

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 25th August 2019 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

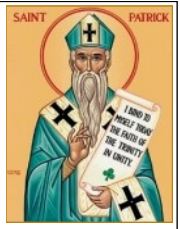
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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'



Jesus and Satan have an argument as to who is the better computer programmer. This goes on for a few hours until they agree to hold a contest with God as the judge. They set themselves before their computers and begin. They type furiously for several hours, lines of code streaming up and down the screen. Seconds before the end of the competition, a bolt of lightning strikes, taking out the electricity. Moments later, the power is restored, and God announces that the contest is over. He asks Satan to show what he has come up with. **Satan is visibly upset, and cries, 'I have nothing! I lost it all when the power went out.'**

'Very well, then,' says God, 'let us see if Jesus fared any better.'

Jesus enters a command, and the screen comes to life in vivid display, the voices of an angelic choir pour forth from the speakers. **Satan is astonished. He stutters, 'But how? I lost everything, yet Jesus' program is intact! How did he do it?'**



God looks up over his glasses and chuckles, 'Ah you see, Jesus saves.'

Salvation has, rightly, always been the big issue. Who was going to make it, how it was going to happen and when would Christ return in glory have captured the imagination of each generation of believers. The roots of this thinking can be found in today's Gospel. The earliest Christians, especially the Gentiles, saw that the Jews had been given every opportunity for salvation. They were the Chosen people. They had the Law and the Prophets. They were looking for the Messiah. Jesus, however, did not come as they expected or act as they hoped, so they rejected him and his followers. Within a generation after Jesus' death the Jews were persecuting the Christians and expelling them from the synagogues. The Christians took comfort from saying that in the salvation race the Jews might have started as the favourites, but they had missed the start and were now coming last. This way of thinking had a strong effect on the Church. While we have always believed in the mercy and love of God, at different times we have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world. We have often needed to express this in absolute terms about who was going to be saved and, more importantly, who was not! The Second Vatican Council, however, reflected on the Church's experience of working side by side with religious people and secular humanists throughout the world who were as committed as we are to justice, love and freedom. In the **'Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions'**, the bishops thought more generously about how God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God, even if they do not name it in the same way we are able to. The Council did not resile from believing that Jesus is the way to the Father, but they also affirmed that God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity. This does not make salvation any less important. It just clarifies for us that it is God, not us, who does the saving and the judging. Christian salvation marks us out as people who know who we are following, where we are going, how we are getting there and why this world, and the next, matters to us. Salvation gives our lives meaning, direction and purpose. The way we live out this salvation should be irresistible to others. As the folk hymn sings,

'They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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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.
First Friday –	St Bernard's	
	10.30am	Adoration
	11.00am	Reconciliation
	11.30am	Healing Mass
First Friday –	St Patrick's	
	Night Vigil	7.30pm
RECONCILIATION		
Every Saturday	9.30 am	at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass	at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above)

This Week's: Readings & Prayers

21st week Ordinary Time

Monday 26/08

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Thess 1:1-5,8-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 27/08

St Monica
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 28/08

St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 29/8

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

Friday 30/8

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 31/08

Weekday, Mass ad libitum
1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jay Vallrio, Gwen O'Regan,
Denis Clarke, Dr Tom Burfitt-Williams,
Eugene Pereira, Mathew Korattiyil,
Peter Nicholson, Jean Sayers, Dominic
Borg (Fr Robert's dad), Ursula Skupien
(Fr Bogden's mum), Anne Favaloro,
Madeleine Anderson, Ricardo Favis,
George O'Donnell, Eduardo Ubalde,
Anthony Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle,
Bill Davies, Margaret Lees, Kathy
Goodwin, Michael Weir, Lynette
Maguire, Catalino Ubalde, Elena
Ubalde, Margret De Alwis

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Maureen Sharpe, Paul Sarkis,
Eve Davis(baby), Penny Rigor,
David Rogencamp, Rodney Porter,
Sheryl Sanchez Reyes, Irena
Fellmann, Jwona Nowak, Jennifer
Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir, Paula
McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June
Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton),
Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson,
Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts,
Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith,
Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker,
Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Greg Cooper,
Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian
Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko
Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen
Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara
Jones, Arlene Josen, Alfredo De
Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De
Ramos, Cadia Maestri, Matthew
Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy,
Narelle Cartwright, Tom Dawson, Mary
Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique
Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara &
Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De
Ramos Sr.

Please advise the office
if names can be deleted

Both of our Special Priests are celebrating their
Silver Jubilee Year of Ordination (1994-2019)
and we will be celebrating two-fold

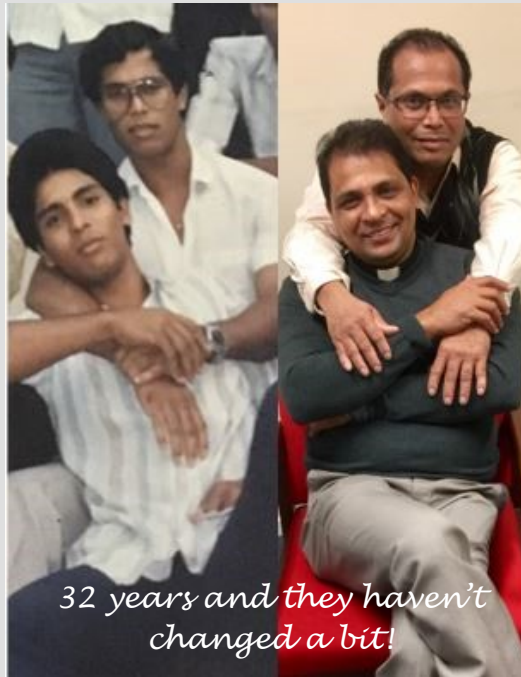
A family affair:
Please join us for
A Holy Mass of Thanksgiving
10am, 22 September 2019
at St Patrick's Church,
Asquith

Both Fr Shaju & Fr Joy were not only Seminarian
classmates but were also Ordained together on
27th December 1994, same time, same place!

They will jointly offer a Mass of Thanksgiving to
Our Lord for the Blessing of their Ordination
and would love to have as many parishioners as
possible join them on the day.

It is hoped on the day they will have other
members of the Society of Oblates of the Sacred
Heart concelebrate this special mass with them.

Our priests would like to keep this part of their
celebration humble, and so a community 'Cuppa
and Cake' will follow the mass in the courtyard
area of the church (in the case of inclement
weather this will take place in the hall). You are
asked to please bring along a plate to share.



32 years and they haven't
changed a bit!

An adult affair:
Please join us for a social
celebration with our priests
from 7pm-12midnight on
Friday 11 October 2019
at Asquith Golf Club.

We are seeking expressions of interest for those
wishing to gather as adults for a lovely meal and to
share some quality social time with our priests.

For just \$65 per person, you will not only have a
great evening out but food choices from a
sumptuous carvery (see below)
together with limited alcohol per table.
Speaking of which, we have arranged for round
tables of 8-10 to allow for easy conversation.

Places are strictly limited so please call the
parish office asap (9456 2450) to secure your
seat or even book a whole table.

Payment will be required in advance, we will let
you know when. At the moment we just need to
know you will be joining us.

Seafood platter: Cooked Australian prawns
Sliced Tasmanian smoked salmon

Salads: Hokkein noodles w/ julienne vegetables,
coriander, ginger soy dressing
Roquette, pear, walnut & parmesan salad
w/ balsamic glaze

Garden Salad – mescaline lettuce, vine ripened
tomatoes, cucumber & Spanish onions

Hot Dishes

Carvery of Beef sirloin & crackled leg of Pork

Medley of steamed seasonal vegetables
Rosemary & thyme roasted potatoes and pumpkin
Grilled Tasmanian salmon fillet- served
w/ hollandaise sauce

Lamb Korma- tender braised lamb in spices, coriander,
tomato & yogurt

Chicken breast fillet medallions- topped w/ Asian
greens, soy, ginger & shallot sauce
Steamed Basmati Rice

Dessert

Decorated pavlova w/ peaches, passionfruit &
strawberries

Apple & cherry strudel with sugared cream
Chocolate brownie w/ hot fudge sauce

Tea & Coffee Station

A message to our young parishioners journeying towards the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Dear children of our parish preparing for Confirmation, we would like you to know that: We Confirm you are an important member of our faith family. We Confirm that you are in our prayers and we ask Our Lord to strengthen and guide you over the coming weeks and We Confirm, that when you open your hearts and souls to the Holy Spirit, you will experience God's wisdom and love forever.

Fr Shaju & Fr Joy. Confirmation Workshops continue please keep all involved in your prayers.



Pope's intention for August:

Families ~ That families, through their
life of prayer and love, become ever more
clearly "schools of true human growth."



Safeguarding: Next month (September) is Safeguarding month.

This year the DBB is celebrating the theme; A safe community is one in which all
experience a sense of belonging. All are invited to the Diocesan Liturgy which signifies the start of
Safeguarding Month. Liturgy of Inclusion & Care, Tues. 3 Sept., OLOR Cathedral, Waitara, 7pm.

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

St Bernard's
Knights



Every last Friday Night of the Month @ St Bernard's Parish
Office 6pm - 7.30pm, 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights
OUR PASTOR NIGHT WILL BE ON FRIDAY AUGUST 30
Email to Michelle at michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

IT'S ON !! THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

Calling all kids in Year 5 & 6
to the launch of our
latest youth group...

'St Bernard's Knights'

Our Youth Co-Ordinator, Michelle,
has been busy planning and has come up with
a great idea.

She would like you to join us for a
community 'Faith and Fun' youth group,
where students from Year's 5 and 6 can learn
about what it means to be loved by God and
can develop their own relationship with Him.

Where: The Pastoral Centre, Berowra Hts,

When: Every last Friday of the month,
beginning on August 30.

From: 6-7.30pm.

Structured lessons and activities, refreshments
and snacks will be available. For more info.
or to RSVP contact the office on 9456 2450 or
via michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au

Our parish celebration of the Feast of St Bernard at Berowra Heights last Sunday was a resounding success.

The mass was a beautiful celebration to bring the communities of parish and school
closer together and we hope this continues with many young families coming to mass
each weekend. There was plenty of food to share and the smell of the sausages had
the neighbours sniffing the air. Thank you to all those who helped make the day so
special and such a happy and lively celebration. Thank you especially to Deacon
Adrian for delivering a beautiful Homily. *Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.*

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - 1 September 2019
Christian churches all over the world celebrate the World Day of Prayer for
the Care of Creation on 1 September, and the Season of Creation between
1 September and 4 October – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

This year's theme is "The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's Blessing".
We pray that all people may learn to respect and celebrate the goodness of God's gift
of creation in all of its variety. For further information and resources please visit
SeasonofCreation.org.

Join the global community by using the #SeasonOfCreation hashtag on social media.

Reimagining Land as Beloved Companion – 8 September

A public event for the Season of Creation

Hosted by the Frenchs Forest Parish Social Justice Group,
and presented by Chris Dalton, Lisa Buxton and Haydn Washington.

Date: Sunday 8 September 2019

Venue: St Anthony in the Fields Church,
46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills

Time: 3:00pm – 5:30pm Entry: \$10

Please bring something that connects you to land.

Enquiries: 0408 279 871



Only four weeks to go until the Children's Choir
Games, to be held on Sunday 22nd September at
St Patrick's! This fun event is for any young

person from Year 2 to Year 12, no matter what school they go to,
no matter if they've never sung a note before in their lives. After
registration at 12.30pm, all participants are divided into three
groups for rehearsals and workshops, learning songs to perform in
the Choir Games competition which will begin at 3pm. There are
prizes for the winning group, and afternoon tea for everyone after
the Games. Leave your child at the church after registration and
come back at 3pm for the competition, to cheer your child's group

on! Places are limited so contact the parish office
parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au for early registration - \$5 per
participant. **Enquiries? Contact the parish office or
Patricia Smith 9482 7935 Choir Games 2019 Coordinator**

All **Children's Choir** members and **Cherubs Choir** members will
be singing at the Choir Games, so whatever you do, don't miss out!

Children's Choir @St Patrick's sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th
Sundays of each month, and practises at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's
church every Friday during school terms. They will be the host
choir at this year's Choir Games, together with the Cherubs Choir,
our choir at St Patrick's for Kinder to Year 2 children. Cherubs
Choir is singing this weekend at 10am Mass!

The Cherubs practise on Tuesday mornings before school,
from 8.15 to 8.45am in St Patrick's church.

Enquiries for both these groups: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.



2019 Children's Choir Games

The Annual Children's Choir
Games will be held at
**St Patrick's Catholic
Church, Asquith on Sunday
22 September 2019.**

The Choir Games is open to any
young person from Year 2 - Year
12 and is a fun afternoon of
workshops, rehearsals and
performance.

Entry is \$5 per person.

To register, phone Ku-ring-gai
Chase Catholic Parish on
9456 2450 or email
parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

is a national gathering of
Catholic young people
which exists to provide
young people with
opportunities to deepen
their relationship with
Jesus, be empowered to
be disciples in the world
today and encounter and
celebrate the vitality of
the Church in Australia.

When is ACYF?

December 8th-10th
2019. Approximately
9.30am-8.30pm daily.

Where is ACYF 2019?

The 2019 Festival will
be held at Perth
Convention and
Exhibition Centre,
21 Mounts Bay Road,
Perth.

Who can attend?

The CYBB Pilgrimage is
for young people who
are in Year 9 (in 2019)
up to the age of 30.
Registrations close end
of August, so get on
board quickly!

For more info contact:
Michelle Chahine:
Michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au



RCIA: **Becoming Catholic - Come & See!**

On this coming Thursday August 29, sessions begin for those enquiring into the Catholic
Faith. If you missed the Enquiry night, you are still very welcome to come along to
join the other enquirers. Want to know more?

Please call Sue 0400 300 598, or the Office 9456 2450;

Details- 7:45 pm Thursday August 29 - 40 Royston Parade, Asquith



**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING; Fr William Stevens, PP of The
Entrance Parish,** will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter
Way Pymble on **Thursday 29th August 2019.** The evening commences with Mass at **6.30PM**

followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Fr Bill will be our guest
speaker. He will speak about his devotion to Our Lady. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

*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.* Please Ph:
Terry Scanlan **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 31st Aug/1 Sept—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr C

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14



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

St Bernard's Church

St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)

5.00pm

9.00am

6.00pm

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

Fr Joy

Fr Shaju

Fr Shaju

Fr Joy

Fr Joy

Fr Shaju

Acolyte/Snr Server

Garth Graham

Michael O'Neill

Sandra Sparkes

Sue Lum

Malcolm Cross

Robert Pesavento

Server

Preston Nguyen
Suzie Thompson
Adam Waite

Tilly Chylewska
Alena Hartmann
Isaac Tonkin

Jessica Chacon
Maddie Lever
Ben Montgomery

Felix Holm
Conor Collins

Georgia Osborne
Sam Valderrama
Joshua Tay
Sophia Gomez

Reader

John Ryan
Sophia Smith

Denise Harant
Peter Collins

Volunteer needed
Penny Loughland

Millie Wong
Sue Lum

Kaitlin Quinlan
Jo Quinlan

Fiona Fone
Chris Newnham

Children's Liturgy

September 1, 2019 – Jackie F-T.

September 1, 2019 – Cathryn C & Cristina G

Communion to Sick

Chichi Dato

Susie Gates, Sue Lum

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook,
Gwen Wood (s).

Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta,
Francis and Tess Lizardo **MORE PEOPLE NEEDED for ALTAR SOCIETY 5 weekly ROSTER, please volunteer**

Maintenance

Both teams A & B

September: Malcolm Cross, David Chui **more VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for this Roster**

Counters

Lyn Beacom, Catherine & Tony McMahon

Les Fogden, Alan Henson, Paul Worthington, Domingos Fernandes

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*.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

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Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit to Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Joy Thomas 9456 2450
Emergency sick calls **0468 341 841 (After hours)**
Nursing Home Visits By request
Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday
Fr Joy Thomas – Tuesday
Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral
Requests Please call the Office 9456 2450

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.

The 250 Club!

Week 6 & 7: ~ TBA

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM:

Do you want to enhance your friendship with Jesus Christ? Couples for Christ Australia are inviting all parishioners to attend a Christian Life Program which will run for 7 Sundays starting 15 Sept 2019 to 27 Oct 2019, 2pm – 5pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church Hall, 1 Royston Parade, Asquith NSW. If there is a need, there will be a children's program running simultaneously for children under thirteen. All are most welcome to join the program. There is no cost for your participation in this CLP. For more information regarding this program, please contact Ronnie Clementir (0413 615 772)



Vinnies
good works

The Asquith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society meets every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room at St. Patricks.

Any parishioner who is interested in joining or would like to know more about the Society is very welcome to come along to our meeting. Alan Henson, President

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