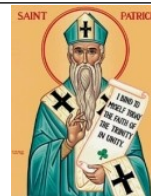


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 20th September 2020 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16



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 forever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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'*



Reflection by Gerard Moore

Some parables can be over analysed, and their point missed. Here the centrepiece of the story is the kingdom of God. What is it like to be a part of this kingdom? What does it mean to have a place in the vineyard, remembering that the theme of Israel as a vineyard is common across the Jewish scriptures?

The parable works on a number of surprises—or at least incongruities. The hiring of the workers has some unusual aspects. The first hiring session is as expected, with the landowner requiring labourers and the usual wage and conditions agreed. But as more hiring sessions take place, the emphasis shifts from work in the vineyard to compassion by the landowner who does not want anyone to miss out. While the hearer is concentrating on the idea of fair work in a going enterprise such as the vineyard, the storyteller is shifting the story to compassion and inclusions. We continue to be caught unawares by this shift, perhaps because the parable works for the theme of employment and worth, something that is so much a part of our lives. The owner, however, has resolved questions of fairness and worth; it is the labourers that are his concern.

In the market place the best labourers are hired first. The least useful, then, must wait until by chance they are needed. There is a sense that the last are poor workers, but they could also be ill, disadvantaged, or old. The story does not dwell on this. Rather the very last too are invited to be part of the vineyard and have a place in its workings.

In the world of the market place, the remuneration makes no sense. No one is underpaid, but the owner is paying around four times the wages he needs to expend. This unlikely businessman also does not seem to be able to judge how much work needs to be done, and so underestimates the number of workers needed. In an agrarian economy this is folly.

The shock comes around the generosity of the landowner. Even as I am writing this commentary, I still feel somewhat blindsided by attention to the workers and to the needs of the vineyard. The point of the parable is that God's kingdom is not like these things so familiar to us. Yes, the vineyard is plentiful and requires labourers. But here the expected wealth of the land is a foil for the utter generosity of the owner. In the reign of God no one misses out, and its welcome extends to all in abundance without measure. The grumbling of the workers should be replaced with their wonder at what a generous employer they have! As with last Sunday's readings, we are required to set aside our calculus and equations: the generosity of God is not measurable by our standards.

It is in this that the first reading offers support. For the prophet Isaiah, the ways of God are above our ways, the thoughts of God above our thoughts, the mercy of God generous to a fault.

The passage from the Letter to the Philippians contributes to the theme of the Gospel in admonishing that we conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel.

Our generosity is to be modelled on the generosity of God. This is quite a challenge for us.

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons
at St Bernard's: 60 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 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

Monday 21/09 ~ Feast

St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Mass of the Feast, Gloria

Preface of the Apostles 1-11

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

Tuesday 22/09

Mass *ad libitum*

Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 23/09 ~ Memorial

St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Mass of the Saint

Preface of weekday or saint

Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 24/09

Mass *ad libitum*

Ecc 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 25/09

Mass *ad libitum*

Ecc 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 26/09

Mass *ad libitum*

Ecc 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43-35

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody, Margaret Hinton, Crescencia De La Torre-Mendoza, Daisy Hughes, Joo Loke (Peter) Wee, Raymond Hughes, Dolores Garcia, Mia Donnelly, Maureen Casey, Marie Mickelson, Mary Ann Weir

ANNIVERSARIES: Seon & Jadwiga Pieprzyk, Krystyna and Dionizy Pieprzyk, Reg Cooper, Pam Spooner, Shirley Gray, Chrissie Butterworth, Phyllis Newnham, Charles & Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosley, Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill Davies

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemias Camille Asiong, Stephen C C, Ann Cochrane, Marie O'Hare, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Dato, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, Margaret Hinton, John Cosgrove (Snr), Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakoz, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Joson, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski



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

~ [Bishop Anthony 14 September 2020] ~ *My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.*



This week in the Cathedral, we will be celebrating the annual Chrism Mass. Normally this celebration is held during Holy Week, however due to the COVID environment, I decided to postpone it until it was safe for priests and people to attend. We are still limited by the government restrictions for gathering, however, we are confident that a small assembly will be able to gather safely and responsibly.

The Chrism Mass is an opportunity to focus particularly upon two areas of ecclesial life. The first is the unity of all the baptised who are anointed in the power of the Holy Spirit and who form one Body in Christ. The second focus is the gift of the ministerial priesthood which has been entrusted to our priests who have been anointed to teach, lead, and sanctify the one Body of Christ – the Church.

I often speak about the community of the Church and in so doing my desire is that each one of us will take the time to reflect, discern, and pray about our work within the body as well as our mission beyond. Likewise, I would like us as a community to reflect upon the gift of the ministerial priesthood. In so doing, we might become more aware of the sacred duties entrusted to our priests who are ordained for the sanctification and service of the entire People of God. You may have heard me say that the priest is on a pedestal. That language normally raises a few eyebrows. But, before you stop reading, bear with me as I explain what I mean.

In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist John justifies my claim (John 3:13-17). John announces the lifting up of Christ on the pedestal of the cross. There is only one pedestal for the priest who is configured to Christ, and that is the Cross of Our Lord. The cross lies at the very centre of Jesus' mission and ministry. Through the death of Jesus salvation is given to the world. Salvation is the work of God. Saint Paul writes in the letter to the Philippians "The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God... he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross" (cf. Phil 2:6-11). One commentator points out that this is the paradox of the cross. God is both merciful and exacting at the same time. Saint Paul also reminds us that for those who are perishing this is mere foolishness, but for us who believe it is the power of God that saves. (cf. 1Cor 1:18).

The cross demonstrates God's rage against sin and at the same time it shows God's mercy and love to the repentant sinner. The cross demands a response from you and me, from each person who is part of the Body of Christ. Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the mystery of mercy (Misericordiae vultus 2). He reminds us that God's Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive (MV3). The first work of the priest is to be drawn to the cross and cherish its mercy. In so doing, his mission will be to lead others into the merciful presence of God. Before this can happen, the priest himself must taste God's mercy which can only happen if he is lifted up on the pedestal of the Cross of Christ. [...]

As Jesus himself promised,

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself" (Jn 12:32).

+ Anthony

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



**SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2020**

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child.

This week, Bishop Anthony Randazzo launched the Rights of the Child Framework developed by the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Framework addresses both the human and spiritual rights of the child and how they might be upheld and supported throughout our Diocese. The purpose of the Framework is to cement our commitment to engage with

children and safeguard the rights of children and build a safe and healthy culture across all our ministries. The Framework encourages members of congregations, schools and services, as well as families in understanding the minimum standards for the treatment of children and how child rights can make a difference to the life of a child.

The Bishop also launched an online video which features some of the children of the Diocese and Bishop Anthony. View the video here:

Learning Hub: It is the responsibility of adults to ensure opportunities are available to children so they can experience the Rights of the Child in a positive and fulfilling way. Watch this video to learn about the Un Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) - <https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/child-rights-educational-resource>



Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to Chris Enright and family on the passing of their wife, mother, Grandma & Great-grandma. Kerrin was farewelled from St Bernard's Church with Requiem Mass last Friday and has earned her heavenly reward as a Good and Faithful Servant. She will be sorely missed. *May she rest in peace.*



REFLECTION © Fr Michael Tate ~ No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal CONTINUES
This financial year's quota: \$34,872 / 1st appeal target: \$11,624.

So far you have generously contributed \$6,985, that's a smidgeon over 60% *thank you!*

Donations are 100% tax deductible

Donations for this appeal can be made from our parish in the following ways:

- Donating in the traditional way (via the plate) - You will need to collect a CWF envelope from the back of our churches and place on either of the plates as they are passed around.
- Donate in person at the parish office using a credit card
- Donate over the phone by calling the parish office on 9456 2450 and using your credit card.
- Donate online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund. **Please be sure to nominate our parish so that your gift is applied to KCCP's fundraising target.**



Thank you for your support of the **Holy Lands Appeal for 2020**
 Your donations totalled **\$627.00**

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEBINAR

World Day of Migrant & Refugees

27 September 2020
2pm - 3pm

Need more info?
 Email: zoe.grant@jrs.org.au

Australian Catholic University Lecture:

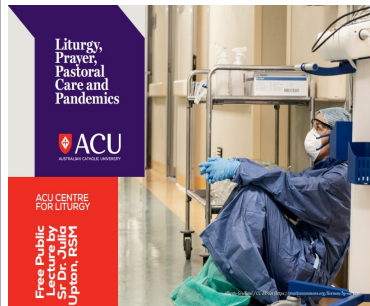
"Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"

You may be interested in this free public lecture
"Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"
 to be given via Zoom on **Monday, 12 October 2020, 10.30am**
 by Sr. Prof. Julia Upton, RSM.

Online via Zoom
Monday October 12
10-11.30am (AEDT)
 The Zoom link will be provided on 9 October 2020 to those who have registered.

Registration
 Registration is essential for this free public lecture by 7 October.
www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources
 We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

The 250 Club! Week 2: 14/09/20 ~ Winning No.: 924 ~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ 😞 **Unsubscribed**



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

Thank you for your generosity. Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.

OUR BANK DETAILS

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account
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ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 26th / 27th September– 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

	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	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer needed	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Rosemary Pendlebury	Chris Newnham	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Barbara McMullen	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Sue Newnham	Simone Noel
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Freda A and/or Moauli G	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Gwen Wood (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		September: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			

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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FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Everyone who is now first will be last!"



God is generous

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.

- SELFISH**
- CARING**
- VAIN**
- GREEDY**
- KIND**
- GENEROUS**
- SHARING**
- CARELESS**
- JEALOUS**

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



LAST EVERYONE BE WHO FIRST

Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

MOST IMPORTANT
and
No. 1 Rule
follow
ALL DIRECTIONS
of
the
USHER/s

Capacity of
our churches
100 in
St Patricks,
60 in
St Bernard's
If unwell ~
DO NOT
come to mass ~
please
see your doctor

Stand

apart

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Wear

a mask

Volunteer to
disinfect
pews after
Mass, OR
leave
immediately
and **DO NOT**
congregate
outside the
church

Covid-19 symptoms

- *Fever (37.5 or higher)
- *Sore/scratchy throat
- *Shortness of breath
- *Loss of smell
- *Loss of taste
- *Cough