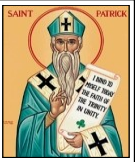


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~18th July 2021 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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'*



Dividing Walls of Enmity © Fr Michael Tate

It has sometimes been claimed that, from space, astronauts can see the Great Wall of China – stretching for thousands of miles and constructed so as to keep the enemies of the Chinese kingdom 'outside'.

We humans love constructing barriers, sometimes to keep others out, sometimes to keep others in – the 'otherness' usually based on race or ethnic or religious identity. In any case, it is to make clear who is 'not one of us', who is to be regarded as 'the other'.

The Jewish people did that at the Temple in Jerusalem.

There was a stone barrier separating the inner area which only Jewish people could enter, and an outer area where 'gentiles' i.e. people from other religious backgrounds i.e. non-Jews – could gather.

In the late 19th century a slab was found bearing the inscription that any non Jew crossing the stone barrier would do so under the pain of death.

It is that barrier which St Paul refers to in the second reading: 'The dividing wall of enmity'. And what St Paul is celebrating is the fact that the 'dividing wall of enmity' between Jew and non-Jew has been torn down.

It is torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created without discrimination, without segregation, a new People of God.

This new People of God is supposed to be found in the Catholic Church. But what did the Catholic Church often do when it was in a position of political power, or able to influence its exercise?

It collaborated in putting the Jews behind a 'dividing wall of enmity' i.e. created ghettos which disfigured many European cities. These were areas in the cities barricaded off and to which Jewish people were forced to retreat (except, of course, when facilitating commerce for the Christian majority à la 'The Merchant of Venice').

But we can be very proud that it was an Australian, Cardinal Cassidy, who led the difficult early stages of dialogue between the Catholic Church and adherents of the Jewish religion throughout the world. He was given this task by the Pope who adopted St Paul's name as part of his own: Pope John Paul II.

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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

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

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 19/07

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 20/07

Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday 21/07

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 22/07 ~ Feast

St Mary Magdalene

Song 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17;

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday 23/07

Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 24/07

Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

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



COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay to remain closed

For the duration of this Covid Lockdown

Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from our Parish as follows:

Saturday Vigil—6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith

Sunday—9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am.

Extracts from the latest communication from Bishop Anthony Randazzo dated 9 July 2021:
(some slight adjustments have been made to the wording for ease of comprehension)

- + "With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all our 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."
- + **From Monday 12 July, it is mandatory for all offices in NSW to check-in all visitors and staff using a QR code.** ... , our parish offices must have a QR code. (NB: this is already in use at our office)
- + ... it is important to stress (to parishioners) the importance of adhering to the conditions and the spirit of the Stay at Home order.
- + We should ... encourage people to reduce their movements within the community, (including ...) parishioners, volunteers and staff.
- + I continue to hold you all in my prayer, asking that the Lord may keep us all safe during this troubling and unsettling time. + Anthony

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Matthew Hughes, John Wright

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson,
Christin Simpson, Marta Granecka,
Maree Hayden, Uwe Haag, Leo Vila

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:

Peter Todd, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Angela Smith, Patrick O'Donoghue, David Chee, Roger Okell, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick Dorahy, 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, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT

- new vision, new energy, new life -

Attending a virtual conference means spending a cold, rainy weekend watching outstanding, exciting videos and live-streamed events, and becoming inspired to look at how we can all benefit as a parish from becoming more alive and open to the Holy Spirit.

Here's what some of our participants had to say.

- Sue:** Inspiring and challenging – the workshops confirmed a lot of what she had been thinking already.
- Sarah:** Loved the keynotes – felt her waning enthusiasm for the Plenary council re-ignited - was encouraged by the openness she found to all types of ways of expressing our faith.
- Moauli:** Thoroughly enjoyed the workshops - got lots of new ideas and feels enthusiastic again about making changes for the better in our parish - felt it was down-to-earth and connected to her practical side.
- Brian:** Thought keynotes were marvellous - found the conference a great source of inspiring encouragement.
- Jeanette:** Approached the conference with a sense of trepidation but made a decision to get involved and had a really good feeling - all three keynotes fantastic, all of them having something to inspire her.
- Natasha:** Asked the question, what's the difference between us and people who aren't Catholic? Do we practise our faith in a visible way, and really be alive with our faith? - Found that many of the workshops were practical and were a good starting point for what she is looking for.

We are planning further meetings to ask how we can take what we have learned to our wider parish.

Watch this space!



The 250 Club!

Series Two (2) 2021

Begins: 19 July 2021

Ends: 29 November 2021

If you are not financial, now is the time to get up to date, so you don't miss out on the chance to win \$500.00.

Remember, if you aren't financial we cannot pay out if your number comes up.

Number blocks are still available. Please contact the office for more details on 9456 2450 .

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July: Social friendship

~ We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



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

Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.

[continued from front page] The Pope's mission in this regard was best symbolised during his pilgrimage to the site of the old Temple in Jerusalem in March 2000. You have all seen pictures of the so-called 'Wailing Wall' at which Jewish people pray. It is actually the last remaining great foundation stones of the Temple.

In a little cleft or gap between the stones the Pope pushed a piece of paper on which was written his prayer expressing sorrow for centuries of Christian maltreatment of those whom he called 'the children of Abraham'. I am quite sure that Cardinal Cassidy's hand could be found in the drafting of that prayer.

It is regarded as the greatest gesture of reconciliation between Catholics and Jews and an Australian cardinal helped to facilitate it!

It is true that we are distinctive and have our own identity. Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest awhile.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment of refreshment or re-creation, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the walls of hostility between peoples – the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We, like Pope John Paul II, are to press our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves.

When, and only if, we do so, will we be truly disciples of Jesus Christ, truly of the new humanity He envisaged, truly Catholic.

Amended Workshops to be held via ZOOM for St Patrick's folk and for St Bernard's folk:

SPA	SBB	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:
3.15pm	5.30pm	Thursday 29/7	Thursday 5/8	Thursday 12/8	Thursday 19/8
4pm	4pm	Saturday 31/7	Saturday 7/8	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
5pm (2 x groups)	n/a	Saturday 31/7	Saturday 7/8	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
9am	n/a	Sunday 1/8	Sunday 8/8	Sunday 15/8	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

Revised Confirmation 2021 Programme Schedule ~

My thanks to all parents/carers who attended last Wednesday evenings Parent Information Talk over ZOOM. It was an outstanding success with more than 70 households attending. My thanks is also extended to Dn Peter McCulloch who gave the talk which was both well received and appreciated by all.

NB: The programme to the left is subject to change on short notice should we again be allowed to have face-to-face sessions.

Do you have a place in your heart & home for a child in need?

DBB CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign ~ We are looking for foster carers on the Central Coast, Northern Beaches, Greater North Shore & Northern Sydney areas.

Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.

Today we are asking if there any families in our Parish that may be able to take a child into their loving and supportive homes? **Not sure if you could help out?**

Why not get more information before making that final decision which could change a child's life forever by going to: <https://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/foster-care/>, plus you can view a video featuring a foster family and our Bishop to get a visual idea of this life changing call - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui_n1wZ_0dk

Still not quite sure? Contact Melinda Rixon at CatholicCare melinda.rixon@catholiccareddb.org.au



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.'

Mark 6:30-34

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait. We do not try to hurry things up. We let them follow their natural course - like the seasons. We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. His time is the right time. We wait for him to make his Word clear to us. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Rose Foundation, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri.>)

Reflection Question

What can we do to express respectful and cooperative attitudes with others in Australian society, focusing on opportunities to give witness to God's grace at work in the world? In our parish?

Instrumentum Laboris

The journey of holiness into ever fuller communion of life with God and others is impossible without growth in the practices of the spiritual life, of attentive awareness, inner stillness, active listening, reflective reading and discerning action. The 'prayer of the heart' enables the life of the beatitudes to grow interiorly and to shape our relationships with others. Many non-Aboriginal Catholics have been enriched spiritually by learning about the Indigenous understanding of *dadirri*: See CCC n. 2558-2565.

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

TAX RECEIPTS
for the 2020 / 2021 financial year

KEEP CALM IT'S JUST END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

- + Parishioners with a known email address should have received their Tax receipts by now. Please check your inbox and your junk box.
- + Those for whom we do not have email addresses should have received their Tax receipt via Australia Post.

At KCCP we take Safeguarding Seriously and

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



Many communities engage volunteers to achieve their mission, and the Parish is no exception.

Might you as a volunteer know how to identify and respond appropriately to behaviour that poses a risk or is harmful to children, including behaviour of colleagues or other children and young people?

Learning Hub

How do I know if a child or young person is being abused or neglected? Read this factsheet - https://musercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/150aaa0b-5ef0-053c-5198-e563752a5df6/signs_abuse_1_.pdf

published by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice to learn more.



A Mystery you might like to read about during lockdown.

Inside the Loreto Chapel, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA there is a beautiful staircase which has become known as 'The Miraculous Stairway'. The construction of the staircase itself is unique. For example, the staircase is not made out of wood sourced locally and native to Santa Fe. Additionally, the staircase has a double-helix shape with two 360 degree turns. Even more curious, the staircase has no visible supports. Carpenters today share how this would be a challenge:

"It's a magnificent work of art that humbles me as a master carpenter. To create a staircase like this using modern tools would be a feat. It's mind-boggling to think about constructing such a marvel with crude hand tools, no electricity and minimal resources" — Tim Carter via the Washington Post

There is no newel or center pole to support the structure, so the entire weight is on the bottom step. The staircase is said to be held together with wood pegs, not nails. Furthermore, there are 33 steps in the staircase. This number matches the age of Jesus when he was crucified. These symbolic and astounding elements of the staircase made the structure famous. (Reference: <https://historyofyesterday.com/the-legend-behind-the-miraculous-staircase-70b8b1e58c91>).

To read more about this miraculous staircase, go to: <https://www.lorettochapel.com/info/our-story> and also (on the same website) go to: <https://www.lorettochapel.com/info/staircase>

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr	Until restrictions lift: Rostering for essential ministries during the live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately - if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office. <i>Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.</i>					
Reader (1)						
Reader (2)						
Usher / s						
Sacristy Care/ Church						
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		July: Grace Milen, Milen Kurishingal, Patrick Dias - additional help always appreciated			
Communion to	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Unable to visit at the present time	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Unable to visit at the present time	Christophorus House	Unable to visit at the present time

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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The Memory Innovations Centre runs a really great programme to keep seniors connected and active. With COVID lockdown we are mindful that many people may be isolated.

The programme is running online and so we thought it may be good for some of you, our parishioners, especially if you can't see your family at the moment.



Information Seminar

Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers Of Attorney

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the free seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney for the Catholic community of Broken Bay is postponed and rescheduled.

The new date is 25 September 2021, pending restrictions on gatherings at that time. Previous bookings for Saturday 17 July 2021 remain valid and will be transferred to the new date.

For more information and details go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNGJ> or contact David Armstrong at david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au should you have any questions.




Presenter:
Cecilia Castle,
Solicitor, Castle Lawyers



Cecilia Castle, principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is regular speaker and writer on legal topics, a resident of Hornsby Shire and parishioner in our Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

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