

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus' Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 23rd May 2021 ~ Pentecost Sunday ~ Year B (Vigil Mass) Ezek 37:1-14. Rom 8:22-27: Jn 7:37-39



(Sunday Mass) Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15 Entrance Antiphon: (Vigil) The love of God has poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia. (Day) The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

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'



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Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard. In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity.

At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh.

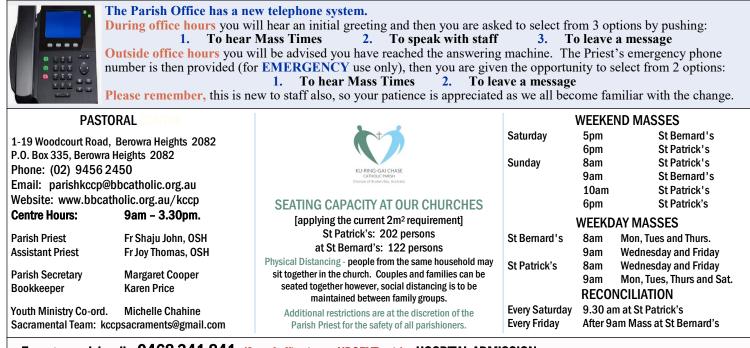
Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's preeminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the market places of our own day and age.



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 24/05 ~ Solemnity **OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS** Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: James 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday 25/05 Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 26/05 ~ Memorial St Philip Neri, priest Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 27/05 Sirach 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52 Friday 28/05

Sirach 44:1,9-13; Mk 11:11-26 Saturday 29/05

Sirach 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Gan Ai Lau, Ilureza Wong, Iggy Castillon, Josephine Sugirtham, Terry Treacy, Patrick Newman, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Elaine Perez ANNIVERSARIES: Geoffrey Warren, Andrzej Macieyewski, Andrea Daria, Elde Daria, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Eliza Daria, Filomena & Vicente Banaga, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father), Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann, Moya Dawson, Krysia & Dyziv Maciejwscy, Mary Ann Weir 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: Jola & Stach Uchman, Angela Smith,

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



Week 14 - 17/05/2021 Winning number: 488 Winner: Carlos Barros 🎧 Amount: \$25.00



Pope Francis' Praver Intention for May: The World of Finance ~ Let us pray that those in charge of finance will

work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its danger.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to



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CATECHIST NEWS...

You can Make a Difference. but You won't Know if You don't Try!

For the children's sake please don't let our plea fall upon deaf ears.

Without Catechists to teach them, some children won't even know that God exists.

The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God, is given to every child in the public school system, by Catechists in our Parish,

but sadly we do not have enough Catechists. Many people sit back and wait for others to volunteer or

> say "I couldn't do that, it isn't for me"

But how do you really know what you are capable of if you haven't even tried!

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided, but really just follow the script and watch the children's faces come to life hearing the "greatest story ever told."

Did you know that Catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church?!

Needed: A Working with Children Check which is compulsory but NO BIG DEAL, in fact it is quite a simple process. At the back of both Churches is a display of student books and teachers manuals for all to peruse. Catechists will be at the back of both Churches to answer any questions you may have.

Please: call Cynthia Gilbertson, our Catechist Coordinator on 0407 650 208 or the Parish Office.

As advised earlier this year ...

Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at ~ 11.30am at St Bernard's ~ 2pm at St Patrick's ~ 4pm at St Patrick's [These Masses are for candidates only and incorporate - 1 candidate + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only] You are reminded that during 2020, Bishop Anthony took the opportunity make an adjustment to the age at which children in the Diocese of Broken Bay are eligible to make Confirmation. The Bishop advised that from 2021 Confirmation will be... "celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are <mark>typically in Year 3</mark>." and that

"Reconciliation and Eucharist will therefore be celebrated with those who are 9 and in Year 4."

In a nutshell, if you have a child who is in Year 3 this year and has turned 8 years old, they are eligible to make their Confirmation this year and then proceed to make Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2022.

FORMS are now available for download from the Parish Website

ENROLMENT

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ kccp/sacraments/confirmation

TOGETHER WITH

Full details of the Enrolment weekend - June 19/20, Workshops and practices and most importantly, the Mandatory **Parents Information Evening**

July 14th at 7.30pm

This is an essential requirement for your child to proceed to the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Diocesan Mass Count 2021

Concludes this weekend.

As 2021 is a census year, the Mass Count will form part of the National

Count of Attendance.

This week we need to record numbers, genders and ages. Your patience and assistance throughout this 'National Count of Attendance' year is greatly appreciated.

thank you to all who gave so generously to this FINAL APPEAL FOR THE 2020-2021 The total amount collected for this appeal was: \$9,473.95 The total amount therefore collected for this financial year was: \$30,107.99 Which leaves a shortfall of: \$4,767.01 on the

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND -

Quota set by the Diocese for our parish of: \$34,872

Last minute donations can still be taken and are 100% Tax. Deductible

- Online at <u>www.bbcatholic.org.au/give</u>
- By scanning this QR code -
- Online via our website by going to the Online payment option (BPoint) and select the dropdown marked '1362904 - CWF Diocese of Broken Bay'
- Or calling the office to make a credit card payment over the phone

Thank you for your contributions towards these pastoral works.





Lamentation & Supplication

May 26 (Wednesday) @ 7:30 pm

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Please bring photo of relative or friend who died of Covid-19

Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer St Chatswood (02)-9410-9000

PlenaryCouncil

e Spirit is saying.

Invitation to a Special Service from Fr David Ranson VG

You are invited to a special Service of Prayer, particularly for all those affected in India by the pandemic. We are sure you have all been very mindful over these past weeks of the priests and parishioners in our Diocese who have family and friends in India.

It has been a very anxious time and all seem to have been affected in one way or another.

Please join with others of the Diocese to pray together and console with each other during this Service of Prayer.

Wednesday 26 May at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

Sunday 23 May is the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is about mission, and the goal of mission is that "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord." Pentecost reminds us that Christ's Church is about spreading the knowledge of God to all the nations, beginning here in our own "Jerusalem". We are invited at this time to refresh our

commitment to the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, keeping in mind that "the love of God calls all Catholics to renew our commitment to share God's mission in our time and place, reaching out to all people." (*Instrumentum Laboris* 23.i). Pentecost 2021 marks the third anniversary of the beginning of this journey of faith for the people of Australia.

Plenary Council Countdown—132 days

There are 280 members including those nominated by dioceses, eparchies, ordinariates, leaders of religious congregations, some church ministries and a personal prelature. The members will represent those local churches at the Council over two assemblies. As we journey over these months, we are all invited to be mindful that the members from Broken Bay Diocese (formerly called delegates) are:

- Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
 - Very Reverend David Gerard Ranson VG
 - Mrs Alison Mary Newell

Mr Dharmaraj Rajasigam

Mr Daniel Casey

Please pray for all members, as we are all called to continue our own journey of prayer and discernment looking forward in hope to the renewal of the Catholic Church in Australia.

More online: <u>https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/</u> https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/frequently-asked-questions/ *Please pray for the Plenary Council.*

Mary, Mother of the Church

The title **"Mother of the Church"** (*Mater Ecclesiae*) was applied to the mother of Jesus by Pope Paul VI in November 1964 at the close of the Second Vatican Council. The title was first used in the 4th century by Saint Ambrose of Milan and more recently the title was favoured by Pope John Paul II and then incorporated into the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

It is closely linked to Mary's being at the heart of that prayerful group of apostles and disciples in the upper room, awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14). Specifically, her *maternal* role towards Christ's faithful is founded on the words spoken by Jesus from the cross to the Beloved Disciple, who represents all future disciples: Behold your mother [John 19:27].

As John Paul II wrote: "In her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church."



In March 2018, Pope Francis inserted into the Roman Calendar the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to be celebrated each year on the Monday after Pentecost.

"The Church is feminine," Pope Francis said in his homily on today, "she is a mother."

"When this trait is lacking", he continued, the Church resembles merely "a charitable organisation, or a football team". "A too masculine Church", he said, "sadly becomes a church of old bachelors, incapable of love, incapable of fruitfulness."

The Pope assigned the feast to the Monday immediately following Pentecost, "to encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety."



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Layla Carly Taylor Morris

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep Layla, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Dear Parishioners,

You are warmly invited to join our school students at St Bernard's Church or St Patrick's Church on Monday 24th May at 10:30am for the National Mass to celebrate 200 Years of Catholic **Education in Australia.** Mass at each location will be attended by Years 3-6 and we would love to have some of our very valued parishioners present as well. Unfortunately, spaces are limited so please RSVP to the respective school office if you would like to attend: For St Bernard's Church <u>sbb@dbb.org.au</u> or For St Patrick's Church spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au Warm Wishes Jackie Tahnee Favaloro-Tod Reynolds SBB Berowra Hts SPA Asquith Our KCCP Catholic Primary Schools Religious Education Coordinators



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's has resumed regular practices

after a long break due to COVID19. The Choir sings at 10am Mass at St Patrick's on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month - if restrictions allow! Practices are held at St Patrick's church every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm. Any child from Year 3 to Year 12 is allowed to join. The Choir is a wonderful way to develop their musical skills and learn about their faith at the same time, while being an active part of the parish community. To join, simply bring your child along to our next practice, or for further information, please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

