this

Friday, or call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935 for more information.





As part of the celebrations for *Laudato Si* week (16-24 May 2022), the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released resources to assist us to enter the spirit of the week and reflect on how we can care for creation.

This week is both a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* as well as a call to action. The Justice, Ecology and Peace Office has created resources to assist you with your reflection. Contact the parish office for a link to the resources. Please note – the dates for *Laudato Si* week in Australia, as flagged in the ACBC social justice statement, are 16 – 24 May 2022. This differs from the Vatican's celebration of the week during 22-29 May 2022.

St Mark's Anglican Church Berowra. on behalf of. The Combined Christian Churches of Berowra, invite you to attend a ...



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS ~ Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass for Serra at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara at 6pm on Thursday 26th May 2022. This is a special Mass to celebrate the vocations of our 8 seminarians and

our 4 diaconate aspirants and the 40th anniversary of the charter of the Serra Vocations Ministry in Broken Bay. Members of the Diocesan Vocations Team and the Diaconate Formation Team will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome. Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 21 May / 22 May 2022 — Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year C Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Darrem Patterson
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Student from SBB Sch.	Miguel Do Rego	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Sub requested
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Student from SBB Sch.	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Chichi Datoc (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B — additional help always appreciated		Patrick Dias— HELP PLEASE - this group now has only 1 member —volunteer today pls!			

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.

### SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

(CFCA) are presenting a free webinar on *Promoting social* connectedness to support men's mental health. A recent report on a longitudinal study of male health <u>Ten to Men</u> reported on the importance of understanding what supports social connectedness and the wellbeing of men and their families. To register for the

Learning Hub: Child Family Community Australia

webinar on Wednesday 25, 2022 1:00pm – 2:00pm go to https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1797739317160788491 **Community News:** National Families Week 15 – 21 May. The aim of National Families Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

All Australian are invited to participate in National Families Week. To learn more visit - <a href="https://nfw.org.au/">https://nfw.org.au/</a>

Ukraine Appeal As we see on a daily basis, the people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. They need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute, visit the webpages of any of the opposite organisations.









Ukraine Crisis Appeal Caritas Australia Aid To Church in Need



Family Connect and Support (FCS) is a state wide voluntary service for children, young people and families who need support to maintain a safe and positive family environment. It helps families who may be experiencing vulnerability or who require some level of support before issues escalate. It works on a networking model, connecting families with local services with expertise in areas such as:

Parenting challenges | Financial stress | Substance use | Family breakdown | Housing issues | Mental health

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