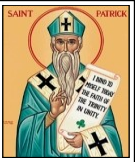


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 19th September 2021 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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

It's hard to see what the disciples don't get when Jesus tells them in fairly plain language that because of the way he lives and what he says he will be put to death by the power barons of his day. The disciples seem to think the Passion is going to be an event out of *Boy's Own Annual*, where the ensuing campaign will see greatness thrust upon them. In this context, Jesus takes the smallest and most vulnerable of people in their society and teaches the disciples that greatness comes through care of the least.

This is a powerful lesson. Greatness in the world – power, connections, wealth, influence, reputation and learning – only counts for something in the Kingdom of God when put at the service of the most vulnerable of our society. Greed, riches and pride are so alluring, so seductive for us in the Church, as much as for those outside it, that we need to regularly examine our consciences to assess the motivations and results of what we are doing, and why we are doing it. When I read today's Gospel, however, I also feel sad. I cannot help but reflect on how unintentionally prophetic Mark was being in linking the prediction of Jesus' passion with the status of a child.

The safeguards now needed in response to the criminal and scandalous behaviour of a very few leaders in the Church, means that many bishops, priests, religious and teachers can no longer follow Jesus' example and take children in our arms. I fully understand why this is the case, but the fact that we have to be so careful about the care of our children and have strict protocols and legislation that covers such behaviour toward children is a necessary and, nonetheless, tragic moment. It's also a moment for us to remember the passion of those who have had to endure the trauma of destructive behaviour. As the Jews say of the Holocaust, **'to forget is to commit the same mistake again'**. At its most basic level the latter part of today's Gospel reveals what we would expect of Jesus – he likes children and they like him.

It's amazing how a couple of pieces of information can sometimes change the way a scriptural story is read, and its importance for our lives today. We know from other documents of the same period as the New Testament that children in first century Palestine had no rights. They were possessions of their fathers, and they could be bought and sold, exploited and even killed without any recourse to the religious or civil law.

One way in which a child was publicly claimed in this society was that only their immediate family could touch them. The story, then, of Jesus embracing the child in public was in itself a social challenge to accepted customs. But it's much more than that. In taking the children in his arms, Jesus declares that they are possessions of no one, but they belong to us all as gifts. In the family of God, children are accorded the dignity and respect we would give to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that those who deserve our attention and esteem are the ones who are the least, the most at risk or those who put their talents and gifts at their service by making the world a better place for them. Just as he did in the market place of Galilee when he took the children in his arms, Jesus has a habit of turning our world's values upside down.



Due to COVID-19 - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED ~ Sunday Mass is live-streamed as follows:

Saturday Vigil - 6pm (St Patrick's) and Sunday Mass - 9am (St Bernard's).

[Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am] **As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:**

With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all 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."

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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches
CLOSED
for the duration
of the
LOCKDOWN**

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 20/09 ~ Memorial

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest, martyr,
Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions, martyrs
Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 21/09 ~ Feast

St Matthew, apostle

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday 22/09

Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 23/09 ~ Memorial

St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 24/09

Haggai 1:15 - 2:9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 25/09

Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

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



SAVE
the
DATE

You're invited!

please
join us



You're invited to commemorate the
**50th Anniversary of the opening of the new
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith**
with a Special Live-Streamed Mass at 10am Sunday 26 September 2021.



Please note:

At 9.45am a PowerPoint presentation will be broadcast giving a history of the church and due acknowledgement to those who made it a reality, so be sure to tune in early by going to our Facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/Ku-](https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/)

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As you are all very much aware, Covid-19 rules and restrictions mean the parish cannot celebrate this milestone in the way intended, however, it is very important to still mark the occasion in some way and what better way than still celebrating with Holy Mass presided over by **Bishop Anthony Randazzo**

who has kindly consented to be the main Celebrant for this Jubilee Mass.

The special gathering which would have taken place in the normal way of things, will have to be postponed until sometime in 2022, by which time it is hoped that life will have returned to some semblance of 'the good old days'. Just as soon as we safely can, we will come together to kick up our heels and maybe do a jig or two in honour of and thanks to St Patrick and the parishioners past, present and future of our parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angelina Bravo, Nicholas Shaw,
Fr James Duck, Joyce Dimmock,
Alejandro Maniego, Monica
Kavanagh, Angela Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Kerrin Enright,
K P Thomas, Ted Newnham,
Reg Cooper, Marie Nicholson,
Margaret Hinton, Shirley Gray.

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: Sr Joel SVM

Mary John, Alex John, Bindu Alex,
Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Chris
Enright, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach
Uchman, Tom Dawson, David Chee,
Elaine Longmuir, Roger Okell,
Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Dorahy,
Jean Cook, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie
Haag, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy
Thomas, John Gallagher, Felicity
Fone, Peter Todd, Peter Brooks, Dan
Leavy, Brian Treacy, Barbara Jones,
Stephen C C, Anne Brady, Marie
O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia
Alvarado, Peter Nguyen, Nemia
Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter.



Requiem
Mass for the
Repose of the
Soul of

Fr James Duck

Requiem Mass for the late
Fr James Duck will take place at
10am at Our Lady of the Rosary
Cathedral, Waitara on
Monday 27 September 2021
and will be livestreamed via the
OLOR Waitara website
www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby

"Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him."



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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children
in my name, welcomes me.' Mark 9:30-37

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

Reflection ~ Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with the Church's life. (Instrumentum Laboris #133)

Prayer Petition ~ We pray for all the Plenary Council Members who are preparing for the First Assembly in just two weeks time:

That they will be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations.

Instrumentum Laboris ~ Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal

Particular concern was expressed for people with special needs and parents and families where children have special needs, who often feel excluded from parish and school life. It is proposed that priority be given to building better training of pastors and educators to assist in the integration of adults and children with special needs. Catholics must tirelessly and fearlessly affirm the unique dignity of each and every child, and the inestimable value of the labors of every parent. (p.16)

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

Save the date ~ Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts **Sunday 3 October** and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an **online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm.**

"Listen to what the spirit is saying"

has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church.

This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. **More details to come soon.**

NOTA BENE:
First Plenary Council Assembly
Moving Fully Online
- see back page for details

September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

What have the Children and Young People said...

"Kids sometimes have clouded views regarding their own safety or wellbeing but they should be able to confide in someone no matter the issue at hand, personally, when I don't feel safe I feel like everyone is against me, I don't feel comfortable and I feel pressured to not be my true self and put a 'mask' on. However, when I do feel safe, I feel relaxed". - Jess, age 17

The word of life....this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:1-3

— Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL



PRAYER ~ Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**

Active Participation: Communities Supporting the Vulnerable - Wed 22 Sept 2021-11am-12.30pm, via zoom – "Ministering to a Church in Trauma" presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register for this online event and receive a zoom link go to: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/99375430252>

Learning Hub

1. Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young people – available from <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021>

2. Wednesday 22 Sept.2021 @ 11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom – "Ministering to a Church in Trauma" presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register for this free online event and receive a zoom link click here: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlTce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWVhVtIq22Px>



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop [14 September 2021] - *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Like many of you, I watched the news last week with great interest about the disappearance, search and rescue of "AJ", the three-year-old boy who was lost for several days in rugged NSW bushland.

This amazing little boy survived three nights in the bush in freezing temperatures without food or water, sustaining minor injuries before being reunited with his family.

It was a heart-wrenching story of initial despair and anguish, progressing to the mobilisation of the community and finally, to hope and elation once AJ was found safe and sound. Go to: https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/a1372ec9-3173-1eb5-e649-d5a69134bea9/14_September_2021_for_the_25th_Sunday_of_Ordinary_Time.pdf to read the full message. + Anthony



Separated as we are during lockdown, we all need to find ways to re-connect with each other.

Our parish is running this programme called Prego (Gospel reflection) via zoom on Sunday nights from 6pm-7pm, and you are warmly invited to join us.

To join us copy & paste the URL into your browser:

<https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252>

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- ✗ 'Alive in the Spirit - what is the Holy Spirit calling you to, in this unprecedented time, during lockdown and beyond?
- ✗ Would you like to find out more about women in the Church, the RCIA process, digital ministry, Listening Circles, spirituality of ageing, evangelisation, or supporting refugee families?
- ✗ You're invited to gather via zoom and watch a workshop with other interested parishioners, on any of these topics and more.
- ✗ To express your interest, simply contact the Parish Office and leave your name and contact details and which areas you're interested in, and we'll get back to you!



BAY CONNECT, is a new way to continue to comment and engage online with our community during these challenging times and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

The programme offers:

- **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom
- **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus)
- **HUMPDAY HANGOUT with BR BERNARD** - Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom
- **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

✗ To find out more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

If you need more information, please email:

evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way."



A big **THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to the August 2021 Pastoral Works Appeal Broken Bay.

So far your donations total over \$4,750. Donations can still be taken, please call or email the parish office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

~ We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

The 250 Club!

Week 9 – 13/09/2021

Winning #: 302

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Peter Flood

Amount: \$25.00



POSITION VACANT

Position Vacant Clergy Administration Officer Permanent, Full Time, Based in Pennant Hills:

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Clergy Administration Officer, to provide administrative support to the Executive Officer and the Vicar General.

The successful applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Tertiary qualifications in office administration, project management or minimum 3+ years relevant experience
2. The right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
3. Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close on **Friday 1 October 2021**



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 25th/26th September 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year
 Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church

Maintenance

Teams A & B - *additional help always appreciated*

September: **The Bishop is coming** - *additional help always appreciated*

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.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

Happy Retirement to Bill Hester and Bill Holmes.



The two Bill's have decided it is time for them to hang up the gardening gloves and put the mower to bed in the shed, after countless years of maintaining the grounds of St Patrick's church. **Bill and Bill**, you will be sorely missed, as will the community spirit you have both demonstrated for so long! Thank you both and may God bless you abundantly for all you have done for the parish.

Any volunteers this week would be especially appreciated so the grounds are looking their best for the 50th Anniversary Mass next Sunday (26th).

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*.

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online ~ At long last, starting 3 Oct. 2021, the Catholic Church in Aust. will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved and is now a fully online gathering with one person per device. While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months. You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

You might like to try and find a quite 30mins sometime this week ... we promise it'll be worth it.

A MEDITATION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



"a reflective experience of word and image"

A member of the Mercy sisters, Mary Wickham rsm, has prepared a beautiful presentation on COVID for Mercy Day later this month.

Entitled '**A Meditation in Time of Pandemic**' by going to: <https://vimeo.com/595701608> it is a great way to slow down and immerse yourself in this wonderful, thought provoking, Meditation.

Thank you to Mary Rajca for sharing this with us on behalf of the RSM's.



Foundations of Missionary Leadership Course – Sponsorships Available

The Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership offers a *Foundations for Missionary Leadership* course designed to empower and equip participants through a unique blend of theological knowledge, human development, spiritual formation, and practical skills to be effective missionary leaders in our Australian parishes and communities today. Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering **subsidies** for parishioners from the Diocese who would like to undertake this Course. For further information about the application process, please contact Pina Bernard on 0432 682 239 or pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications for sponsorships close 8 October. A **Virtual Open Night**, with Areté Director Fr Chris Ryan MGL, along with Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Daniel Ang, will be held on 23 September at 7:30pm. Further information about the Course and Open Night can be found at www.aretecentre.org



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