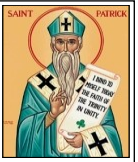


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 18th April 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

- Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia!
- Responsorial Psalm:** **Lord, let your face shine on us.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, 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'

Ghosts, meals and humanity © Fr Michael Tate

I once saw a Woody Allen film, I think called 'The Purple Rose of Cairo'. One of the characters sitting in a cinema gets up and walks through the screen into the world being portrayed. We go along with the story even though we know that the images of people on the screen actually have no depth, no real human dimension, no reality.

A ghost is something like that (if they exist). It is a sort of projection of a human image onto the screen of the world, but there is no reality, no human depth to the image. It lacks vitality and, in fact, seems to drain warmth and life from those who encounter it – like the Dementors in the Harry Potter stories.

At first, the disciples thought that when Jesus appeared amongst them, they were seeing a ghost. No wonder they were in a state of 'alarm and fright', 'dumbfounded'.

But Jesus was not a ghost. He was the real thing – the real human thing. How did they eventually recognise this? Don't forget, he had spent three years with these followers imaging God's way of living under the conditions of time and space, in our terrestrial zone with a human nature.

He had certain characteristic ways of acting, such as compassion leading to healing and forgiveness. But a constant feature also was the sharing of meals, sharing God's friendship whilst eating and drinking. And that is the way in which the disciples knew Jesus was not a ghost. Earlier he had talked for hours with disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they didn't recognise him until 'the breaking of the bread'. In *this* gospel story, it is in the sharing of fish on the shore of the lake.

But still, it must have been an utterly weird experience. It was during the transition period immediately after the Resurrection. Jesus' body was not shackled by constraints of time and space. He could be visibly present anywhere, any time.

Now the risen Lord's bodily presence is, *in that sense*, withdrawn from us. But this dis-appearance is not an absence. Where do we encounter His real Presence in our circumstances?

In the sharing of a meal. The Mass has many dimensions, but the sacred meal is obvious. When we share in the sacramental signs of Our Lord's presence under the appearance of bread and wine, we become 'companions' (which means 'bread sharers') of the One who shares His life with us.

And because *His* life is fully human we become less ghost-like.

All those parts of our personality or character which give the illusion of being alive, but which, Dementor-like draw goodness and human vitality from the world, are nourished by His humanity.

Sharing the spiritual drink and heavenly bread – the real presence of the Risen Lord – transforms our ghostliness and we emerge with our humanity enhanced, as intended by the creator.

Let us thank God for being chosen to be successors of those bewildered disciples: not followers of a ghostly projection, whether of our psyche or some evil spirit, but followers of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ truly known in the 'breaking of the bread' as we are made companions of the Divine Companion in this Mass.



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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

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 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

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

3rd Week of Easter –Year B

Monday 19/04

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 20/04

Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 21/04

Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 22/04

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 23/04

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 24/04

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dorothy O'Sullivan,
Elaine Perez,
Joaquim Victor D'Souza,
Marie Napoli, Jose Morales

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Ann Weir, Karen Fitzgerald,
Bronia & Wladek Pieprzyk,
Winifred & William Colman

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

The 250 Club!

Week 9 – 12/04/2021
Winning number: 554
Winner: *Unsubscribed*
Amount: \$25.00



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights

~ We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Tap n Go donation points Available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.



Between Monday 19 April 2021 & Friday 23 April 2021
all Monday to Friday morning Masses
will be celebrated at
9am at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.

PLEASE NOTE

9am Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated as usual at St Patrick's, Asquith.



Post-resurrection accounts

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark - historically, the first written - gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.



When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in.

The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' - he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!



St Patrick's Church Asquith Restoration Work ~

The work on St Patrick's is around the half way mark and we will soon see the shine of the marine grade varnish on surfaces. All weekday masses will continue to be celebrated this week at St Bernard's at 9am (see above) only. Contributions are still coming in to meet the cost of this necessary restoration. Any size of contribution, will help maintain your church for years to come and will be appreciated by the many parishioners who worship at St Patrick's.

Things you might like to contribute towards on ... Our "TO DO LIST"

- ◆ Restoration of St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$42,000 **currently \$11,600 has been contributed**
- ◆ New telephones in the office **outstanding amount required \$3,691.16.**

[We are purchasing phones outright and changing suppliers to avoid the exorbitant leasing fee's under the current contract]

Ways to contribute ... To contribute your options are:

- You may place an envelope on the plate marked "TO DO LIST" or "WISH LIST"
- You may use BPoint via our website - select the drop down option 'Others (Including 1st Collection)' and use "TO DO LIST" or "WISH LIST" in 'Purpose of Payment' or nominate specifically the area in which you wish your contribution to be used.
- You may call the office to make payment over the phone with a credit card.
- For the restoration of St Patrick's Church specifically, you may place your contribution directly into the collection box at back of SPA Church.

Thank you for contributing whatever you can afford, to help maintain your parish assets.



Parish Children's Choir - Expressions of Interest

Great news! After more than a year in recess, Children's Choir will be making a new start in the next few weeks, with some changes due to COVID safety measures. Numbers will be restricted and check-in will be essential. If your child is interested in being part of the new Children's Choir, please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and provide:

1. Child's name	2. School year	3. Parent's name	4. Email address	5. If you can help
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Children's Choir practises every week during school terms,

on Fridays at 4-5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Parent/carer volunteers are essential to assist with supervision, so please indicate your availability when you contact the Office by email to: parishkccp@bbatholic.org.au



Yes ... we know ... Eastertide is still in full swing and here we are advertising for *Christmas!* but this annual event is too good to miss and so we ask that you *Save the Date for Carols under the Star 2021* by marking your calendars now for the

17th of December 2021 at Warrina Street Oval, Berowra
Pre show starts at 5.30pm followed of course by the **Carols!!**
Carols under the Star 2021 will be back, live at 'The Oval', unless Corona decides to make an appearance in December. More exciting details will follow in the coming months,
so watch this space ...

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At Mass in our Cathedral on Easter Sunday I reminded the assembled faithful that the Season of Easter takes us all the way to Pentecost. It is a celebration that continues for 50 days. Unfortunately, there are no Easter eggs on sale in any of the shops that I have been to so unless one has been disciplined at the beginning of Easter, I fear that there will be very few sweet reminders by the time the 50 days are over.

The commercialisation of Easter and Christmas is one of those somewhat disappointing dimensions of our religious celebrations. And yet, we do not have to stop the commemoration of our faith simply because shops cease to carry our sweet reminders.

Easter is a time of recollection of our baptism. It is a time of welcome for those who have been initiated into the Body of Christ at the Vigil, and it is a time of preparation for many young people as they ready themselves for the sacrament of Confirmation. I hope that this season is a time for each of us to contemplate more deeply our baptismal call to holiness which might then lead us to ask, where and how is God calling me to live that holiness.

Asking these questions and spending time in prayer is the foundation to a culture of vocation within our community of the Church. God is calling some to married life, some to single life, some to consecrated religious life, and others to ordained life as deacons or priests. All of these begin with the universal call to holiness. The mystery of Easter plunges us into that life, in the same way that we were plunged into the waters of baptism. Might I encourage you to think and pray about this during the Easter season as individuals and as families and communities of faith. God has a purpose for each of us. Now is the time to enter a dialogue of prayer and life with God.

I have been delighted to hear from many of the priests and communities around the Diocese that people have been returning with great enthusiasm to our churches for Mass and the sacraments. The liturgies of the Triduum at the Cathedral where I celebrated Easter were extremely well attended. People have been reconnecting with each other after having been separated on and off for over a year. It has been a time of grace and life for our Catholic community. It has been encouraging to see so many people, maintaining COVID safety while opening pathways to reconnect and re-engage in our mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am aware that some members of the community are still fearful of mixing in a crowd or gathering in the church building. I understand that might weigh heavily on some. This will be a time for us to assist our brothers and sisters in faith so that they are not unnecessarily burdened. While many are returning to Mass and community engagement, there will still be people who are isolated and alone. As our awareness of people's circumstances was heightened at the beginning of the pandemic, so it needs to be now as we probe the "new normal". As a community we have many opportunities to reach out to fellow pilgrims in faith. We also have shown that our mission to be the compassionate heart of Christ can make a difference in the lives of others. As we take up the new challenges in the community and in society, may we be filled with the Spirit of the Risen Lord. May our words and actions bring the love and the joy and the peace of Christ to all whom we meet.

Blessings of Easter joy to you and your families, + *Anthony*

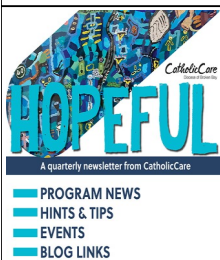


In Pope Francis' message for the commencement of the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, the Pope indicated the main intention of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* is "to communicate, in a profoundly changed time and culture, that today there is the need for a new outlook on the family on the part of the Church".

The Pope suggested "it is not enough to reiterate the value and importance of doctrine, if we do not become protectors of the beauty of the family and if we do not take compassionate care of its frailties and its wounds."

Amoris Laetitia Family ~ The Year Amoris Laetitia Family has begun! As part of journeying together as a Church, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has released the first of a series of 10 videos reflecting on various aspects of family life. The video is accompanied by a print resource to be used as an aid to small group or family discussion. To access the video and print resources go to: http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/it/tags.Amoris_Laetitia.html

Oceania Webinar - Parishes and Schools: One Community in Christ
Join with others at this online gathering, where we will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ.
Date: Tuesday 20 April 2021, 11:00am - 12:15pm
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20>



CatholicCare Broken Bay ~ New eNewsletter launched
CatholicCare are the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

CatholicCare assist children, young people and adults to live more enriched lives and have been doing so since 1987.

They recently launched Hopeful – their quarterly eNewsletter where you'll find all the latest news about their programs, helpful hints and tips, events and lots of interesting articles.

You can subscribe here <http://eepurl.com/hrqGj>.

For more information about CatholicCare please visit <http://www.catholiccareddb.org.au>

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Heil, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
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SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father William Stevens, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish The Entrance will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 22nd April 2021**.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father William will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

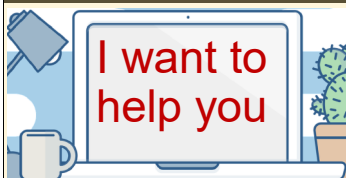
Please remember to pray *every day* for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

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

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 24th/25th April – 4th Sunday of Easter- Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

	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	Barbara McMullen	Sub requested	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Paul Maher	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Jeanette Neary	Edwina Subramany	Sub requested	Jo Quinlan	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favalaro	Freda Alaalatoa	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Gisela Muschal (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		April: Binoy Ponnachan, Ronnie Tan - additional help always appreciated			



Do you need help using the automated rostering programme [MPS] to request a Substitute or to Accept a Sub-Request?
Then all you need to do is give the office a call for some over the phone training and I can even send you a video with step by step instructions.
I'm more than happy to help because it means less work for me! lol TWITO 😊

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*.

As we have so few Church Weddings these days, we thought it might be nice to highlight and send our



**Congratulations to
 Mr Peter & Mrs Mervat Napoli
 (nee) Sleiman**

who were married last Saturday
 10th April 2021

in
 St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

*May the Good Lord
 bless your marriage abundantly.*

*"May your marriage always bring glory to God,
 joy to one another and blessings to your family
 for many generations to come.*

*May love and laughter fill your hearts
 and your home all the days of your lives.*

*May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and
 side-by-side knowing that with God's grace,
 you'll conquer all obstacles together.*

*May the world be forever a better place
 because the two of you fell in love.*

In Jesus' name, Amen." (Dave Willis)



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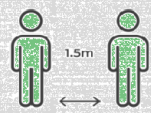


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 and No. 1 Rule follow
 ALL DIRECTIONS
 of the USHER/s & Warden/s**



Sanitise your hands

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