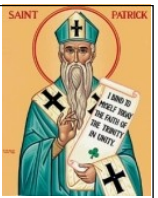
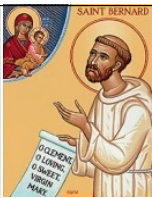


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~23rd August 2020 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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'

This weekend we especially welcome our children who are to receive their First Eucharist at St Patrick's, Asquith

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."

Alex B	Archer W	Catherine M	Edward O	Isabella W	Makayla M	Noah H	Rishona G	Thomas C
Adam C	Brandon C	Ethan A	Eliana P	Isabelle H	Mason P	Oliver J	Robyne De G	Tyler S
Ashleigh I	Ben G	Ella B	Emma S	Jaz S	Mitchell M	Oliver K	Roisin S	William F
Ava L	Conor E	Emma D	Ethan S	Karl C	Natalia S	Rajil A	Samuel A-R	Xavier K
Aubrey R	Christina I	Emma M	Edward W	Lachlan G	Niall C	Riley Z	Saxon P	Zola B
	Charlize L		Giuliana F		Noah D		Sophia H-B	

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.
You're a special friend to me.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome
thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you
for giving yourself to me.

Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus,
to show how much I care.

I'm ready now to give your love
at home and everywhere.

Amen.



PASTORAL CENTRE

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Phone: (02) 9456 2450

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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

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine

School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



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



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 24/08 ~ Feast
St Bartholomew, apostle**

Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I-II
Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday 25/08

Mass *ad libitum*
2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 26/08

Mass *ad libitum*
2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday 27/08 ~ Memorial
St Monica**

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday 28/08 ~ Memorial
St Augustine, bishop, doctor**

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday 29/08 ~ Memorial
The Passion of St John the Baptist,
martyr**

Mass of the Day
Preface of the St John the Baptist
(Jer 1:17-19); Mk 6:17-29

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mia Donnelly, Joan Gates (Richards), Maureen Casey, Marie Mickelson, James (Jim) Cadger, Wilhelmine (Wilma) Brayshaw, Tomas Joson III, Eleanor Malabonga, Mary Ann Weir, Jocelyn Ibanez, Antonietta (Toni) Dal Pozzo, Wilfreda Attilo, Ester Filart, Sally O'Donoghue, Gabrielle Kirby, Denise Plumber, Noelene Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Shirley Gray, Phyllis Newnham, Charles & Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosley, Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill Davies, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Josie & Max Buie, Arthur Marsh, Luz Turqueza, Mel Sheldon, Jovencia Ferrer, John Barnett, Michael Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Lynette Maguire, Anthony Gerard Smith, Pastor Alvarado

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

Please advise the office if names can be deleted from the sick list.

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

~ [Bishop Anthony 11 August 2020] ~ My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.



The Gospel, which is the Good News of Jesus Christ, is not just there to be proclaimed, although that is an important action. A more important and even more difficult action is integrating the Gospel into the fibre of our very lives. If we are honest, we would find that many of us struggle with this aspect the most. The theology and the proclamation of the Word is relatively easy. What is more challenging is the living out of the Word of God and becoming a credible witness to the Gospel. In the Gospels, Jesus spoke of a cost involved in responding to His call to become a disciple (Lk 14:28), in terms of what becoming a disciple will do to our plans, our reputations and our possessions. He told Peter that answering the call will take him to places he would rather not go (Jn 21:18). The Christian vocation would cost them their very lives. To live one's vocation can appear to be foolishness according to the wisdom of the secular world. Why bother with such foolishness? Because when the Word of God is integrated into our lives, we undergo a transformation. When I integrate myself with the Word of God, I do not simply "become a better person", as if the Christian faith is merely a form of therapy. A Christian immersed in, integrated with, and transformed by the Word of God becomes in his or her own person a living Gospel, an embodied proclamation of the glory of the Lord. A Christian who integrates the Word of God makes the Word become his or her own flesh and allows the Word to dwell within them and dwell among us once again (Jn 1:1-18). When a person lives a life transformed by the Word, what was once an abstract concept of "the Christ" turns into the living body of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Anyone who encounters a Christian who has truly been transformed by Christ will come to an encounter with the person of Jesus Himself, as it was in the Scriptural accounts all those centuries ago. The face of Christ is not an abstract concept, nor a distant memory. It is a living and breathing reality in any Christian who really abides in the Word of God. A Christian transformed by the Word of God is a living and breathing reality in the present, another incarnation in our day. We have read in the Gospels just how powerful the incarnation and an encounter with the incarnate Word can be. In the first instance, the incarnate Word of God is someone who will attract others. The incarnate Word of God can draw others out of themselves and ignite that desire for more than what their lives currently offer but never satisfy. A person transformed by the Word of God will spark a desire in others for the same kind of transformation in their own lives, not just for themselves, but also in the lives of others. What is the reason for this attraction? It is because a life integrated with Jesus is not a life that is less human. On the contrary, Christians who truly reflect Jesus are living lives that are fully human. A life that is fully human is an attractive life, a cause of wonder, and a call to move beyond a life of bland mediocrity and compromise. You can see how this is also a form of leadership. To lead one out of mediocrity, to inspire, and to instil desire to be more human in every pursuit. Instead of shoving from behind, the Christian transformed by Christ draws and attracts from the front. Leadership here is not measured by how many people you can boss around. In the context of vocation, leadership is measured by how a person has their life transformed by the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. My dear sisters and brothers do not be afraid to respond to this call to lead, to embody the beauty of Christ Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the glory of the Lord. + Anthony

**Come On
Join
The Club!
The 250
Club!**

Did you know? Our parish has a long running and very easy fundraiser.
Not a member ? Not a problem !
We can help you, and it's really easy to do ☺

You simply invest **\$20 for 20 chances over 20 weeks.**

Your \$1 per week investment could return:

\$25.00 during Weeks 1 – 4 and \$500 !!! Week 5

Draws then continue in this pattern to the end of the 20 week series.

Payment can be taken via the plate, over the phone or on the website via BPoint.

*It's no different to buying chocolates for the kids netball or soccer clubs
except you're helping your parish, it's better for your health and on your waistline
and you might just win the big \$500 drawer !*

Numbers available, so please get on board this parish initiative.

For more information call the parish office on 9456 2450 and speak to Karen or Marg.

The 250 Club!

Week 18: 17/08/2020 ~ Winning No.: 210 ~ \$25.00 ~ **WINNER** Colleen Goudie



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.

St Bernard's Restoration Appeal Continues: The restoration was a much needed investment in the future of the parish. Please consider even a small contribution if you can, **remember little fish are sweet.**

**KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:
BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001**

**Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish -
Church Account**

Please specify how to split your donation between 1st / 2nd collections.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

The Parish Finance Committee reports as follows on the financial position and performance of the Parish for the year ended 30th June 2020.

The cash position of the Church A/c has improved by \$7,432 over the year to \$54,765. This figure includes the full repayment of the Loan A/c for the Pastoral Centre of \$14,849.

The revenue and expenses for the year recorded a surplus of \$13,342 compared to a surplus of \$30,506 for the previous year. This deterioration was mainly due to operating expenses being \$28,212 higher mainly due to increased employment costs, insurance, altar and church requisite expenses and presbytery expenses due to a special Strata levy for Haldane St. premises for building defects.

This was offset by operating income increasing by \$7,497 which was mainly due to Covid-19 government assistance for the cash flow stimulus and Job-keeper subsidy of \$22,000 and the inclusion of income from the 250 Club of \$7,722. This was offset by total collections being \$16,727 less mainly due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions

Capital expenditure increased by \$24,967 compared to the previous year. The main expenditure during the year was for renovations on the St Bernard's Church and a storage shed at St Patrick's. The cost of replacing the roof at St Bernard's was covered by insurance.

Thank you to those Parishioners who have specifically contributed for the renovations at St Bernard's which so far amounts to \$19,420.

A summary of these figures appears here and includes a detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year. These can also be found on the Parish's website.

Thank you to all Parishioners who are currently contributing via the planned giving scheme. As it is proposed to carry out major renovations at St Patrick's in the coming year at an approx. cost of \$42,000 and ongoing repairs and maintenance issues to be attended to we seek your continued support.

We urge those not currently in the planned giving scheme to join it either via the Envelope system or preferably by the Credit Card option. 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.

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Have you thought? What's in a name? ~ On many occasions in the Bible a character is given, or takes on, a new name when they take on a new role or move to a new level in their faith and relationship with God. Abram became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah; Jacob became Israel; and Saul became Paul. In all of these circumstances the person took on a new name to reflect their new relationship with God. This tradition has continued right to this day. Men and women entering religious life have traditionally taken on a new name to indicate the new life they are entering. When Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope he took on the name Benedict to indicate the new role and the new life he was beginning.

Living the Gospel ... Who do YOU say I am? ~ The question that Jesus asks the disciples is a question he asks of all of us. How we answer that question reflects our relationship with Jesus. But more importantly, how we answer that question reflects the way we live our life in response to who we believe Jesus to be. If we truly say that we believe in Jesus as the son of God, then how do we live our lives in such a way that we act on that belief? The gospel shows us that an inadequate answer to that question leads to missing the point of all that Jesus is.

Gospel Focus ~ Jesus' words to Peter, 'on this rock I will build my church', are obviously the gospel writers' words and not the words of Jesus himself. (Jesus did not set out to build a church community; that did not emerge until later.) In fact they appear only in this particular gospel. The other synoptic gospels have Peter's confession of faith but not these words attributed to Jesus. The words are sometimes understood as asserting that Peter himself is the rock on whom the church will be built, rather than his declaration of faith being the rock. This has then sometimes become confused with the line of popes beginning with Peter.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT FOR THE	YEAR	ENDED	30 JUNE 2020
CHURCH ACCOUNT	2020	2019	Variance
Total Income	297,761	262,717	35,044
Total Expenditure	284,419	232,211	52,208
SUPLUS/(DEFICIT)	13,342	30,506	-17,164
Major Items Only			
REVENUE:-			
Planned Giving	165,028	171,988	-6,960
Loose 2nd Collection/TapnGo	55,678	65,445	-9,767
Bulletin Advertising	887	1,464	-577
Sacramental Programmes	7,689	2,820	4,869
Catechesis of Good Shepherd	2,167	2,341	-174
Donations	6,735	9,481	-2,746
250 Club Income	7,722	0	7,722
Govt Assistance - Covid-19	22,000	0	22,000
Interest Received	595	1,217	-622
EXPENSES:-			
Employment Expenses	85,098	71,195	13,903
Altar & Church Requisites	10,942	7,869	3,073
Audit, Accounting & Legal Expenses	12,582	13,788	-1,206
Insurance	28,799	25,685	3,114
Office Expenses	18,245	17,635	610
Pastoral Programmes	6,373	5,334	1,039
Repairs & Maintenance	11,105	9,555	1,550
Telecommunications	8,293	9,671	-1,378
Travelling & Car Allowance	21,297	21,224	73
Loan Interest	356	1,326	-970
Capital Expenditure:-			
- Church	56,043	4,894	51,149
- Presbytery	0	26,182	-26,182
			0
Available Cash	54,765	47,333	7,432
Loan A/cs	0	14,849	-14,849
PASTORAL REVENUE			
(Mainly from first collection)			
Total Income	71,299.00	92,192.00	-20,893.00
Total Expenditure	28,919.00	22,723.00	6,196.00
Surplus	42,380.00	69,469.00	-27,089.00
Transfer to:-			
Sustentation Fund	6,946.00	13,829.00	-6,883.00
Clergy Board of Management	24,699.00	55,640.00	-30,941.00
	31,645.00	69,469.00	-37,824.00
Net Surplus/Deficit	10,735.00	0.00	

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 29th/30th August – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

	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	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Vincente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Kerrin Enright	Nuria Gonsalves	Rosemary Pendlebury	Cora Cuasay	Kerrie O'Neill
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Peta Tonkin	Rionah Gonsalves	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Jan Favalaro	Peter Collins	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Millen Kurishingal & Grace Milen	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Paul Waite, Marlene Moloney (f) Sarah Jane Sibelja		Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		August: Sydney Fernandes, Richard Fellow, Helper needed			

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*.

Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other



A COVID-19 Update from our Vicar General, Fr David Ranson

As reported on the weekend, St Agatha's Church at Pennant Hills is closed for deep cleaning following a parishioner testing positive to COVID-19. The church will remain closed until further notice. This is a timely reminder of our need to be vigilant and to keep lines of communication open. [...] Again, the importance of implementing the Parish COVID-safe plan has been highlighted in this incident. **Please ensure that all contact details are taken by every person attending the parish so contact tracing can occur in the event of an outbreak.**

Please encourage your parishioners to wear masks, [...] I need to stress with the utmost urgency: **If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have any flu-like symptoms you must cease work, stay home, isolate and get tested. This advice is paramount for our clergy who are in contact with such a wide range of people in the course of their ministry.**

Please be hyper-vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms. These include;

- * fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- * cough
- * sore/scratchy throat
- * shortness of breath
- * loss of smell
- * loss of taste.

Let us be sure to look after one another with great care during these challenging times.

THE # 1 RULE - You MUST follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s

At the moment; next to our Priest/s; our Ushers are probably **THE** most important people at our Masses. They have taken on this volunteer role to help ensure the safety of us all.

Please - it is vital that you follow all directions of our Ushers without question.

Please sit only where you are directed to sit, sanitise your hands on arrival and departure, do not congregate after Mass or on church grounds.

In line with this, we ask that you strongly consider the use of face masks when attending Mass.

Celebrating Holy Mass Together

- * Reservations
- * Noting of your attendance
- * Collection of your contact details
- * Subsequent reservations

Reservations: can be made by calling the office or preferably via the office email, parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Noting of your attendance: you need to see the Usher on your arrival at Mass and if you have made an advance reservation, have your name marked off or, have your name recorded if not on the list.

Collection of your contact details: to comply with the NSW Government's Covid-19 Safe Guidelines, it is a requirement that we collect your contact numbers on the Mass reservation/attendance list. Where possible the office has added numbers however we need to ensure that your contact number is correct. Please check your details with the Usher, amend if necessary and provide if missing.

Subsequent Reservations: can be made when registering your attendance at the current weekend masses. Simply advise the Usher of your intention to attend Mass the following weekend and your name will be added to the list. Most parishioners always attend the same mass but if you want to attend a different mass the following week, the Usher can also note this preference on the list.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE BY FOLLOWING: The Aust. Govt. and DBB Guidelines.

- * The number allowed to be present in a church is based on one person to each 4m² = **100 persons in St Patrick's / 60 persons in St Bernard's.**
- * When capacity is reached, the doors of the church will be closed.
- * If unwell - **DO NOT** come to mass and please, see your doctor;
- * **Names and contact details MUST be provided to the Usher.**
- * Follow **ALL** directions from the **USHERS**;
- * Sanitise your hands on arrival and departure;
- * **Normal Social Distancing of 1.5m must be observed at all times.**
- * When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning—please disperse immediately and **DO NOT** congregate outside the church after mass;
- * Please **DO NOT TOUCH** the collection plate as it is brought to you.
- * Please **DO NOT TOUCH Holy Pictures and Statues**
- * **Tap n Go** is available at the back of the church for those who do not want to handle cash.
- * **Weekday** attendees **MUST** write your name and contact details in the book (please use your own pen);
- * **Weekend** masses can be booked via the parish email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- * **Your health is important to us.** To ensure your safety and that of each other, please help us by following all the above points.
- * *Take care, stay safe, stay well.*