

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH - Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 20th August 2023 ~ 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Entrance:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Acclamation:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

*'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
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.*

## Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Bernard of Clairvaux the patron saint of our Berowra church and school. Bernard was born in the year 1090 at Fontaine-les-Dijon, France.

In 1113, at the age of twenty-three, he entered the Cistercian monastery at Citeaux. His superiors soon noticed that Bernard had made great progress in his spiritual life; thus, in 1115, he and twelve other monks were sent to start a new monastery in what was then known as the Valley of Wormwood; eventually it became known as the Valley of Light, or Clairvaux. Later, Bernard was appointed Abbot at Clairvaux.

St. Bernard (1090–1153) was known as an exceptional preacher and inspirational speaker. In the sixteenth century, Theophilus Reynauld wrote the book *The Gallic Bee*, in which he referred to St. Bernard as the **"Mellifluous"** or **"Honey-Sweet"** Preacher because his preaching was like **"... the fragrant aroma of an incense burning in a heart on fire with the Holy Spirit"** that flowed from his in-depth study of the Faith, which like "a diligent bee he has extracted the sweet essence from Scripture and the Fathers and refined it in loving meditation." Appropriately, St Bernard is the Patron Saint of Beekeepers and Candlemakers. Bernard died in his monastery at Clairvaux on 20 August 1153, at the age of 63.

He was canonized a saint by Pope Alexander III in 1174 and named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius VIII in 1830. By his life, St. Bernard showed how deeply he cared about God and God's people. We are fortunate to be under his heavenly patronage.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux, pray for us! Amen.**

I wish you all a Happy Feast. **Fr Biju**

## The Memorare of St Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to you I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. **Amen.**



## Are you joining us TODAY for the PICNIC to celebrate St Bernard's Feast Day?

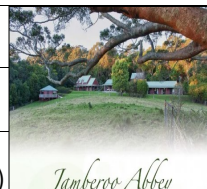
Straight after our 9am Mass at Berowra, we will be having a Parish Picnic on the lawn area around the church. Please come along, bring your rug and picnic lunch and spend the day with your fellow parishioners. There will be a sausage sizzle and games organised for all to enjoy.

**Even if you attend either of our Vigil Masses it would be lovely to see you at the picnic TODAY!**

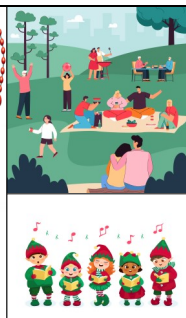


## Our Clergy and Parish Pastoral Council would like to "Claim these Dates" so please mark your diaries

Thursday 7 September	Day Outing to 'The Abbey' at Jamberoo - ( <i>see inside page</i> )
Friday 22 September	Multicultural Event - ( <i>see inside page</i> ) grassed area outside SBB Church
Thursday 28 September	Beginning of 10 Days of the Rosary at SPA (concludes Sat. 7.10.23)
Friday 3 November	Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving 'Do' – 6pm
Wednesday 20 December	Whole Parish Carols evening 7.30pm



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**



## PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

**Opening Hours:** 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

**Phone:** (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** [www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp)

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**Parish Office Email:** [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)



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

**Parish Administrator:** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper

**Bookkeeper:** Karen Price / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

**Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill ([kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com))

*'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 August: For World Youth Day:

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Ordinary Time ~ Year A

#### Monday 21/08 ~ Memorial

St Pius X, pope  
Judges 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22

#### Tuesday 22/08 ~ Memorial

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Judges 6:11-24, Mt 19:23-30

#### Wednesday 23/08

Judges 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16

#### Thursday 24/08 ~ Feast

St Bartholomew, apostle  
Rev 21:9-14, Jn 1:45-51

#### Friday 25/08

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22,  
Mt 22:34-40

#### Saturday 26/08

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17,  
Mt 23:1-12

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sebastiano Italiano, Tomas Thrum,  
Marcello (Marky) Marando

#### ANNIVERSARY:

Shirley Gray, Charles and Agnes  
Mosley, Shirley Mosely, Phyllis  
Newnham, Lyn Maguire, Marie  
Mickleson, Margaret Hinton

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Adele Ramos, Simon Riddett,  
Cita Del Rio, Philomena & Rex  
D'Souza, Judith Ryan, Won Lee,  
Chris Enright, Mary Mathew,  
Maria Park, Fiona Loughland,  
Anna Cho, Garth Graham,  
Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson,  
Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc,  
Ann Leslie, Mary Burns,  
Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario,  
Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell,  
Jean Cook, Barbara Jones,  
Brian Treacy, Josef, Marie Haag,  
Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger,  
John Cosgrove (Snr),  
Patrick O'Donoghue,  
Elaine Longmuir.

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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

## Reflections on time spent in St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

### ~ Ian and Christine Upton

We came to Berowra Heights in early 1973 when St Bernard's was still part of Asquith parish in the Sydney Archdiocese.

The church building was used for school classes and meetings during the week.

For weekend Masses, rows of chairs had to be put out and then stacked away after the last Mass.

In late 1973 the first of our four children was one of the last Berowra babies to be baptised at St. Patrick's by Fr. McMaugh.

Our other three children were baptised here at St. Bernard's by Fr. Boberg.



*All set up for Sunday Mass,  
complete with stackable chairs and  
beautiful parquet flooring*



*Elaine Formby's Baptism Day,  
St Bernard's Church, 1995*

### ~ Peter and Rose Formby

Rose and I moved to Berowra in 1995 with our three girls, the youngest being a very new baby. From the first time we went to Mass at St Bernard's we found a small friendly and welcoming community.

We feel very blessed that our three girls were able attend St Bernards School and to grow in such a caring school/church community. In today's world, the School and Church community we feel is very understated. Being together as a community gives us the opportunity to make lifelong friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network for the whole family, sometimes for life.

Through our years as parishioners at St Bernards, we have been able to share in the joys of other parishioners and ourselves and have also shared the sad times offering support and prayers through difficulties.

Being part of a community of believers that we surround ourselves with, can strengthen our walk with God and allow people to walk alongside us in becoming more like Christ. The Bible says the Holy Spirit is present whenever believers gather together – *Community attracts the Holy Spirit.*

## What a beautiful celebration of St Bernard's Feast Day last Friday at 9.15am.

All students and staff of St Bernard's Catholic Primary School, Berowra Heights came together to celebrate the school's Patron Saint on Friday.



With high zeal and enthusiastic singing voices this celebration was truly wonderful and uplifting.

At the end of the Mass some students were recognised with Mercy Awards which demonstrate that the student is developing character, citizenship,

collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking values on their journey to becoming a lifelong learner.

**Congratulations to all our Mercy Award Winners & Happy St Bernard's Day!**



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH  
SENIORS DAY OUT

EXPRESSIONS  
OF  
INTEREST

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

JOIN US ON AN ADVENTURE TO  
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TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Not just Seniors but ALL are welcome to KCCP's next adventure.

Experience a wonderful day out like no other!

**Thursday 7th September 2023 ~ The Abbey at Jamberoo**

Enjoy a guided tour of the historic building, learn about its rich history and enjoy the fresh air of the beautiful Illawarra region. Travel in the comfort of a fully air-conditioned and seat-belted coach with your fellow parishioners and friends!

## Expressions of interest are now open –

We would like a minimum of 30 responses to proceed with the booking, but can get a bigger coach if demand requires. The day will cost approx. \$60 per person which will cover the hire of the bus, lunch at a club, snacks etc.

Please call or email the office by FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER on 9456

2450 or E: [parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au) so the bus size can be confirmed.

**Can't wait to hear from YOU !**



## Help requested from all the wonderful ethnic communities of our parish with our Multicultural Event to be held on Friday 22 September

Calling all parishioners with different cultural backgrounds who can help us with this parish activity. We would like to hold a multicultural food market afternoon/evening to raise awareness to the many cultures in our community and to help raise funds for our parish activities during the year. If you can help organise a stall we would love to hear from you. Please send a message to the office or contact me directly on 0451664592. Moauli Griffiths for the PPC.



**A REMINDER TO OUR Junior Altar Servers ~** Plans are coming together for your formation evening which will be held on either:

**THURSDAY August 31 – Berowra Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)**

**FRIDAY September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)**

There is still time to sign up for this formation and training. Any existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our New Communicants, are asked to register their attendance by email to [parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au)

Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number.

**Please reply by August 24, thank you.**

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## Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner ~ Saturday, 2 September 2023.

Calling all Broken Bay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited. Secure yours now at [https://www.trybooking.com/1082143?mc\\_cid=d0ae0b083b&mc\\_eid=86ca9b7376](https://www.trybooking.com/1082143?mc_cid=d0ae0b083b&mc_eid=86ca9b7376)  
**Date:** Sat. 2 September; **Time:** 6:30pm ~ **Tickets:** \$60 per person;  
**Venue:** Our Lady of Dolours Parish – Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood.



**IGNITE 2023 ~ the Diocese of Broken Bay**, is proud to be hosting the Ignite Sydney Conference 2023, **between 28 September – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct.** It's time to jump on line to register your attendance at the **2023 Ignite Conference.**

**Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering a 50% discount off the ticketed price!**

They have a limited number of these '50% off the ticketed price' subsidies still available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference. To request a discount code, please email: [Evangelisationea@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto:Evangelisationea@bbccatholic.org.au)



**Welcome  
to our  
Faith Family**

**Baptism  
congratulations to**

**Paige Judy Collins**

who is to be baptised  
this weekend.

Please keep her, her parents and  
Godparents in your prayers.

## Confirmation 2023 Sunday 17 September

**10am @ St Patrick's Catholic  
Church, Asquith**  
(during parish Mass)

**2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic  
Church, Berowra Hts**  
(Special Mass)



## A little joke

Before Mass, folk  
were sitting quietly  
in their pews.

Suddenly, Satan appeared and everyone started running for the door to get away from him. Everyone left except one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence. Satan was confused that she'd stayed, so he walked up to the older lady and said, 'Don't you know who I am?' The woman replied, 'I sure do.' Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?' 'No, certainly not!' she said. Perturbed by this Satan asked, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?' The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'



**Children's Choir @  
St Patrick's  
Volunteer Position  
Available:**

**Assistant Director for  
Children's Choir!**

If you love children and music, and you have a current WWCC number, this position could be for you! You would need to attend practices from 4 to 5pm on Fridays during school terms, and also 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays at St Patrick's. All training provided. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information or come along to practice on Friday and meet our wonderful young people.

# Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 26/27 August 2023 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36 ; Mt 16:13-20

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	Phil Daidone	David Massa	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Harry Tod	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Archie Tod	Sophia Cottrell	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Isaac Tonkin	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Chris Newnham	Sue Lum
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	Sue Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	'GC' (ch.cleaning), Cecilia Waite (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		August: Luke Massa, David Mooney (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*.

## Three of our Diocesan parishes are seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Parish Secretary @ The Lakes Parish and Lindfield/Killara Parish and Epping/Carlingford Parish.

The Parish Secretary role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, general & sacramental programme administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support. All three vacancies have flexibility within the working schedule for the right candidate, however the role does require a physical presence in the office.

The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge and demonstrated experience with office administration as well as a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite of programmes. As this role is often the first point of contact for the parish, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills are crucial, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to Catholic values and teachings.

**The Lakes Parish** is looking for someone to work four days per week, approx. 26 hours p/wk, with a preference for the working schedule to be Monday to Thursday. Applications close **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

**Lindfield/Killara Parish** is looking for someone to work three days per week, approx. 22.5 hours p/wk.

Applications close **Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

**Epping/Carlingford Parish** is looking for someone to work 24 hours p/wk, with flexibility on days/hours.

Applications close **Friday, 1 September 2023**

If any of these roles interest you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to the relevant parish office:

The Lakes Parish: [Lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

Lindfield-Killara Parish: [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

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