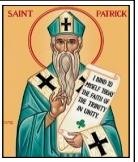


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 16th May 2021 ~ **The Ascension of the Lord** ~ Year B

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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'*



HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally?

If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists, with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article.

That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ.

Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. **'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'** **'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.'** He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. **'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'**

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son. The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, **'\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?'**

The investors called out, **'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?'** Just then a man spoke up from the back. **'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.'** It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. **'Sold for ten dollars!'** An investor called back, **'Can we now get on with it?'**

But the auctioneer continued, **'The auction is over. According to the Will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'**

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

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Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH

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

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.

WEEKEND MASSES

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| 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

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| St Bernard's | 8am | Mon, Tues and Thurs. |
| | 9am | Wednesday and Friday |
| St Patrick's | 8am | Wednesday and Friday |
| | 9am | Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat. |

RECONCILIATION

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| Every Saturday | 9.30 am at St Patrick's |
| Every Friday | After 9am Mass at 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

7th Week of Easter Year B

Monday 17/05

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 18/05

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday 19/05

Acts 20:28-28; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday 20/05

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 21/05

Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 22/05

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ilureza Wong, Iggy Castillon, Josephine Sugirtham, Terry Treacy, Patrick Newman, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Elaine Perez

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father), Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann, Peter O'Halloran, Moya Dawson, Krysia & Dyziv Maciejewscy, Mary Ann Weir

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:

Jola & Stach Uchman, Angela Smith, Patrick O'Donoghue, David Chee, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Elaine Longmuir, 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, Nemias Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter

The 250 Club!

Week 13 – 10/05/2021
Winning number: 139
Winner: *Unfinancial*
Amount: \$25.00



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May: The World of Finance

~ Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its danger.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches.

All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.



Diocesan Mass Count 2021 - Continues this weekend and next. As 2021 is a census year, the Mass Count will form part of the **National Count of Attendance**. This week we need to record numbers and genders and next week it will be numbers, genders and ages. Your patience and assistance during this 'National Count of Attendance' year is greatly appreciated.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND - FINAL APPEAL FOR THE 2020-2021



Last Chance to claim your **100% Tax Deductible Donation FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

To date we have collected **\$8,953 - around \$5,000 short of our quota.**

Please give generously to show your support of these five important Diocesan funded charities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme ◇ Confraternity of Christian Doctrine ◇ St Lucy's School ◇ St Edmund's College ◇ Ephpheta Centre | <p>Many young people and families in our community receive help from these charities. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.</p> |
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Donate to CWF by:

- CWF envelope in your pew
- Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give
- Scan the QR code
- Online via our [website](#) by going to the Online payment option (BPoint) and select the dropdown marked '1362904 - CWF Diocese of Broken Bay'
- Or call the office to make a credit card payment over the phone



All donations contribute to our parish target ~

Please be sure to correctly nominate our parish so your contribution comes off our quota
Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.

Who Knew !? By giving to the CWF through Payroll Giving you can double your contribution to our parish! [\$10 becomes \$20; \$50 becomes \$100 etc]

Easy, pre-tax giving to your favourite causes. It's a simple & effective way to donate and donors instantly receive their tax-deduction. Details of such matching schemes will be available from your employer. Don't delay, check with them today and ask if they participate! **Setting up Payroll Giving is easy.** Contact your employer's HR or Payroll team to set it up for you. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate the Payroll giving scheme. Questions? Contact David Armstrong on 8379 1664 David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au.

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!

Catechists are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to inspire, to grow and learn. We need more Catechists to teach in our public schools. All training and class materials are provided.



SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH US!!

BECOME A CATECHIST JOIN NOW...



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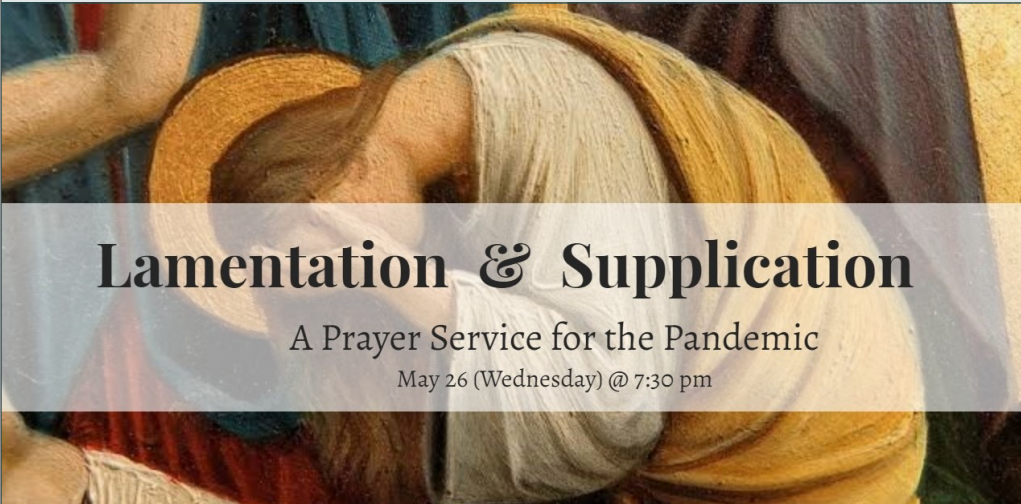


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Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

CATECHIST NEWS...

- + *Be part of the Parish Ministry by joining us, Catechists.*
- + *We need you and so do our Catholic children in the Public Schools.*
- + *Catechists are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts.*
- + *They offer the gift of their time to teach, to inspire, to grow and learn.*
- + *We need more Catechists to teach in one of our seven Public Schools within our Parish.*
- + *Please don't be shy, step up and join us now, please!*
- + *Pentecost Sunday is the start of our recruitment programme and we pray that you will hear our plea and join us.*
- + *For further information please contact our Catechist Coordinator Cynthia Gilbertson on 04074 650 208 or cinders51047@hotmail.com*

Special service ~ Chatswood Parish will be holding a prayer service for the Pandemic, "Lamentation & Supplication" on Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm.



Lamentation & Supplication

A Prayer Service for the Pandemic

May 26 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 pm

Please bring photo of relative or friend who died of Covid-19

Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer St Chatswood (02)-9410-9000

(We also take this opportunity to also let you know that Chatswood Parish is now celebrating a monthly Spanish Mass on the third Sunday of the month at 12pm ~ in other words ...

Eucaristías en Español Cada 3er Domingo del mes 12pm)



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

In October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather in Adelaide for the 1st Plenary Council to be held since the Second Vatican Council in 1964. In 2018 the entire Catholic community in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and listening to one another's stories of Faith.

Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Retracing our steps -- Phase II: Listening and Discernment

All the responses from the Listening and Dialogue phase were gathered together and analysed by the National Centre for Pastoral Research in an extensive process.

They were grouped into six themes, published and distributed widely in parishes.

God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

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| † Missionary and Evangelising | † Humble, Healing and Merciful |
| † Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal | † A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community |
| † Prayerful and Eucharistic | † Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform |

More online: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/responses-to-discernment-1.pdf>

Details online: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/about-the-themes/>

Please pray for the Plenary Council

Mary ever Faithful

"Then a great and mysterious sight appeared in the sky.

There was a woman, whose dress was the sun and who had the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head...

She gave birth to a son, who will rule over all nations with an iron rod.

But the child was snatched away and taken to God and his throne."

Revelation to John 12: 1, 5



Mary was always faithful to God's will. She was faithful at the stable in Bethlehem, she was faithful on the flight to Egypt, and she was faithful at the foot of the cross. We should follow her example and be faithful to God's will in our lives.

Mary was the Mother of Jesus. May we also bring Jesus into the world for others.

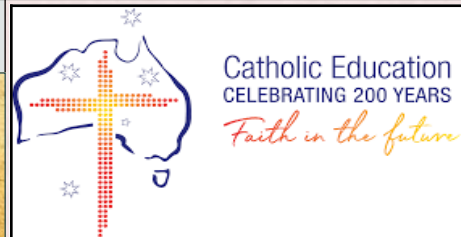
Mary lived a life pleasing to God. May we do God's will in all things.

Mary gave the glory to God through her life. May we give praise to God in all we do.

Mary was a holy person. May we strive to live as God created us.

Mary was a person of courage. May we do what we know is right.

Mary, Mother of God pray for us



Dear Parishioners,
You are warmly invited to join our school students at

St Bernard's Church

or

St Patrick's Church

on Monday 24th May at 10:30am

for the

National Mass to celebrate **200 Years** of **Catholic Education** in **Australia.**

Mass at each location will be attended by Years 3-6 and we would love to have some of our very valued parishioners present as well. Unfortunately, spaces are limited so

please RSVP to the respective school office

if you would like to attend:

For St Bernard's Church

sbb@dbb.org.au or

For St Patrick's Church

spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au

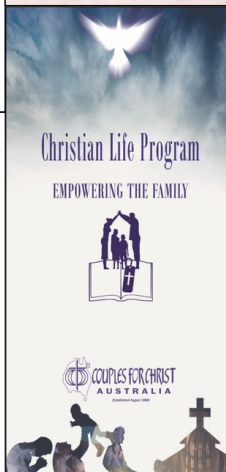
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Religious Education Coordinators



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catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 22nd/23rd May – Pentecost Sunday- Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

| | St Bernard's Church | | St Patrick's Church | | | |
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| | 5.00pm | 9.00am | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 10.00am | 6.00pm |
| Acolyte / Snr Server | Matthew Waite | Sub requested | Mani Subramany | Sue Lum | Malcolm Cross | Darrin Patterson |
| Reader (1) | Francesca Parrino | Zinta Hartmann | Paul Worthington | Russell Schreiber | Sue Newnham | Kerri O'Neill |
| Reader (2) | Sophia Smith | Barbara McMullen | Penny Loughland | Vivienne Schreiber | Chris Newnham | Paul O'Neill |
| Usher / s | Jerome Gomez | Moauli Griffiths | Chris Smith | Cynthia Gilbertson | Susie Gates | Sub requested |
| Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning | Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Gwen Wood (s) | | Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray | | | |
| Maintenance | Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated | | May: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help always appreciated | | | |
| Communion to Sick | Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital | Michelle Chahine | Regis (KRG Gardens) | Michelle Chahine | Christophorus House | Sue Lum |

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*.



Joseph House ~ Are you a young man seeking to hear God's voice and discover His plan for your life? Do you know any young men who might benefit from living in Joseph House? The responsibility of nurturing strong vocations lies with each and every one of us.

Bishop Anthony looks to all members of the community of the Church of Broken Bay to be the ambassadors of Joseph House, to inspire young men you may know to consider seriously reflecting on God's call for their life.

He looks to each one of us to be partners in the mission of the Church to build a vocational culture, so that our young people might discover the divine purpose of their lives.



INVITATION TO A SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING 20th May 2021 ~ Father Paul Durkin, Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga and Diocesan Vocations Director will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 20th May 2021**.

The evening commences with Mass at **6pm** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Paul will be our guest speaker providing an overview of the highly successful activities being undertaken by the Vocations Office which has resulted in 11 young men in training for the Priesthood with many others completing the discernment process. If you would like to know more about vocations activities in our Diocese and making a difference in encouraging new and supporting existing vocations please "come and see". Bishop David Walker was once quoted as saying that "we all share the responsibility to provide ordained ministers for our community". Supporting the Diocesan efforts by being a Serra member can assist us all to fulfil our personal responsibilities. *Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, for those completing the discernment process and for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com by the **17th May 2021** if you would like to attend. **We look forward to seeing you.**

MOST IMPORTANT
and **No. 1 Rule** follow
ALL DIRECTIONS
of the **USHER/s**
& **Warden/s**

Church Capacities:
202 ~ St Patrick's,
122 ~ St Bernard's
If unwell ~ **DO NOT**
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