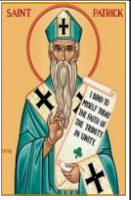


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 21st May 2023 ~ **The Ascension of the Lord** ~ Year A

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Entrance: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

*'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

Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am:

Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat

St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri

(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.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~ 21-28 May 2023

The week between the Ascension of the
Lord and Pentecost Sunday is dedicated
each year to praying for Christian Unity.

This year, this falls in the week of 21-28 May
with a particular theme:

"Do good; seek justice" (Is 1,17).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 and focussed on praying for Church
unity. The ecumenical week of Prayer for Christian Unity provides an opportunity to connect
with our neighbouring Christian communities. As you know, Berowra is really blessed with
four Christian communities:

- ✚ St. Bernard's Catholic Church
- ✚ Berowra Uniting Church
- ✚ Berowra Baptist Church
- ✚ St Mark's Anglican Church

I am very happy to share with you that we, the pastors/moderators of these churches/
ecclesial communities, have a strong working relationship among ourselves. Occasionally,
we have a fraternal lunch with discussion regarding the good of the flock of the Good
Shepherd. Moreover, our Christmas programme titled, "Carols under the Star", is being
hosted by the local churches of Berowra which started as a combined churches/ecclesial
community event in 2017.

Dear friends, we all belong to God as He is our Father, and we are His children. We are all
saved in, through and with Jesus Christ, our only Saviour. We proclaim the same Gospel.

Basing our ministry on a common heritage, and uniting factors, together let's seek God, find
God, and embrace God in Jesus, and our brethren, so that others might come to know that
we are the sons and daughters of God.

May God help us to strengthen our relationships in our church/ecclesial communities and
deepen our sense of connectedness and belonging to Christ and one another.

Fr Biju



Week
of Prayer
for
Christian
Unity

2023

We have a New Administration Assistant ... Introducing ...

Mrs Timea Holland, but we shall call her 'Timi' !



Timi will be a permanent presence in the parish office on Wednesdays and Thursdays between
9am and 3.30pm. Timi started this week on Wednesday and **praise the Lord** she turned up
again on Thursday !!

Hailing from Hungary, Timi and her family have been living in Australia for the past 6 years and
have called Berowra home for the last 2 years.

We warmly welcome you Timi and hope you feel at home in the parish office in no time!
Fr Biju.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

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

1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 / P.O. Box 335, Berowra Hts 2082

Parish Office Email: 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 / **Admin Assistant:** Timea Holland

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

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill (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 May:

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Eastertide Year A

Monday 22/05

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 23/05

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday 24/05

~ Solemnity

Our Lady, Help of Christians
Sirach 4:11-18; Jn 19:25-27

Thursday 25/05

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 26/05 ~ Memorial

St Philip Neri, priest
Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 27/05

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Jn 21:20-25

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Wood, Salvatore Giuffre, Nicolò Alcamese, Lilas Roche, Ann Wynn

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ida O'Halloran, Donna O'Donohue, Peter O'Donohue, Josephine Fugitham,

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Fiona Loughland, Cyril Thomas (Fr Joy's brother), Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Dato, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, 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 13 - 15/05/23
Amt: \$25.00;

Winning Number: 226;
Winner: **Fiona Fone!**



Important Notice: Permanent change to our weekday Mass Schedule.

Dear parishioners, I now write to let you know, that having followed all required protocols, including consultation with the clergy, parishioners, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Dean of the North Shore Deanery and the Vicar General of the DBB, Bishop Anthony has approved a permanent change to the weekday Mass schedule in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish.

WEEKDAY MASSES	St Bernard's	St Patrick's
Monday	No Mass	9am
Tuesday	No Mass	9am
Wednesday	9.15am	8am
Thursday	8am	9am
Friday	9.15am	8am
Saturday	No Mass	9am
WEEKDAY MASSES	St Bernard's	St Patrick's
Saturday	5pm	6pm
Sunday	9am	8am; 10am; 6pm

The new, **weekday Mass Schedule** will commence on **Thursday 1 June, 2023** (see left).

Please note: There are no changes to the Saturday Vigil Mass & Sunday Masses.

I take this opportunity to reassure you all, whilst our parish has **two churches, this new schedule still ensures that a morning Mass will be celebrated every morning in THE PARISH.**

Fr Biju Jose ~ Parish Administrator



ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT:

The count continues this weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*

A warm welcome back to you, Fr Sam.

Fr Sam French, Director of Vocations for the DBB, will offer his second Mass for us this weekend. We really appreciate and thank you Fr Sam for filling in for Fr Joy.



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

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Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two key diocesan ministries:

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Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners
Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.

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Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.

The second and final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal takes place THIS WEEKEND ~ May 20th/21st.

The PWBB Appeal puts your gift to work in your local faith community.

The Diocese has set our required quota this year at **\$35,523.00** which means this final appeal needs to realise approx. **\$22,000.**

This is the last opportunity to make a donation during the 2022/2023 financial year and **any donations of \$2 and over are fully tax deductible!**

Any donation you can afford to make, will be appreciated.

Envelopes are in the pews of our churches this weekend.
(If the target is not met then the outstanding funds will need to be taken from parish funds which would alternatively be used for other needs within the parish itself).

World Youth Day ~ Mother's Day Raffle



Thank you all so much! We are delighted to announce that the **WINNERS** are **Fiona Fone ~ Helen Tinley ~ Catherine Orr**

Your support from donating the prizes to the purchasing of the tickets in our raffle have raised an amazing amount of **\$1,560.00!**



which will help each of us to cover a lot of the miscellaneous costs of the trip to WYD such as those **"not-included lunches"** etc. Please know we will be forever grateful to you all and will keep all KCCP parishioners in our prayers during WYD 2023 Lisbon !!

Rebecca, Rachel, Sarah & Michael



Our WYD pilgrims are inviting all parishioners to a Pentecost reflection evening.

Where: St Patrick's Church, Asquith; **When:** Saturday 27 May ~ 7pm after Vigil Mass

What it includes: Taizé, praise songs, bible reading, reflections, and pizza!

WE NEED YOUR RSVP PLEASE!

So we have a rough idea of numbers, let the parish office know if you're coming for pizza by calling 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au. **See you there!**



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.



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.



As we continue our
Cathedral Precinct Journey
please join us as
we celebrate our Patronal feast
Mary Star of the Sea
Vigil Mass

with **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**
Bishop of Broken Bay
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
Waitara
Tuesday, 30 May 2023 at 5:30pm

to be followed by a light supper at
The Light of Christ Centre for a Diocesan-wide
presentation and consultation on the future
of our Cathedral Precinct

Please RSVP
events@bbcatholic.org.au by
Monday 22 May 2023



Bishop Anthony Randazzo is seeking not only the needs of our Cathedral parish, but the needs of the broader community regarding our Cathedral Precinct Journey.

Bishop Anthony invites all the faithful to attend Vigil Mass at OLOR Waitara on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 5.30pm

This will be followed by a Diocesan-wide presentation and consultation on the future of our Cathedral Precinct. Please RSVP by 22.05.23 by emailing events@bbcatholic.org.au

Where is the Body?

© Fr Michael Tate



Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who **'fills all creation'** with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as

St Paul says

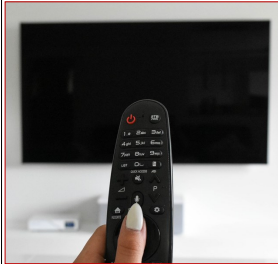
'...the Church which is His Body'

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples:

'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do. We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be

'The Church which is His Body.'



We're just wondering ...

Are you upgrading to a new Smart TV soon? Does this mean you have a slightly older one to spare?

Our parish meeting room at St Patrick's, badly needs an upgrade and we are seeking a new (or near-new) TV - to replace **the current one, which is an old CRT TV with no inputs except for a VHS player !**

Ideally, we are looking for a replacement TV with the following:

Essential: a few HDMI and USB ports etc

Desired: Size about 42" to 55"

Do you happen to have a TV you no longer use that meets the Essential & Desirable above?

Then we'd love to take it off your hands and spruce up the AV situation of our meeting room!

Please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au if you can help. *Fr Biju.*



What do you believe?

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"Sycamore" is a great opportunity to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs more deeply; and to think about questions that really matter!

Enjoy delving into some of the big issues of life and faith!

Becoming 'Missionary Disciples'

From Wednesday June 7, 2023 — 7:30 pm — St Patrick's Meeting Room, Asquith

Register today on sign-up sheets at read of the church. Enquiries: Sue on 0400 300 598.



URGENT APPEAL:

For Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Housebound / in Aged Care at Christophorous House & Regis Hornsby / in Mt Wilga Rehab.

Our parish has been blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers in this ministry for many years, but recently our numbers have fallen with 2 volunteers stepping down from the roster in as many weeks.

Those volunteers who remain on the roster for all these facilities NEED YOUR HELP.

These care facilities are visited on a **Sunday morning**, so I invite any (and every) parishioner to consider joining this worthy ministry, **we really do need YOU !**

Please call the office on 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Job description: Taking Our Lord in Communion to our faithful who are housebound, in Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital, Christophorous House and Regis Aged Care Hornsby, and occasionally in private homes.

Requirements: Yes, there are some, but isn't that typical of most places these days? You will require a Working With Children Clearance (which also covers the vulnerable) and protects you every bit as much as it protects those you visit with. If you choose to visit at Regis you will need a Workers Screening Clearance also, but the office staff can, and are happy to, assist you every step of the way to meet these requirements.

Reward: The look on residents faces of undisguised appreciation because **YOU**, have taken the time to bring them **CHRIST in Communion**, when they cannot physically worship with us in person.

With thanks for your consideration, I pray God will bless us with new volunteers very soon, Fr Biju.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

will be wishing all our mothers and mother-

figures a happy Mother's Day this Sunday with some very special music at 10am Mass, as our way of saying thankyou for all the wonderful things they do for us!

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 are welcome to join this choir at any time.

If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 27th / 28th May 2023 - PENTECOST SUNDAY—Year A - Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Paul Dryden	Volunteer needed	Bill Martin	Sue Lum	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Robyn Orr	Verity Hartmann Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Zinta Hartmann	Celia Cox	Michael Halliday	David Massa	Sub requested
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Alena Hartmann	Sub requested	Jim Fitzgerald	David De-Fina	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f) Anne Bourke (s) Volunteers needed		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		May: 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*.



You're invited?

To drinks and nibbles as we celebrate the completion of our first Alpha for Hornsby Cathedral Parish

Please join us!
Tuesday 23 May 2023, 7:00pm
 Queen of Peace Church, Stuart Ave, Normanhurst

The businesses below support our parish by advertising, please support them in turn.

First Eucharist (Holy Communion)



Our parish is currently preparing our young candidates to receive Jesus Christ for the first time in Holy Communion.

Please keep them in your prayers.

First Eucharist will take place in our parish on
Sunday 25 June 2023 during the
9am Mass at St Bernard's and the
10am Mass at St Patrick's.

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