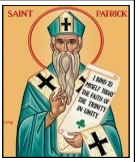


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 22nd August 2021 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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'

Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!



Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

Historical Context – Christians and Jews

The first followers of Jesus and those who became followers in the years after the death of Jesus were faithful Jews. They saw the teachings of Jesus as a way of being a better Jew. They didn't think that they were beginning a new religion; just a new way of interpreting their faith. However, as the years passed and the followers of Jesus began to clarify their understandings and beliefs, it started to become obvious that their belief in Jesus as the Son of God was distancing them from their Jewish brothers and sisters. Gradually the term, Christian, came into use and their differences from Judaism became more apparent.

Gospel Focus – Peter's faith

Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!

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**COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED ~ Sunday Mass is live-streamed as follows:
Saturday Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith and Sunday Mass - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.**

[Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am]

As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:

With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed**. The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order."

PASTORAL CENTRE

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Phone: (02) 9456 2450

Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

Centre Hours: 9am – 3.30pm.

Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH

Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

Bookkeeper Karen Price

Office Assistant (Tues) Jan Favaloro

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



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

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches
CLOSED
for the duration
of the
LOCKDOWN**

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 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 23/08

1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 24/08 ~ Feast

St Bartholomew, apostle

Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday 25/08

1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 26/08

1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday 27/08 ~ Memorial

St Monica

1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 28/08 ~ Memorial

St Augustine, bishop, doctor

1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica Kavanagh, Angela Smith,
Crisanta Colis, June Maher,
Henry Sylvester, Agnes Montgomery,
Matthew Hughes, John Wright

ANNIVERSARIES:

Shirley Gray
Lynette Maguire, Dr Ken Gray,
Gary Simpson,

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:

Chris Enright, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach
Uchman, Tom Dawson, David Chee,
Roger Okell, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary
Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip
OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Jean Cook John
Gallagher, Felicity Fone, Peter Todd,
Peter Brooks, Dan Leavy, Barbara
Jones, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne
Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove
(Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen,
Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter

YEAR of
SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph

The 250 Club!



Week 5 - 16/08/2021
Winning number: 453
Winner: Les Fogden
Amount: \$500.00



Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention for August:
The Church

~ Let us pray for the
Church, that she may
receive from the Holy Spirit the
grace and strength to reform herself
in the light of the Gospel.



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

Some important extracts from 'A letter to the Clergy of the Diocese of Broken Bay' ~
Bishop A Randazzo ~ 16 August 2021.

- + The Public Health Orders are very clear: We must stay at home unless for one of four reasons.
- + People cannot come to the church or to the parish office, just as we cannot pay social visits to each other's homes. These regulations are aimed at preventing the spread of the virus, people becoming sick, and dying. Priests, however, are exempt from the stay-at-home order in their exercise of pastoral care.
- + The Public Health Order allows a priest to go to a house for pastoral care but only the residents of that house could be present and **ONLY if you are in desperate need.**

Our dear parishioners,

Fr Joy and myself want you to know that we are able to visit with you in your homes should you need us. I am fully vaccinated and Fr Joy will be fully vaccinated in 2 weeks time.

We will adhere strictly to all current directives of the NSW Government **and to the directives above from Bishop Anthony.**

To arrange a pastoral visit from us please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 and leave a message **and/or** make your request via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

We will make contact with you as soon as possible to arrange a suitable time. **Fr Shaju**



Is an **OUTREACH GROUP** in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!

Its motto is ... **"We are here for you!"**

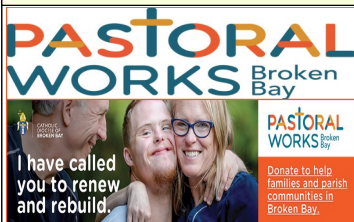
Its aim is ... **to listen, to talk, to care, to share.**

So be prepared, one day, out of the blue you may receive a call just to say 'G'day'.

What we would like to know is ... **"Is there anything Reconnect can do for you?"** like ...

* Assistance with meals * A regular chat and stuff like that !

Can't wait for them to ring you? Please call the office ~ 9456 2450 and staff will assist you to "Reconnect".



August Appeal ~ Happening Now !

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. Donations can be made via our parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or via www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

**Be Sure To Nominate Our Parish
so your donation is credited towards our Quota.**

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open. Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

OUR BANK
DETAILS

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER

KCCP has a NEW
Bank Account Number:

The Catholic Development Fund (with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes, **which means we have a new account number.**

In the past, we would provide the details here, however, we've been directed by the Diocese that, due to fraud attempts, parishes are no longer allowed to publish their BSB and Acct No's. in parish bulletins or websites.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible via parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or on 9456 2450.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish. **Fr Shaju.**

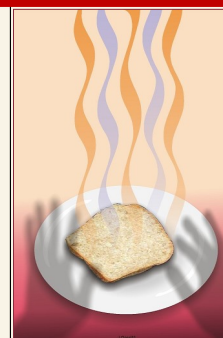
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Living the Gospel – Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium – the person – IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

Learning moments

- Go back and read the whole of John, chapter 6. In what ways does reading the chapter as a complete unit improve understanding the whole? How does the Feeding of the Multitude set up the rest of the chapter? What is the significance of inserting the account of Jesus Walking on the Water at this point? The people seem willing to accept Jesus' ability to work miracles of nature (feeding the multitudes and walking on water) and yet cannot accept that he has come down from heaven. Why might that be the case?



Lectionary
Art

This is the final reading from John's gospel in which the food image is the focus.

The metaphor that Jesus uses about

eating his flesh and drinking his blood is too graphic and shocking for many in his audience.

The symbolic nature of the message is made plain when Jesus says that his words are 'spirit and life'.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2021

The Parish Finance Committee reports as follows on the financial position and performance of the Parish for the year ended 30th June 2021.

The cash position of the Church A/c has improved by \$45,176 over the year to \$99,941. This was mainly due to Government Assistance for Covid-19 of \$50,650 and generous donations from parishioners of \$27,520 towards the renovations of both churches

The Operating Profit for the year recorded a surplus of \$8,920 compared to a surplus of \$20,193 for the previous year. This deterioration was mainly due to operating income being \$15,026 lower primarily from timing of 250 Club income, a fall in Donations and less income from Sacramental Programs. This was offset by an increase in Collections by \$2,134 and operating expenses being \$3,752 lower than the previous year.

This was mainly due to a fall in the expenditure for Security, Altar and Church Requisites and Insurance. This was offset by an increase in employment expenses, repairs and maintenance and telecommunications.

Non-Operating Income and Expenditure recorded a surplus of \$37,129 compared to a deficit of \$6,851 in the previous financial year. This was due to an increase in Government Assistance for Covid-19 through Job-keeper Subsidy and Cash Flow Stimulus by \$28,650, Donations for renovations to both churches by \$8,190 and a reduction in Capital Expenditure by \$11,062.

The major Capital Expenditure items for the financial year were the renovations to St Patrick's Church costing \$39,500 and Equipment Expenditure of \$5,481 for TV Screens at St. Bernard's and replacement of the amplifier at St. Patrick's.

A summary of these figures is included in this Bulletin and on the Parish's website.

Thank you to all Parishioners who are continuing to generously support the Parish in these tough times especially through planned giving by Credit Card and direct deposits. As we are unable to physically attend Mass at this time there is no income from loose collections or the Tap N Go terminals. Please therefore consider joining the planned giving via credit card or direct deposit. Please also don't forget to support our Clergy in the absence of the first collection at the moment. Donations can be made via the Parish website. For those already using planned giving and you haven't already done so, please review your commitment for this financial year. Also those using the credit card option please update the expiry date with the Pastoral Office if you have had a new credit card issued recently. If you have any queries please contact the Pastoral Office or any member of the Parish Finance Committee.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021			
CHURCH ACCOUNT	2021	2020	Variance
Total Income	315,523	297,761	17,762
Total Expenditure	270,475	284,419	-13,944
SUPLUS/(DEFICIT)	45,048	13,342	31,706
Major Items Only			
REVENUE:-			
Planned Giving	156,186	165,028	-8,842
Loose 2nd Collection/TapnGo	66,654	55,678	10,976
Bulletin Advertising	925	887	38
Sacramental Programmes	3,150	7,689	-4,539
Catechesis of Good Shepherd	808	2,167	-1,359
Donations	1,600	6,735	-5,135
250 Club Income	2,060	7,722	-5,662
Govt Assistance - Covid-19	50,650	22,000	28,650
Interest Received	301	595	-294
Donations (Fettered)	4,075	8,127	-4,052
Donations-St Bernard's Renovations	7,500	19,420	-11,920
Donations-St Patrick's Renovations			
	20,020	0	20,020
EXPENSES:-			
Employment Expenses	91,579	85,098	6,481
Altar & Church Requisites	3,668	10,942	-7,274
Audit, Accounting & Legal Expenses	12,738	12,582	156
Insurance	26,205	28,799	-2,594
Office Expenses	18,395	18,245	150
Pastoral Programmes	5,749	6,373	-624
Repairs & Maintenance	13,658	11,105	2,553
Telecommunications	10,661	8,293	2,368
Travelling & Car Allowance	20,805	21,297	-492
Presbytery Expenses-Strata Levies	10,500	11,620	-1,120
Loan Interest	0	356	-356
Capital Expenditure:-			
- Church	39,500	56,043	-16,543
- Equipment	5,481	0	5,481
Available Cash-Church A/c	99,941	54,765	45,176
PASTORAL REVENUE			
(Mainly from first collection)			
Total Income	60,753.00	71,299.00	-10,546.00
Total Expenditure	27,683.00	28,919.00	-1,236.00
Surplus	33,070.00	42,380.00	-9,310.00
Transfer to:-			
Sustentation Fund	10,317.00	6,946.00	3,371.00
Clergy Board of Management	23,476.00	24,699.00	-1,223.00
	33,793.00	31,645.00	2,148.00
Net Surplus/Deficit	-723.00	10,735.00	-11,458.00

Confirmation Programme 2021



**Workshops
have now concluded.**

*A big thank you to all the children and their parents/carers for adapting so well to the new way of attending workshops. **Special thanks** to our facilitators & the KCCP Sacramental Team of Peta, Grace and Phill for **'getting the job done'**.*

*At the time of printing this bulletin it is becoming **increasingly unlikely** that Confirmation will take place on Sunday 5 September 2021 but, we are still trying to keep positive even though things are **very likely to change**.*

*If they do, then **The Sacramental Team** will be in touch to let you know all the details as soon as possible.*

**Practice for Confirmation
(Covid restrictions permitting):
Sunday August 29th -
SPA after the 10am Mass
SBB after the 9am Mass**

**Confirmation
(Covid restrictions permitting):
Sunday September 5th -
SPA 2pm and 4pm
SBB 11.30am**

**At KCCP we take
Safeguarding seriously.**

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Our Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person, and by our dedication to sustained education, practice and conversation about moral, legal and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

Learning Hub

Read the Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding. The protection of children and vulnerable adults within our Diocese will be achieved as every member of our community strives to be a person who.... to read more go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/diocesan-safeguarding>



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' John 6:60-69

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ. (*Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5*)

Prayer Petition ~ The Plenary Council calls us to be a joyful, hope-filled servant community. We pray that the spirit of joy and hope will fill our hearts and overflow to all we meet. (*Pause for silent prayer*)

Instrumentum Laboris ~ A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community

The call to service is nourished by the deepening of our personal relationship with God through the Word and the Sacraments. (p.7) The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the Word of God..., celebrating the sacraments..., and exercising the ministry of charity.... These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable. (p.8)


Prayer ~ For the Plenary Council: that we might be given more profound faith, greater courage, deeper spirituality and the ability to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us, as faith communities come together to respond and prepare for the First Assembly in October this year.

(*Pause for silent prayer*) Lord, hear us.

Please pray for the Plenary Council

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 28th/29th August 2021 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year
Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm

Until restrictions lift:

Rostering for essential ministries during the
live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately -
if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated	August: Matthew Tancred - additional help always appreciated - see inside appeal to help p/s
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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*.



Vinnies Community Sleepout is going virtual!

The human reality of homelessness is told through the many people the St Vincent de Paul Society assists each day. In 2019, the NSW Govt. Dept. of Communities and Justice Engagement Week Program identified the below statistics surrounding homelessness:

- Of those sleeping rough on our streets, 57% in Woy Woy and 71% in Gosford identified with a high vulnerability score and needed ongoing assistance with housing and support services.
- 70 years of age was the oldest respondent sleeping rough and 24 years of age was the youngest, with an average age of 49 years.
- The program identified that the average duration of time spent sleeping on the street was 5.16 years.

On the NSW Central Coast, the SVdP Society provides assistance through three Vinnies Support Centres in Wyong, Gosford and Woy Woy. They not only connect those in need with Vinnies provided services, but also other agencies in the fields of homelessness and poverty to provide comprehensive support to those most vulnerable within our community. **How you can help?** All funds generated from this event will go to supporting our three local Vinnies Support Centres, allowing us to continue providing essential services to the community with respect, justice, hope and joy.

Register or sponsor a participant to help us change lives and help shape a more just and compassionate society. <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-central-coast-region-2021/>

Sleep out at home in your car, backyard or couch and join us online to help change lives in our community.

Event details: Date: Friday 27 August 2021 6pm

Venue: At home in your car, backyard or couch

Event Coordinator: Janice Stokes | janice.stokes@vinnies.org.au

Bring: We invite you to bring your warm clothes, a sleeping bag/swag and join us to raise much needed funds and awareness of homelessness.



CatholicCare can help

As we enter another week of lockdown you may need some extra support. We are here to help and offer many services for people in need including emergency relief financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more. Feel free to call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au for more information.

**Divine Renovation Australasia
Webinar: Jesus Christ & Missionary Discipleship:
25 August, 6:30pm**

Go ... and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

This was the Great Commission Jesus gave His disciples, and it is the same mission He entrusts to each of us. Yet, what does it really mean to be a disciple of Christ? Join us for this online event as Dr. Christine Wood and Kevin Bailey take us through what it means to be a missionary disciple and how we can carry out the mission of Christ in our world today. *Dr. Christine Wood is the Director of the Office of Evangelisation and Catechesis in the Archdiocese of Hobart and teaches Biblical and Systematic Theology at Catholic Distance University in the USA.* **Register at: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/events>**



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