

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 18th June 2023 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

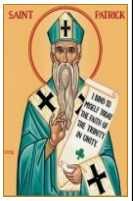
Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 09:36-10:8

Entrance: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all days of my life.



'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

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

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.



First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) Not long to go now!

Our budding Communicants will practice this weekend for the big day next Sunday, when they will receive Jesus Christ for the first time in Holy Communion (First Eucharist) will form part of our usual Parish Masses on

Sunday 25 June 2023 during 9am at Mass St Bernard's and 10am Mass at St Patrick's.

Just a gentle reminder to those who normally come to 10am Mass at Asquith ...,

Next Sunday, parking will most likely prove difficult with extended families of our Communicants attending.

You might wish to make plans to attend another Mass next Sunday. The choice is yours.



Diocese of Broken Bay Clergy Conference 2023

was held from Monday 12 to Friday 16 June, at Mercure Kooindah Waters on the Central Coast.

It was a great opportunity to gather together for prayer,

formation and fraternity. It was also a time to reflect upon our pastoral commitment and collegiality. All clergy of the diocese collaborate with the Bishop in the mission of the Church — the building up of the Church. On Wednesday last, we went to St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy where we celebrated the Mass and then had dinner at Mary Mac's, which is a marvellous ministry providing food, the chance to wash clothes, to have a shower for the homeless. This is the mission of the church, the building up of the church in true action.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity ... Psalm 133:1

Guts in a Knot

© Fr Michael Tate

After the Creed, we will have the Prayers of the Faithful.

Bit of a routine really. Could you actually recall any of them at the end of Mass? Perhaps when we offer prayers for those who have died, and the name of someone we loved dearly is mentioned, it will hit us in the pit of the stomach... we will certainly remember that.

In today's gospel we have heard when Jesus saw the crowds **'He felt sorry for them'**

because they were harassed and dejected. This is a very poor translation. The Greek original actually says **'his guts were in a knot'**. When Jesus saw desperate need, whether it be sickness or destitution or cruelty or lack of good leadership (**'sheep without a shepherd'**) he found it stomach churning stuff. He had to plunge in and do something about it.

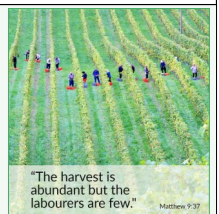
He commissioned his followers to do the same. He summoned them to be labourers for the harvest.

This was not a call for more priests to celebrate Mass but for people to share his passion, his compassion, to relieve those in great distress.

When our St Vincent de Paul people tell me of a visit to a flat where a young woman is sleeping on the floor in a sleeping bag, I know they pray about that young woman's situation because their stomachs are in a knot.

When I visit an old lady in a nursing home who is quite alone, isolated, neglected, ignored by her own family, my stomach is in a knot and I pray for her.

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"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few." Matthew 9:37

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 June: For the abolition of torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 19/06
 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday 20/06
 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday 21/06 ~ Memorial
 St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday 22/06 ~ Memorial
 Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs
 2 Cor 11:1-11 ; Mt 6:7-15
Friday 23/06
 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday 24/06 ~ Solemnity
 The Nativity of St John the Baptist
 Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Those who died in the Hunter Valley Bus accident; Blanche Pinto, Milagros Manongdo, Aurora Santos

ANNIVERSARIES:

Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley, Mary Ann Weir, Michael Weir, Thomas Pinto, Violet Shaw, George Shaw, Richard Birch, Harold D'Souza

OTHER:

The family & friends and greater community who are mourning the passing of loved ones in the Hunter Valley Bus accident.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Dolla Patricio, Won Lee, Fiona Loughland, Cyril Thomas (Fr Joy's brother), Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir.

The 250 Club! Week 17 ~ 12/06/2023; Amt: \$25 Winning #: 684 Winner: *Jennifer Scaysbrook*



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Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

Last week was a wonderfully busy week in the life of our parish...

Hail Mary full of Grace ~ St Bernard found the perfect place!

Last Sunday following the 9am Mass, the newly installed grotto housing Our Blessed Mother was blessed by Fr Biju. It was a very prayerful, and somewhat emotional moment for many who attended.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray for us



Holy Mary, pray for us



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

Enjoyed their annual blessing and presentation of certificates last Sunday which was followed by a wonderful morning tea. These thirty young people between them have contributed over 99 years of service to our parish community!

Congratulations to them, and many, many thanks to their parents and carers, without whose patience, encouragement and support the Choir could not exist. Our thanks also go to our Choir Coordinator, Patricia Smith.

Children's Choir practices: Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's Church.

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

Children's Choir is open to: Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish is welcome to join this choir at any time. **If interested in joining:** Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

It was a great time cruising down the beautiful Hawkesbury River on the Riverboat Postman last Friday!

25 Parishioners enjoyed a Seniors Outing of fun and laughs, enjoying good food, amazing views and wonderful conversations with old and new friends.



Thanks to all those who participated, it's memories like these that bring us closer together! We thank all who came along on the day, and special thanks to Michelle Chahine for making all the arrangements. We will be holding another day out in September to The Abbey, Jamberoo. Stay tuned for more info! **Will you be joining our next adventure ????**





WANTED: MEN WOMEN AND UNI STUDENTS

REQUIREMENTS:

1. An hour of your time on a Wednesday or Thursday
2. Willingness to spread your faith to the children in our public Schools

Are you now working from home?

Could you take a lunch break and spread the "GOOD NEWS" as Jesus asked the disciples to do?

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Cynthia Gilbertson - Parish Office 9456 2450



Taking the Gospel to the World



Bernie's Ladies
are meeting
this Sunday
at the

Wise Monkey Café
Berowra
at 10.30am

The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed, so please join them if you can.



Planned Giving Envelopes - 2023/2024 Financial Year

Please collect your PGE's from the back of our churches today.

You may have a different number from last year but don't worry, this has been done to reduce printing costs and please be assured the recording of contributions against your name will not be interrupted by the number change.

To all who have given so generously to the upkeep of our parish through the planned giving programme during 2022/2023 we offer sincere thanks. Taxation receipts will be issued after the finish of the current financial year.

If you would like to know how you can join the PGE programme or other ways you can assist the parish financially, please call the Parish Office on 9456 2450.

We are still searching for the person who holds envelope number 74 ~ if this is you PLEASE contact the parish office as soon as possible on 9456 2450.



Advance Notice ~
St Vincent de Paul
Winter Appeal ~
The St Vincent de

Paul Winter Appeal will be held in our Parish on the weekend of July 15/16.

This year the appeal in our parish will be by way of a bucket style collection as people leave Masses.

Can you help? SVdP Asquith Conference is down to just 4 members. They need new members now! Please call the office on 9456 2450 for more info.

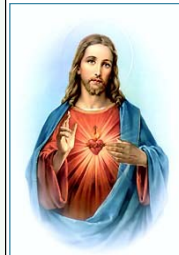
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That's when we pray authentically, not just formulae tripping off the tongue. In other words, our body will often tell us what we should pray for.

Another good signal from the body is tears. Not only of sadness but also of joy. I conduct quite a few marriages and it is amazingly common to see parents crying at the wedding of a son or daughter. I bet they pray for a life of happiness and fulfilment for that son or daughter. I've noticed some grandfathers go 'misty eyed' when talking about a grandchild, especially a young baby. I bet he prays for that grandchild, praying that a wonderful and healthy future opens up for that infant. I've even seen tough schoolboys surreptitiously wiping away a tear as a younger brother gets an award for leadership or some achievement academically or in sport or drama. That's a great opportunity for prayer for that younger brother.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together: prayer celebrating good things, prayer confronting bad things. It is the joining together which Our Lord wants and where possible he wants it to lead to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

This praying for others is a priestly function. Priests are those who mediate between creation and the creator, between human beings and our Heavenly Father. In our tradition, some men are set aside to celebrate the sacraments. These are ministerial priests. But every baptised person is priestly, called upon to pray to our Heavenly Father on behalf of others. So, when our body gives us the signal: stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives, follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic. You will be fulfilling the privilege and responsibility conferred at your baptism to be one of the labourers in the harvest, one of the priestly people of God.



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Friday, June 16

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the patron of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart, the Society from which the priests of our parish hail.

We take this opportunity to ask God to abundantly bless both Fr Biju and Fr Joy on this joyous occasion.

We also pray for all priests of OSH.



Vocations Holy Hour & Discernment Evening ~ Young Adult Event

Calling all young adults to join us for a special time of reflection and prayerful discernment as we adore the Blessed Sacrament during Holy Hour.

You won't be alone – meet other young adults just like you who are on the journey of discovering their faith and vocation. And don't worry about dinner – we'll take care of that before you go home! Don't miss out!

Date: Friday June 23 Time: 6pm

Venue: Holy Name Parish Wahroonga

RSVP to 0418 522 449 or vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



IGNITE 2023 ~ As announced towards the end of last year, the **2023 Ignite Sydney Conference** will be hosted by the **Diocese of Broken Bay, between 28 Sept – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct.**

Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all; kids, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference. **Registrations** for this significant gathering are **now open**. To learn more about the conference and how to register go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 24th / 25th June 2023 - 12th Sunday Ordinary Time -Year A - Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

	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	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	John Messina	David Massa	Vincente Sanchez
Altar Servers	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Sub requested Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Peter Collins	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Isaac Tonkin	Sue Watts	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia (f) Brenda Brooks (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley			
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*.



The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust
The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social Justice, and pastoral care. The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry is now open for applications for 2023. Applications close 4 August 2023. For more information and application forms go to: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship



Permanent Diaconate ~ Come along to Holy Name Parish Wahroonga at 7:30pm on Wednesday July 5 to find out more about the Permanent Diaconate! We'll have experts on hand to answer all your questions, and you'll be able to learn about how you can serve as a Deacon within the Catholic Church. Don't miss it! RSVP essential for catering purposes to Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or 0418 522 449.

Next Serra Vocations Mass & Dinner - Thursday 22 June, 6pm.
Celebrated by Fr Aldrin Valdehueza AP of Epping/Carlingford Parish and Serra Chaplain at Sacred Heart Church Pymble. A light meal and short meeting will follow, then Fr Aldrin will speak. To attend call or email Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** terry_scanlan@bigpond.com
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.



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