

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 15th August 2021 ~ Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

/igil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28 // Day: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, a

Entrance Antiphon:

and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Responsorial Psalm: Gospel Acclamation:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia! Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me. 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'



The Gift of Resurrection Life © Fr Michael Tate

Many mothers will tell you that the nicest gift that they can get from their child is a little card or some small object which they have made themselves. It far outweighs some very expensive, glittery present.

Why? Because it gives something of the son or daughter - something personal, something of their life.

I think mothers especially appreciate this because a mother carries her child in her womb for nine months, giving that child a share in her own life. Here is an extraordinary thought what if a child were really able to share its life with the mother? A sort of reversal of roles. That is what we believe happened between Our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that Mary, the Mother of our Lord, has been gifted by her Son with a share in His new state of life. He now nourishes her with his Resurrection life, and that means that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with divine glory.

With Mary, the Tradition inspired by the Holy Spirit tells us that at the end of her earthly life, she grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect.

That is what we mean by 'The Assumption'. It has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the Church.

I have visited the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, allegedly the place where Jesus was buried. Naturally, it is a great place of pilgrimage.

Isn't it remarkable that there is no site revered as the tomb or grave of the Mother of Jesus? Deep in the Christian consciousness was the whisper that something extraordinary had

happened at the end of Mary's earthly life. And the Roman Catholic, Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches have handed on the belief of the ancient church that Mary entered heavenly existence in a way which was unique to her.

We call this transition: 'The Assumption'. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because of the dreadful degradation of the human body in the first half of the twentieth century. Tens of millions were killed in two world wars, bodies torn apart by primitive munitions in trench warfare or evaporated by nuclear bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Millions of Jews were transported like cattle to death camps where they were gassed. Millions died in Russia and China with the imposition of communist dictatorship.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

Mary was the first to be transfigured, immersed in Divine Glory. We hope to follow.

You may say: 'It seems fitting that our Lord would bestow this gift on the mother whom he loved very much.' What is extraordinary is that He desires nothing less than to share this gift of His resurrection life with us, (who are apparently much less lovable!). The fact is that our Risen Lord loves each one of us, you and me, with the same intensity with which he loves Mary of Nazareth. We can hope to receive the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

In the meantime we celebrate with Mary's cousin, Elizabeth: 'Blessed art thou among women.'

Let us join the tradition of the Church in reciting together

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

PASTORAL WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 5pm St Bernard's 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 6pm St Patrick's P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 St Patrick's Sunday 8am Phone: (02) 9456 2450 9am St Bernard's Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au 10am St Patrick's Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp St Patrick's SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES 6pm 9am - 3.30pm. Centre Hours: WEEKDAY MASSES **Both churches** Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH St Bernard's Mon, Tues and Thurs. 8am **CLOSED** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH Assistant Priest Wednesday and Friday 9am <u>for the duration</u> St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday Parish Secretary **Margaret Cooper** of the Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat. 9am Karen Price Bookkeeper LOCKDOWN RECONCILIATION Office Assistant (Tues) Jan Favaloro 9.30 am at St Patrick's Every Saturday Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the After 9am Mass at St Bernard's Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com **Every Friday** Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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 16/08 Judges 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22 Tuesday 17/08 Judges 6:11-24; Mt 19:22-30 Wednesday 18/08 Judges 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16 Thursday 19/08 Judges 11:29-39; Mt 22:1-14 Friday 20/08 ~ Memorial St Bernard, abbot, doctor Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22: Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 21/08 ~ Memorial St Pius X, pope Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angela Smith, Barry Thomas, Crisanta Colis, June Maher, Henry Sylvester, Agnes Montgomery, Matthew Hughes, John Wright **ANNIVERSARIES:** Lynette Maguire, Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson, Marta Granecka,

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:

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



COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED Sunday Mass is being live-streamed from our Parish as follows: Saturday Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith and Sunday Mass - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.

[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."

OUR BANK NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER DETAILS

KCCP has a NEW **Bank Account Number:**

The Catholic Development Fund (with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes, which means we have a new account number.

In the past, we would provide the details here, however, we've been were directed by the Diocese that, due to fraud attempts, parishes are no longer allowed to publish their BSB and Acct No's. in parish bulletins or websites.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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 via parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or on 9456 2450.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish. Fr Shaju.

ANNOUNCEMENT **Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.**

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... The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay. Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities. Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay. Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay. My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus." Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

August Appeal

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. Donations can be made via our parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or via www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Be Sure To Nominate Our Parish so your donation is credited towards our Quota.

HTLY PRAYER CALLS 16TH-21ST AUGUS

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open. Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.





The 250 Club!

YEAR of

Week 4 - 09/08/2021 Winning number: 248 Winner: Lea Mead Amount: \$25.00



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: The Church

~ Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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

National Day of Prayer in this Time of Pandemic – Sunday 22 August AYS

An ecumenical national day of prayer has been organised on Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

It is an initiative of a broad range of Christian communities and includes the involvement of the National Council of Churches, Australia. The theme is *Lord have mercy*; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and - where we are able - in our liturgies as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own:

"Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy" (Ps. 123:2).

There will also be an online gathering with church leaders, offering prayers and reflections at various times during the day.

In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August, as follows: Monday 16 – Sunday 22 August

A Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.

A nightly Prayer Call at 8pm will take place with input from a different church leader each night. Sunday 22 August

A Prayer Call from 9:00am - 9:00pm on Zoom will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

> For more information and to register, please visit: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/



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There are those who seek knowledg for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.

of Clairvaux 1090-1153 ~ Feast Day 20 August The Young Abbot Bernard, the founding abbot of Clairvaux Abbey in Burgundy, was one of the most commanding Church leaders in the first half of the twelfth century as well as one of the greatest spiritual masters of all times

and the most powerful propagator of the Cistercian reform. He was born in Fontaines-les-Dijon in 1090 and entered the Abbey of Citeaux in 1112, bringing thirty of his relatives with him, including five of his brothers - his youngest brother and his widowed father followed later. After receiving a monastic formation from St. Stephen Harding, he was sent in 1115 to begin a new monastery near Aube: Clairvaux, the Valley of Light. As a young abbot he published a series of sermons on the Annunciation. These marked him not only as a most gifted spiritual writer but also as the "cithara of Mary," especially noted for his development of Mary's mediatorial role.

Bernard's spiritual writing as well as his extraordinary personal magnetism began to attract many to Clairvaux and the other Cistercian monasteries, leading to many new foundations. He was drawn into the controversy developing between the new monastic movement which he pre-eminently represented and the established Cluniac order, a branch of the Benedictines. This led to one of his most controversial and most popular works, his Apologia. Bernard's dynamism soon reached far beyond monastic circles. He was sought as an advisor and mediator by the ruling powers of his age. More than any other he helped to bring about the healing of the papal schism which arose in 1130 with the election of the antipope Anacletus II. It cost Bernard eight years of laborious travel and skillful mediation. At the same time, he laboured for peace and reconciliation between England and France and among many lesser nobles. His influence mounted when his spiritual son was elected pope in 1145. At Eugene III's command he preached the Second Crusade and sent vast armies on the road toward Jerusalem. In his last years he rose from his sickbed and went into the Rhineland to defend the Jews against a savage persecution. **The Writer**

Although he suffered from constant physical debility and had to govern a monastery that soon housed several hundred monks and was sending forth groups regularly to begin new monasteries (he personally saw to the establishment of sixty-five of the three hundred Cistercian monasteries founded during his thirty-eight years as abbot), yet he found time to compose many and varied spiritual works that still speak to us today. He laid out a solid foundation for the spiritual life in his works on grace and free will, humility and love. His gifts as a theologian were called upon to respond to the dangerous teachings of the scintillating Peter Abelard, of Gilbert de la Porree and of Arnold of Brescia. His masterpiece, his Sermons on the Song of Songs, was begun in 1136 and was still in composition at the time of his death. With great simplicity and poetic grace Bernard writes of the deepest experiences of the mystical life in ways that became normative for all succeeding writers. For Pope Eugene he wrote Five Books on Consideration, the bedside reading of Pope John XXIII and many other pontiffs through the centuries. **Doctor of the Church**

Bernard died at Clairvaux on 20 August 1153. He was canonized by Pope Alexander III on 18 January 1174. Pope Pius VII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1830. [by M. Basil Pennington OCSO]

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES ! 'His mercy reaches from age to age' Luke 1:39-55 Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. *(Humble, Healing and Merciful - Discernment Paper p.6)*

Prayer Petition ~ The Plenary Council calls us to be a joyful, hope-filled servant community. We pray that the spirit of joy and hope will fill our hearts and overflow to all we meet. (*Pause for silent prayer*)

Instrumentum Laboris ~ A **Revolution of Tenderness:** Pope Francis calls for a revolution of tenderness.59 This is an extraordinary challenge and call. A revolution requires a radical and marked change, often sudden and urgent, to overthrow a system of prevailing oppression. (p.14) 59 Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 88. Why is there call for such a revolution? What will the revolutionaries look like? And importantly, who will lead the charge? Tenderness may become a new and happy contagion that spreads through the community, becoming 'viral'. (p.14) A revolution of tenderness is for all but might first touch the hearts of priests and bishops who can often give in to bitterness and hardness of heart. Burdened by the demands of a troubled Church, leaders can easily become removed from the first things of the faith and given over to despair. The light of the Gospel can grow dim and hope can be lost. A revolution of tenderness opens them to the tender mercy of God, reminding them of God's promise, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" *(Ezekiel 36:26). (p.14)*

Please pray for the Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

Confirmation children in your prayers.

St Patrick's folk and for St Bernard's folk:					
SPA	SBB	Week 4:			
n/a	5.30pm	Thursday 19/8			
4pm	4pm	Saturday 21/8			
5pm (3 x groups)	n/a	Saturday 21/8			
9am	n/a	Sunday 22/8			

Practice for Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday August 29th -SPA after the 10am Mass SBB after the 9am Mass

Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday September 5th -SPA 2pm and 4pm SBB 11.30am



Children and young people identify clergy, staff and volunteers as being very important in helping them feel safe in their Parish community. Research shows when adults are engaging, trustworthy and involved children and young people feel safe in their community.

Learning Hub ~

Are you and your children using @zoom_us to connect with work colleagues, students, teachers and family online? Learn more about this video platform and how to keep calls as secure as possible with the eSafety Office Guide. https://www.esafety.gov.au/key -issues/esafety-guide

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 21st/22nd August 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69							
St Bernard's Church			St Patrick's Church				
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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, <i>Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.</i>							
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW gttd work St Vincent de Paul Society More Support, we've been finding new ways to ensure help is there for those who need it. Even though some Support Centres have their doors closed at the moment, they are still taking calls and arranging for food vouchers or food items to be delivered to those in need. Scalabrinian Community Outreach is again offering support for migrants (International students and Temporary Visa holders) who may be have lost work in the latest lockdown and are not eligible for government support. They are distributing \$60.00 Coles Greenery							
NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TO GO HUNGRYParishes have always supported Vinnies in the past, and Vinnies would like to support people in your Parishes now. Our staff and volunteers have recently distributed 900 snack packs, 250 16 16 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10						o are in need.	
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theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, on (02) 6201 9845 or www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au						ble to be offered due to ey will require ID and cess assistance but they	
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