

# **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus' Diocese of Broken Bay ~20th June 2021 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



**Entrance Antiphon:** 

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever. **Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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** © Greg Sunter

#### **Gospel Reflection**

Having returned to the liturgical period of Ordinary Time and with it the sequential readings from the Gospel of Mark (for a few weeks at least), we can appreciate some of the literary structure and devices that were used by the gospel writer. Throughout this particular gospel, the writer has used a framing device - sometimes known as the Markan sandwich - to bracket sections of the gospel. By using these framing stories, the gospel

writer draws greater attention to the substance of the 'sandwich' - what has been framed. This week's reading is the beginning of such a framed section that highlights some of the great miracles performed by Jesus but also draws attention to the disciples' lack of understanding about who Jesus really is.

The section that runs from 4:35 to 8:21 is framed by two rhetorical questions: 'Who can this be?' asked by the disciples; and 'Do you still not understand?' asked by Jesus (8:21).

This week's passage includes one of the great nature miracles of Jesus – the calming of the storm. Some scripture scholars suggest that this story is a construction by the gospel writer to speak directly to the community for whom this gospel was written. The community of the gospel of Mark were consumed with doubt and surrounded by evidence of the world as they knew it falling apart. They were living the metaphor captured in the story: a boat adrift on the sea in the midst of an almighty storm. The cry of the disciples was the cry of the Christian community: 'Master, do you not care?' They felt that God did not care about the turmoil that surrounded them. The gospel writer reassures them that God does care about their struggle but at the same time chastens them for their lack of faith!

#### Scriptural context – Miracle stories

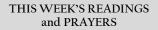
The miracle stories of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) generally fall into four categories of miracle: healing miracles (healing of physical ailments and disease); exorcism miracles (driving out evil spirits - often associated with a form of healing); resuscitation miracles (bringing people back to life); and nature miracles (Jesus appears to contradict the laws of nature – walking on water, multiplying food and calming a storm). Each type of miracle story tends to have its own literary structure and being able to recognise the type of miracle being described assists the interpretation of the gospel account.

#### Living the Gospel – Do you not care?

The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.

PASTORAL CENTRE			WEEKEND MASSES		
1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 Phone: (02) 9456 2450 Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp		KU-FRING-GAI CHASE CHITCLE FASH TODOES of BUSINESS	Saturday Sunday	5pmSt Bernard's6pmSt Patrick's8amSt Patrick's9amSt Bernard's10amSt Patrick's6pmSt Patrick's	
Centre Hours:	9am – 3.30pm.	[applying the current 2m <sup>2</sup> requirement]	WEEKDAY MASSES		
Parish Priest Assistant Priest	Fr Shaju John, OSH Fr Joy Thomas, OSH	St Patrick's: 202 persons at St Bernard's: 122 persons Physical Distancing - people from the same household may	St Bernard's St Patrick's	8am Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9am Wednesday and Friday 8am Wednesday and Friday	
Parish Secretary Bookkeeper Office Assistant (Tues)	Margaret Cooper Karen Price Jan Favaloro	sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.	SUFAULCES	9am Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat. RECONCILIATION	
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com		Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.	Every Saturday Every Friday	9.30 am at St Patrick's 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.



**ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B** Monday 21/06 ~ Memorial St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious Gen 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5 Tuesday 22/06 ~ Memorial Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs Gen 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday 23/06 Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20 Thursday 24/06 ~ Solemnity The Nativity of St John the Baptist ls 49:1-6: Acts 13:22-26: Lk 1:57-66, 80 Friday 25/06 Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4 Saturday 26/06 Gen 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Wright, Mathew Franklin, Michael Gan Ai Lau, Ilureza Wong, Iggy Castillon, Terry Treacy, Josephine Sugirtham

ANNIVERSARIES: Marta Granecka, Maree Hayden, Uwe Haag, Leo Vila, Helena Noske, Mary Ann Weir, Judy Huntley, Geoffrey Warren, Andrzej Macieyewski, Andrea Daria, Elde Daria, Eliza Daria, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Filomena & Vicente Banaga, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father), Peter O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann 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 SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Anna Marie Ley, Antonia Alvarado (100 y.o)

Week 18 – 14/06/2021 The 250 Club! Winning #: 756 Amount: \$25 Winner: Karen Price



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: The beauty of Marriage ~ Let us pray for young

people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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### ENROLMENTS THIS WEEKEND at all Masses for Confirmation 2021

Confirmation will be conferred on the children on Sunday 5th September 2021 at

> ~ 11.30am St Bernard's ~ 2pm St Patrick's ~ 4pm St Patrick's

These Masses are for candidates only and incorporate ~1 candidate + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only

ENROLMENT FORMS are now available for download from the Parish Website https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/ confirmation Full details of THIS weekends Enrolment process - June 19/20, Workshops and practice & most importantly, the <u>Mandatory</u> Parents Information Evening July <u>14th at 7.30pm</u> This is an essential requirement for your child to proceed to the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Your new PGE's (for the next financial year) are waiting for your collection at the back of our churches **TODAY** !! Please remember to collect your box to save the parish lots and lots in postage. By giving through the PGE system, you assist the PEC to budget for many yearly

2021–2022 Planned Giving Envelopes AVAILABLE NOW

By giving through the PGE system, you assist the PFC to budget for many yearly expenses. If you'd like to know how you can join the PGE programme or other ways you can assist the parish financially, please call 9456 2450.

You may notice you have a different number from last year, please don't be concerned by this, the recording of contributions against your name will not be interrupted by this number change.

To all who gave so generously to the upkeep of our parish during this past, very difficult year, we offer sincere thanks.

# ELP RESCUE A CHILD FROM HOMELESSNESS THIS WINTER St Vincent de Paul Society

Next weekend is the KCCP 2021 Vinnies Winter Appeal.



### Please give whatever you can to this appeal.

Next week-end the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Asquith and Berowra Parish will be having their winter appeal. The Society has had a presence in the Kur-ing-gai Chase Parish since 1957 and the need to help those less fortunate than us is still as relevant now as it was in the past years.

Our fellow Parishioners have always been generous in the support of the Society and we are grateful for that and look forward to your continued generosity.

The Winter Appeal supports the work conducted by our dedicated volunteers and members which is vital in assisting those people who turn to us for help in times of desperate need, especially during these colder months.

There are envelopes at the back of the Church to use for your donation. Please take one and return it with your donation next week. *Please come prepared next week to support this appeal.* 



ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT ~ you are invited to

new vision, new energy, new life -

#### to be the community that Christ calls us to be.

**Discover, Enrich and Make a Difference:** Be part of a special opportunity. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, which will enliven and inspire our community through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences.

We will be gathering together to view live sessions, and then small groups will select their own choices among the many workshops.

Each small group will also debrief and share their insights together, bringing their wisdom back to the larger group. This is an amazing opportunity to discover more about God, and ways to enrich our faith and make a difference in our world.

Once we have an idea of who will be attending, we will decide on an appropriate venue, with internet and large screen/ monitor/ TV access.

"LET US ASK OURSELVES: ARE WE PREPARED TO WELCOME THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES, TO LISTEN TO THE CALL OF MISSION?"

Further information can be found at <u>https://aliveinthespirit.com.au</u>. The parish will be covering the cost of the conference.

To register your interest contact Patricia Smith 9428 7935.



through keynote speakers, workshops, liturgy and prayer. YEAR of **SAINT JOSEPH** 



#### During this "Year of St Joseph", we will hopefully bring you a monthly reflection on aspects of St Joseph's life and character provided to us by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. REFLÉCTION - JUNE 2021 - Joseph as "Protector" Mt 2:13-18 Refugee Week, 20-26th June 2021 © Fr Khalid Marogi

"Within days, or even hours, violent oppressors will occupy your town centre." For refugees around the world, this scenario typifies an immediate threat. With no time to respond, they abandon livelihood, community and homeland to escape civil war, political unrest, religious persecution, effects of climate change and exploitation or systematic abuse of basic human rights. Their desperate attempts to find refuge are often not final solutions but new beginnings. A long journey into the unknown is marked by fear, danger and daunting obstacles.

Mid-2020 data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimated that worldwide numbers of forcibly displaced people surpassed 80 million. According to their statistics, 26.3 million were refugees, an additional 4.2 million were recorded as asylumseekers and tens of millions of others classified as internally displaced or stateless. From Matthew's Gospel narrative of Jesus' birth and the roles of Joseph and Mary, we learn of the many challenges faced by this young family. Joseph followed the example of his ancient Biblical Fathers of Faith - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - under the guidance of the angel's visionary message: "Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you" (Mt 2: 13).

Joseph's protective response to Herod's imminent threat to the life of his newborn son Jesus, mirrored that of many parents among today's displaced people. At short notice, Joseph got up to protect his young family from danger, "For Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him," and in the dark of the night, "took the child and his mother" (Mt 2: 14). He embarked on an escape into the unknown; a journey involving fear, danger and

an uncertain future. At the same time, it was a venture filled with deep hope and trust in God's providence that it would lead to safety and a better place for Jesus, Mary and Joseph. For the family, settling in a new place was just the beginning. Soon he would discover that being separated from home and immediate family meant that the fundamental means of social support was no longer available. Joseph and Mary would also have had a sense of being lowly strangers stranded in a new place under an unknown local language and unfamiliar cultures and customs. As a family still dealing with the trauma of flight and estrangement, those challenges would have impacted heavily on Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Similar conditions and circumstances continue to confront the 80 million

refugees and displaced people today. Joseph demonstrated his commitment to safeguard his family and face the new reality foretold in his dream as he followed God's call to go to Egypt, "and remained there until the death of Herod" (Mt 2:15). Like so many displaced parents who care for their families in our contemporary world, Joseph protected and supported Mary and Jesus. Joseph's example is an inspiration for us to generously embrace the encounter with our displaced brothers and sisters who are likewise seeking refuge and security for their families. The Gospel account encourages us to compassionately listen to their stories of suffering, isolation and hopelessness.

Pope Francis, in this year's message for World Day of Migrant and Refugees Towards an Ever Wider "We" said "The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single 'we', encompassing all of humanity." He emphasises the importance of welcoming refugees and migrants and offering them protection. A generous, hospitable spirit reflects the universality of our Church and contributes to her enrichment and growth. "In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another."

On a personal level, I have been privileged to meet and listen to the stories of many brave and courageous parents, children and young people who have ventured with hope. They, like Joseph and many of our own forebears, took a dangerous journey, and faced enormous pressure and trauma. Many challenges and struggles were endured in order to provide a safe and secure future for their children. Listening to the recently arrived and longer-term migrants and refugees can help us to appreciate Joseph and Mary's own experience and — in the spirit of Refugee Week and September's 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees — increase our understanding of Pope Francis' call to respond to the needs of our new neighbours so that together "we" can continue to create an ever greater "us".

Fr Khalid Marogi is the Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office <sup>1</sup> Francis, "TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE", Message for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021" (2021). https:// www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\_20210503\_worldmigrants-day-2021.html

### THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

🚏 Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly 🛛 PlenaryCouncil



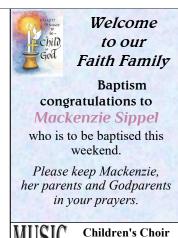
 $\sim 01 / 10 / 2021 \sim$  'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' Mark 4: 35-41

**Reflection** ~ As people of faith, we believe that, through the gift of his Church, the Lord has equipped us, and continues to equip us, to recognise the needs of our time and set ourselves to doing something about them. (Instrumentum Laboris #193)

Reflection Question ~ How can we support young people and others whose faith is challenged by cultural norms?

Plenary Council - National Prayer Campaign - People across Australia have been invited to participate in the fan the flame national prayer campaign towards the first Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The prayer campaign was launched on the feast of Pentecost Sunday and provides the chance for us to support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council.







(a) St Patrick's has resumed regular practices after a long break due to COVID19.

The Choir sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month - if restrictions allow! Practices are held at St Patrick's church every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm. Any child from Year 3 to Year 12 is allowed to join. The Choir is a wonderful way to develop their musical skills and learn about their faith at the same time, while being an active part of the parish community. To join, simply bring your child along to our next practice, or for further information, please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.



Fr Anselam Lakra, Asst. Priest, Holy Name Wahroonga will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at 6pm. Kindly note the change of day to Wed. for this meeting. Mass is followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Please come and see. Please remember to pray every day for vocations everyday.

RSVP Terry on **0438 887 295** or terry scanlan@bigpond.com by the  $21^{st}$  June 2021 if attending.

At KCCP we take Safeguarding Seriously and EGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

This coming week 21 - 27June, the Parish will celebrate Working with Children Week in recognition of everyone

who contributes to the lives and safety of children. Our Parish offers many child related ministries. These include:

Catechists (SRE); Senior Server; Sacramental Team Leaders; Parish Choirs;

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; Children's Liturgy; Play Groups (Bernie's & Paddy's)



	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	Sue Lum	Darrin Patterson	
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Simone Noel	
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Jeanette Neary	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Mary Stokes	
Jsher / s	Jerome Gomez	Peter Collins	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Peter Daly	Les Fogden	
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biy	o, Gisela Muschal (s)	Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f)				
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional I	help always	June: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellew - additional help always appreciated				
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Michelle Chahine	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Barbara McMullen	Christophorus House	Cynthia Gilbertson	
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be keen to join the carols committee to work on this exciting ministry, please contact our office to be put in contact with Ann Leslie of St Mark's Anglican Church for a job description. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with members of our neighbouring churches to share the Gospel at Christmas.



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