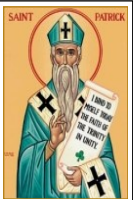


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 23rd July 2023 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30;

Entrance: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

'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

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am	Wednesday and Friday
9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am	Thursday
9.15am	Wednesday and Friday (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

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(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.*



Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday – 23 July is the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a commemoration that was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021 near the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne.

For much of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has highlighted the special vocation of the elderly, to hand on to new generations their personal experience of the Church's faith. During his weekly general Audience on the 23 March last year, the Pope commented: *"We greatly need the wisdom and experience of the elderly to help new generations know the Church from the inside, to live lives of fidelity to God's word, to persevere in hope amid trials, and to show compassionate love for all our brothers and sisters"*.

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1,50), is the theme of this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life, how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is characterised by its close connection with World Youth Day, which will be held in Lisbon from 1 to 6 August and to which our own 4 Youths have already started their pilgrimage together with our Bishop. This relationship is evident in Pope Francis' message to elders, inviting them to pray for and bless the youth who will participate in the WYD, and to young people, urging them to visit and listen to the grandparents and the elderly in their community. *The Pope stressed that between the two generations there is a communion of life and faith, a mutual giving and gratitude, a witness of hope and charity.*

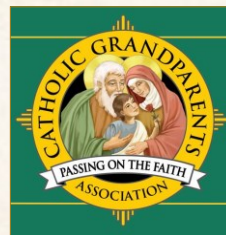
Dear grandparents and elderly, you have a unique part to play in the lives of younger generations—engage with them through shared experiences and help grandchildren establish a strong foundation in the faith.

Dear young people, as your brother in Christ, I encourage you all to spend time with your grandparents. After all, they are the point of reference for communities and the keepers of memories.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, I give you my blessing and prayers. *Fr Biju*



Fr Biju's Ammachi (Mum) with her 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.



Twit-o's Mum together with her 6 grandsons & 3 granddaughters. The littlest (Felicity) is holding a photo of their much loved Da (grandfather) who had recently passed away.



Karen's Price's parents with ONLY 14 of their grandchildren ~ they have 23 altogether !! 13 Grandsons & 10 Granddaughters. Of course, they did have 9 children themselves, 7 Daughters and 2 Sons, so not really all that surprising :)

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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'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 July:

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



The Blessings of being a Grandparent

A true source of joy is being a grandparent ~ Greta and Graham Wickham

Being able to watch your own children be great parents and being involved as grandparents means you are always there to assist if necessary and your grandchildren know they can count on you. As a grandparent you get to enjoy the unconditional love of your grandchildren without having to shoulder the responsibilities allotted to parents. You can focus on the fun which includes all the love, hugs, snuggles and kisses with much less of the parenting duties, and relish the time spent. You find the patience you thought you had lost and they keep you young. **Most of all, you LOVE when they visit and LOVE when they leave.** 😊



THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 24/07

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 25/07 ~ Feast

St James, apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday 26/07 ~ Memorial

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 27/07

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20;
Mt 13:10-17

Friday 28/07

Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 29/07 ~ Memorial

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
1 Jn 4:7-16 Jn 11:19-27

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cristofano Biviano, Emil Wong,
Cath West, Dolla Patricio

ANNIVERSARIES:

Teresa Melisari, Gary Simpson,
Christin Simpson, Wilford Long,
Pastor Alvarado,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Philomena and Rex D'Souza,
Judith Ryan, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Won Lee, Maria Park,
Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir



✚ And to appreciate with gratitude, the many extended family gatherings at which our grandchildren give a positive demonstration of what it means to be family, as we celebrate the diversity of our 'grandchildren-in-laws' together.

Grand parenting is truly a wonderful time ~ Gianni & Edda Fragiaco

We have been lucky to be parents for 5 children, two girls and three boys and we had 8 grandchildren, 3 girls and 5 boys. One of the boys is no more with us, killed crossing the road by an overspeeding car. Grandparenting is a great time of your life. You generally are much more relaxed than when you were a parent and can be more patient and closer to the little one helping them to grow up, to be trustworthy and helpful to others, to be able to make the proper decisions, to love nature, to love physical and mental activity. This is the way to accept God's gifts and grace. Teenagers present more challenges, not because they want to be nasty, but because they have more energy and they want to prove themselves even if not yet ready. A lot of patience is required and the capacity to engage the young ones on their own interesting areas. The rewards are huge and the love that comes out of the relationship makes up for all frustrations. **Grand parenting is truly a wonderful time.**



The Blessings of being a Grandchild



Grandparents ~ Jake, Emma, Noah & Liam Daly

We have three amazing grandparents that we get to see regularly. We also have one grandparent who is in Heaven, with Jesus, watching over us.

Our grandparents are called Grandma and Pa and Nana and Pa and each one of them is very special to us. We love spending time with our grandparents and our favourite thing to do is to visit their houses and share a meal with them. We know our grandparents love us, just as Saint Joachim and Saint Anne loved Jesus. Our grandparents support us through any choices we make, and they have been sharing stories about their past for as long as we can remember. We love them very much. *Happy Grandparents Day to all grandparents.*



All their own words ~ Otis & Gus Rice

✚ Grandparents mean to me - love, kindness and caring.
✚ They also do a lot of things for me like gifts, going places and always loving me.
✚ They are important because they really care for me.

✚ Grandparents do a lot for us so we should do a lot for them.
✚ Not just about seeing them. It is a chance to help them with stuff.

The 250 Club!

The NEW series begins this coming Monday July 24.

Our lovely bookkeeper Karen, has this week sent supporters reminder emails if they need to pay for this series.

All you need to do is call the office.

Not a club member?
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Come On Join The Club!

We have many *number blocks* either 'unfinancial' or 'unsubscribed' so please consider joining. For the nominal outlay of just \$20 for a 20 week series (*that's just \$1 per week*) you get a number block (4 consecutive numbers) which gives you an amazing ... 16 chances to win \$25 and 4 chances to win \$500!! over a 20 week period. **To renew your subscription, check if you are financial, or better yet, to sign you up! Call 9456 2450.**



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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.

The Blessing of being Elderly

I'm not growing old ~ John E Roberts (poet)

They say that I am growing old; I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold — But I'm not growing old.

This frail shell in which I dwell, Is growing old, I know full well —
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning gray? Gray hairs are honorable, they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim? I still can see to follow Him,
Who sacrificed His life for me, Upon the cross of Calvary.

What should I care if time's old plow, Has left its furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made with hand, Awaits me in the Glory Land.

What though I falter in my walk? What though my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the narrow way, I still can watch and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen, As in the past it may have been,
Still, I can hear my Saviour say, In whispers soft, "This is the way."

The outward man, do what I can, To lengthen out this life's short span,
Shall perish, and return to dust, As everything in nature must.

The inward man, the Scriptures say, Is growing stronger every day.
Then how can I be growing old, When safe within my Saviour's fold?

Ere long my soul shall fly away, And leave this tenement of clay;
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise, To seize the "everlasting prize."

I'll meet you on the streets of gold, And prove that I'm not growing old.



Taxation receipts

now available **for Contributions to Pastoral Works Broken Bay and Caritas only**. **Please note:**

- * Most receipts have been emailed - (Pls check your Junk mail if it hasn't arrived)
- * If we don't have your email, your receipt will be at the church.
- * If you have an email that we don't know of, please email us at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- * If not in either place, please



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the Parishioners from Ku-Ring -Gai

Catholic Parish for their generous donation to our Winter Appeal. Receipts for Asquith Parishioners will be available at the back of the church next Sunday. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is the only Charitable Organisation that visits people in their own homes and this been done since the societies inception. Any parishioner who would like to join the Society or hear more about our work please contact the Parish Office and they will forward your details to us. Thanks Alan Henson Asquith Vinnies.

Our Pilgrims are finally,

Up, Up and Away

and heading to ...

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please keep in your daily prayers our pilgrims and indeed all youth from across the world, who are attending this gathering of faith.

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's
Practices will resume this week

on Friday 28th according to our usual schedule, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Last week's forced cancellation highlights the need for more people to help lead, direct, accompany and help run this most beautiful ministry for our children. If you would like to help, contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or come and see me after Mass and have a chat. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Any young person from Year 3 and up is welcome to join at any time.

Now Open: Confirmation enrolment 2023

Confirmation Enrolment is now open to any child who has been Baptised, is over the age of 8 and in Year 3, or above. The Enrolment form and schedule are now available on the Parish website. (Limited numbers are available from the back of our Churches).

**Confirmation 2023
Sunday 17 September**

10am @ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)

2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)

Parents/guardians please note this essential element to enrolling your child/ren.

The mandatory Parent Talk will take place on:

Thursday 27 July 2023 - 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

If you **cannot** or **do not** attend this talk, **without exception,**

you will be required to make an appointment for a one-on-one interview with Father Biju to discuss non-attendance and seek permission for your child/ren to proceed to making the Sacrament.

Each weekend, first-time attendees come to our Masses.

Their experience of welcome can be a deciding factor as to whether they will return.

I have arranged to hold a formation day for all volunteers involved in any form of welcoming or hospitality in our parish, such as (but not limited to), those who make others a cuppa after Mass. This formation is also open to folk who would simply like to come along and see what it is all about and perhaps go on to join our existing volunteers. You will be made very welcome if you join us!

"You're Welcome Here!" is a new workshop from the Parish Renewal and Discipleship Team of the Diocese.

The workshop will be held on: **Date: Thursday 10 August ~ Time: 6pm to 8pm ~ Venue: Fr McMaugh Hall, (in St Patrick's School grounds) ~ RSVP: Thursday 3 August** by email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or calling 9456 2450. **Presenter: Ms Pina Bernard**, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, DBB.

I hope to see many of our loyal and valued volunteers at this workshop ~ and some new ones :) Fr Biju.



Calling all Junior Altar Servers ~ We need your RSVP please

A formation evening has been arranged for all existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our New Communicants, are asked to register their attendance by emailing the office at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number.

Please reply as soon as possible and by 31 July, 2023 at the latest, thank you.

Thursday August 31 – Berowra Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

Friday September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

You're Welcome Here! –

A Welcome and Hospitality Workshop

Discover how welcome and hospitality can make our parish a warmer place and become a cornerstone of parish renewal



Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 29th/30th July 2023 - 17th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A - 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

	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	Paul Dryden	Volunteer needed	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Volunteer needed	Sophia Cottrell Annalise Cottrell	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Peta Tonkin	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Sue Lum
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Isaac Tonkin	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	Simone Noel	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Paul Waite, Sarah Jane Sibelja, Cecilia Waite (f), Anne Bourke(s)		Sue o'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Fiona Fone (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (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*.



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

Information evening around the upcoming Referendum ~

Aboriginal Christian Leader, Brooke Prentis and local Federal Member Julian Leaser MP coming to **Berowra Baptist Church** to explain what the Voice is and answer questions on **Monday 24th July 7pm**. It is a free event and all welcome.

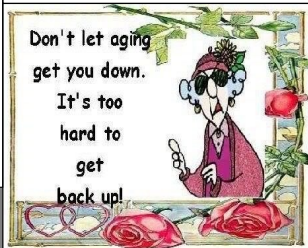
Details: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/indigenous-voice-to-parliament-information-evening-tickets-677176502147>

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See our Notice Boards for

Pope Francis', 3rd World Day of Grandparents & Elderly message.



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