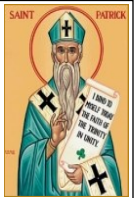


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 16th July 2023 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Entrance: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

'Seek God,

Find God,

Embrace God in Jesus'

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

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am	Wednesday and Friday
9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday
8am	Thursday
9.15am	Wednesday and Friday (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.**

Confirmation 2023 Sunday 17 September

10am @ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)

2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)

Now Open:

Confirmation enrolment 2023

Confirmation Enrolment is now open to any child who has been Baptised, is over the age of 8 and in Year 3, or above. The Enrolment form and schedule are now available on the Parish website and from our Churches.

Parents/guardians please note this essential element to enrolling your child/ren.

The **mandatory** Parent Talk will take place on:

Thursday 27 July 2023 - 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

If you **cannot** or **do not** attend this talk, **without exception**, **you will be required to make an appointment for a one-on-one interview with Father Biju** to discuss non-attendance and seek permission for your child/ren to proceed to making the Sacrament.



SAVE THE DATE ~ MARK YOUR DIARY ~ Calling all Junior Altar Servers

A formation evening has been arranged and will be held at each of our churches soon. Any existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our New Communicants, are asked to register their attendance by emailing the office at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number. **Please reply as soon as possible and by 31 July, 2023 at the latest, thank you.**

THURSDAY August 31 – Berowra Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

FRIDAY September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)



ADVANCED NOTICE

SAVE THE DATE ~ MARK YOUR DIARY ~ Calling all Acolytes / Senior Servers

By now all Acolytes/Senior Servers of the parish should have received an email invitation to attend the first of an annual formation workshop afternoon.

It will be held on Saturday August 19, 2023, from 1pm with a visit to and talk upon the **Shrine of St John Paul II within St Patrick's Church, East Gosford**

This will be followed by a Server refresher workshop in the Jordan Room, and in turn followed by a late lunch/early Dinner at a venue in East Gosford. The day should wrap up by returning to KCCP at approximately, **6pm**. **Your attendance at this formation workshop is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP as soon as possible so a booking can be made for our shared meal.**

Senior's Ministry Pie & Cake Fundraiser ~ What a success !!



Thank you to all parishioners who supported this fundraiser. We raised a little over \$300 which will help offset the costs of our next **"Savvy Seniors Day Out"** which we are in the process of putting together. It is anticipated that our next outing will be a whole day outing to **The Abbey at Jamberoo.**

The money raised with the Pies and Cakes will go towards the hiring of a bus, which is incredibly expensive!

Thank you all for your wonderful and generous support of this new parish initiative.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

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'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.'

Pope's intention for July:

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 17/07

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday 18/07

Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 19/07

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 20/07

Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 21/07

Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 22/07 ~ Feast

St Mary Magdalene

Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cristofano Biviano, Emil Wong,
Cath West, Dolla Patricio

ANNIVERSARIES:

Teresa Melisari, Gary Simpson,
Christin Simpson, Wilford Long,
Pastor Alvarado, Dr. Ken Gray

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Philomena and Rex D'Souza,
Judith Ryan, Chris Enright, Mary
Mathew, Won Lee, Maria Park,
Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth
Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel
Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi
Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns,
Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario,
Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean
Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian
Treacy, Rosemary Pendlebury-
Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip
OSH, Elaine Longmuir

The 250 Club!

Is in recess but we'll be back !
Series 2 for 2023 will begin on
Monday 24 July. Be sure you're
financial or we won't be able to
pay when you become a KCCP



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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

NEXT SUNDAY ~ 23 July ~ is World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday

Pope Francis instituted the Day in 2021 to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne on 26 July.

The Pope has chosen this year's theme "**His mercy is from age to age**" (Lk 1:50), which he recalled, takes us back to the joyful meeting between Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (Lk1:39-56).

The Holy Spirit had descended upon Elizabeth, and had earlier, descended upon Mary, prompting her to respond with the **Magnificat**, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation.

The message from the Holy Father connects to the celebration of World Youth Day in August.

His message encourages us to create bonds between the young and the older.

Perhaps the Pope was thinking something along the lines of this ...

One evening a grandmother was babysitting her two young granddaughters. They were playing around together when all of a sudden it was 8pm, which was the girls' usual bedtime.

"Okay, time for bed," she informed the two children.

"Why?" the youngest asked. "It's so early!"

"Your father insisted your bedtime is 8pm," the grandmother said.

"You don't have to listen to him," the other replied.

"Why not?" the grandmother asked.

The grandchild answered: "Because you're **his** mother!"



World Youth Day Commissioning Mass ~

Last Friday evening our WYD Pilgrims and Leaders gathered for a Blessing Mass with Bishop Anthony at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, before their departure. The first groups commence departure July 21, with the Direct group leaving 29 July. All communities across the Diocese are asked to pray for our pilgrims and leaders, that they have an amazing experience throughout the pilgrimage and a safe return home to Australia.



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 13 July 2023

Many of you will recall Pope Francis announcing the Synod of Bishops in October 2021 and its topic of "synodality". In outlining the theme of this Synod at the time, "**Communion, Participation, Mission**", Pope Francis said a synod involved mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn – hence the more common expression for this current synod is "Synod of Synodality".

Originally the two-year global consultation process was to culminate in the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023, however Pope Francis added a second session for October 2024.

The word synod derives from an ancient Greek term meaning "**coming together**" or "**travelling together**".

Pope Francis is very enthusiastic about the synodal journey because the process is walking and listening together as the People of God on pilgrimage.

This whole process has been divided into stages. There was the initial diocesan listening phase; the continental phase being a time of listening, dialogue and discernment among the Churches of the same geographical region; and the final phase which will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican in October this year and October 2024.

Late last week Pope Francis announced the 10 non-bishop members chosen from the Oceania region for the upcoming October gathering.

One of those selected is our Chancellor here at Broken Bay, Kelly Paget.

It is a great honour for both Kelly and the Diocese.

Bishop Anthony, who was elected president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania earlier this year, and who has also been asked to attend the October gatherings, said he believes our region is one of the most diverse in the world.

"That diversity enriches the Church in Oceania, and it will do so at the Synodal gatherings in Rome.

We are a young Church in comparison to many other parts of the world, but we are a Church of many and varied talents, which will now feature more prominently on the global stage."

Pray for Bishop Anthony and Kelly as they embark on this journey.

IGNITE 2023 ~ the Diocese of Broken Bay, is proud to be hosting the Ignite Sydney Conference 2023, between 28 September – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct.

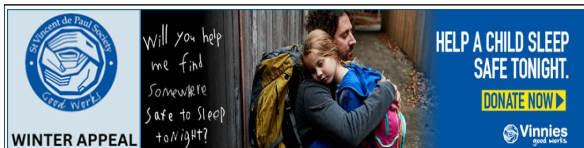
It's time to jump on line to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference.

Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering a 50% discount off the ticketed price!

Evangelisation Broken Bay has a limited number of '**50% off the ticketed price**' subsidies still available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference.

To request a discount code, please email Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au

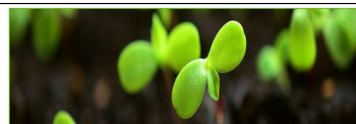
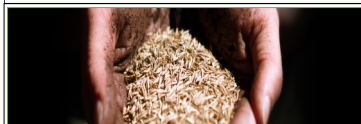




those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal there will be Vinnies members outside the Church after each Mass this weekend to gratefully accept your donation of cash or by way of credit card. A receipt will be issued to anyone who requests one.

We thank the Parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish who have always been generous in the support of Vinnies and we hope that continues."



HOMILY © Richard Leonard

A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?' To which the child replies, 'How should I know? I'm only six.'

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.



Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner ~ Calling all Broken Bay faithful!

Come join us for an amazing evening **Saturday, September 2nd 2023**. Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Tickets are \$60pp, all are welcome! Secure yours now at https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082143?mc_cid=d0ae0b083b&mc_eid=86ca9b7376

Date: Saturday, 2 September ~ **Time:** 6:30pm (after 5pm Mass) ~ **Tickets:** \$60 per person
Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood.

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- * Most receipts will be emailed. (Pls check your Junk mail if it hasn't arrived)
- * If we don't have your email, your receipt will be at the church.
- * If you have an email that we don't know of, please email us at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- * If not in either place, please contact the office on 9456 2450.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Fr Jim McKeon, PP of Epping Carlingford Parish, will celebrate **Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble, Thursday 27 July 2023 at 6pm.**

Mass will be followed by a light meal and short meeting, after which Fr Jim will speak on the topic: "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church" it is not to be missed. Please "come and see". 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.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

has older children in the Choir who generously share a great range of their talents, playing the flute, mentoring the younger ones and taking care of the little ones, singing alto and descant parts, training as young choir directors, sharing their insights into the Gospel, and at least one brilliant accompanist!

Due to unforeseen circumstances
Choir Practice on Fri. 21 July has been CANCELLED

Next Children's Choir Practice: Friday 28 July from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

Children's Choir is open to:

Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish are welcome to join this choir at any time.

Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 22nd/23rd July 2023 - 16th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A - Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	John Messina	David Massa	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Harry Tod Archie Tod	Substitute requested Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Thomas Clarke	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Genevieve Funk	Alena Hartmann	Edwina Subramany	Sue Lum	Mary Stokes	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Zinta Hartmann	Hayley Rodrigues	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Gisela Muschal (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (help always needed & appreciated)			

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*.



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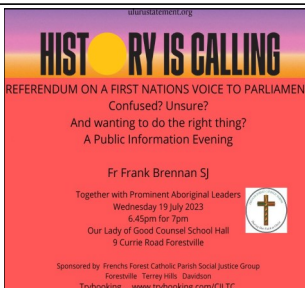
Our friends at Berowra Uniting Church are once again holding their **Lego Competition and Exhibition.**

Join in the fun on **Saturday 2nd September from 9am and 2pm.**

The competition is open to Pre-schoolers all the way up to and including children in Year 6.

The exhibition is open to Year 7 children up to and including 113 year olds!!

Scan the code for more information and competition entry forms.



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And wanting to do the right thing?
A Public Information Evening
Fr Frank Brennan SJ
Together with Prominent Aboriginal Leaders
Wednesday 19 July 2023
6:45pm for 7pm
Our Lady of Good Counsel School Hall
9 Currie Road Forestville
Sponsored by Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group
Forestville Temp Halls, Goodwood
Trybooking - www.trybooking.com/CJLTC

Voice to Parliament Information Events

History is Calling
Fr Frank Brennan SJ, together with prominent Aboriginal leaders, will present a Public Information Evening at Frenchs Forest Parish. All welcome.

Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 19 July, 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start;

Venue: Our Lady of Good Counsel School Hall, 9 Currie Road Forestville
Registration: www.trybooking.com/CJLTC

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