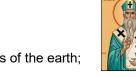
'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

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



Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth;

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia. Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them,

and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

Homily

Have you noticed how many books, films, television

and radio programs harken back to yesteryear?

classical music in the first half and contemporary

'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world.

## 6th Sunday of Easter Year C Acts 15:1-2. 22-29: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **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 Up to and including Sat. 2 July 2022 there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat St Bernard's 9am Wed ~ Fri

RECONCILIATION Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's After 9am Mass St Bernard's Friday \*\*~~\*\*~~\*\*~~\*\*~~\*\*

> **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.

**PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)** 

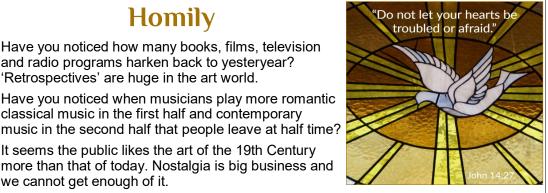
Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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 Sacramental Team Email: 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.



It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic

Nostalgia literarily means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided - at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we preform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is. © Richard Leonard SI

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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

## **6th Sunday of Easter** Year C

Monday 23/05 Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 24/05 ~ Solemnity Our Lady, Help of Christians

Gen 3:9-15,20; Eph 3:14-19; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 25/05 Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 26/05 ~ Memorial St Philip Neri, priest Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 27/05 Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23 Saturday 28/05

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Annamma Joseph (Fr Joy's aunty), Pat & Sid McConkey, Ray Reynolds, Stanley Cooper, Tom Dawson, Juanita Casey, Clare Hopkins, John Bonnici, Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks, Fr John Worthington SM

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ida O'Halloran, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Michael Ai Lau Gan, Jola & Stach, Marion Berry, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran; Alfredo De Ramos

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Fr Mathew Chennath OSH, Georgina Hughes, Jeanette Bakker, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue, Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew



## Pope's intention for May: Faith-Filled Young People;

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.



It's easy to join the 250 Club. Call the office for more details



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

This weekend we again have Father Andrew Murray sm with us to assist Fr Joy with Masses.

Celebrants for the following Weekend Masses

21st / 22nd May 28th / 29th May

Fr Joy Thomas and Fr Andrew Murray

**THIS Weekend is the FINAL** 

**Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal** 

for 2021/2022 financial year.

Supporting the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

puts your gift to work in your local faith community

We are confident that our generous community

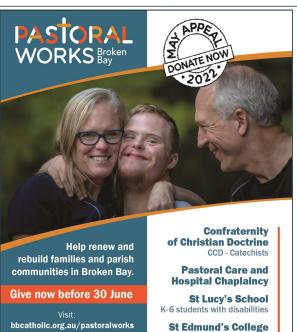
will yet again demonstrate their love for their neighbours

by generously supporting the

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal.

The ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT continues this weekend

Every year in May a count of all parishioners is taken at all weekend Masses and a report returned to the Diocese of BB. The count continues this weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. Thank you for your understanding.



7-12 students with disabilities

**Ephpheta Centre** 

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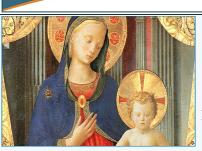
# Our parish quota for the 2021/2022 financial year is \$34,153 of which we have raised \$20.390.

This leaves a shortfall of \$13,763 which we hope to raise during this final appeal.

Envelopes are available in the pews of our churches this weekend, please place on either collection plate.

Please remember your ongoing support to the PWBB Appeal (great or small), is greatly appreciated and I sincerely thank you for giving whatever you can. Fr Joy.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.



Or use: Parish Envelope

# In May we duly honour our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Short History and Practice May devotions to Mary began in the 13th century, but there is little information to know



how it was celebrated.

In it's present form, the practice of May devotions to Mary originated within the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in the 18th century under Father Latomia of their Roman College. Shortly afterwards, devotions were adopted at the Jesuit's mother church in Rome, the Church of the Gesù, and then began to spread throughout other area churches to the entire globe. (Pope Francis, who is also a Jesuit, has a special devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots,

a phrase first attributed to St. Irenaeus of Lyons who said,

"The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosened by the obedience of Mary").

The image of Mary wearing a gold crown appears in early Eastern and Western iconography, drawing inspiration from the Coronation of Mary as understood in Catholic biblical tradition based on the passage from Revelation 12:1. Some churches and families participate in a special May Crowning celebration. Pope Clement VIII (1592-1605) first placed two crowns on the Marian icon called "Salus Populi Romani" in the Roman Basilica of St. Mary Major, but the crowns were later lost. On the Feast of the Assumption in 1838, Pope Gregory XVI once again added crowns in a special rite, officially starting the tradition as it is still performed today.

One reason the devotion has come to extend over the entire month is the abundance of Marian feast days in May: Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Mary Help of Christians (May 24),

and the Visitation (May 31). © https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/the-mary-month-of-may



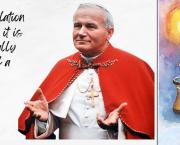
Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People -19 May 2022

# Euthanasia legalised in NSW

Church leaders, religious healthcare providers and prolife groups are profoundly disappointed following a marathon debate in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament which now all but legalises voluntary assisted dving in this state.

Euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable Killing of a human person. Saint John Paul II



Welcome to DUNAME our be Faith child Family God **Baptism** 

congratulations to

Matylda lwonna Lindhout

who is to baptised this weekend.

Please keep her,



@ St Patrick's.

Children's Choir would like to extend a special invitation to all the young people who are preparing to celebrate 1st Eucharist, to come and join the parish Children's Choir.

Children's Choir is a wonderful way to make connections to other families and young people in the parish.

It's also a way of participating in the liturgy in a really meaningful way, while giving back to the community through music. Any young person from Year 3 up to the end of high school can join the Choir, no qualifications

necessary - just turn up at one of our practices.

We practise every week during school terms on Fridays at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and we sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Bring a friend, and come and make new friends!

> Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

10th World Mtg of Families -Rome June 22-26, 2022

## SAVE THE DATE!!! 26 June 2pm

All families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm. This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids.

Debate began on Wednesday in The Legislative Council that lasted until midnight before resuming Thursday morning when the amended bill was agreed to by a majority.

Already approved in The Legislative Assembly or Lower House, the bill now returns there largely unchanged, meaning its legalisation is all but guaranteed. Voluntary Assisted Dying, or as opponents refer to the legislation, State Assisted Suicide, will become legal.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay said it is an extremely disappointing situation when we accept the sanction of the State to determine who lives and who dies.

"Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering," Bishop Randazzo said.

"A genuinely human society is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them.

"While deeply moved by many comments aired during the years of this debate, it is clear the social mood and the narrative has evolved in a way that the language of personal rights now dominates over our concern for the common good.

"We should be considering and caring for the rights of all citizens to be well, to have the care they need, and not lost to the margins.

"We now have to consider what this means to our health care and aged care, the vulnerable and confused."

A majority of tabled amendments were voted down during Wednesday night's debate, including a push to give aged and residential homes the power to block voluntary assisted dying taking place in their facilities.

Religious health care providers had expressed concern the bill would force them to facilitate assisted dying.

"While the legalisation of euthanasia is a disappointing development, legislative change does not alter the good news of Jesus Christ that every life is sacred," said Emma Baker, team leader for Life, Marriage & Family at Evangelisation Broken Bay.

"Fear, economics and access to healthcare should not determine how we respond to the end-of-life process.

"As we transition to a society in which assisted suicide is an option, we give thanks for the religious healthcare providers who continue to oppose this process and invest in the highest guality medical care for patients who are terminally ill," said Ms Baker.

"Let's ensure members of our family, friends, those who are alone, the vulnerable in our community know and understand that they are loved, that we will be with them in their journey, and that they are not a burden."

New South Wales will become the last state to allow voluntary assisted dying although it is not legal in Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory due to a Federal law banning the practice in both territories.

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 bill was introduced into the NSW lower house by Independent MP Alex Greenwich in October last year.

The bill was co-sponsored by 28 MPs from across the political spectrum, the highest number of co-sponsors for any bill in an Australian parliament.

Politicians from both major parties were given a conscience vote on the bill.

Labor MLC Greg Donnelly, independent MLC Fred Nile and Liberal MLC Damien Tudehope were the main opponents to the bill's passage in the upper house.

Once passed by both houses, the law will become effective next year.



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS ~ Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass for Serra at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara at 6pm on Thursday 26th May 2022. This is a special Mass to celebrate the vocations of our 8 seminarians and our 4 diaconate aspirants and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter of the Serra Vocations Ministry in Broken Bay. Members of the Diocesan Vocations Team and the Diaconate Formation Team will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome. Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

