



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

25 August 2024 ~ Year B

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.



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 After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

Emergency sick calls

0468 341 841

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.*

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Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful celebration of St Bernard's Feast Day we had last Sunday. The beauty of the celebration consisted of the coming together of two communities, St Bernard's School community and St Bernard's Parish community—to honour their heavenly patron, St Bernard of Clairvaux.

Once again we proved that we are one community, working together and participating in the same mission of the Catholic Church.

With high zeal and enthusiastic singing voices this celebration was truly wonderful and uplifting.

At the end of the Mass people enjoyed their time chatting with each other as well as delighting in delicious cake and coffee.



Thank you all, especially Moauli and John Griffiths, David and Elaine Hartmann, Madeleine Cottrell and staff of the school who organized this event in a wonderful way.

Fr Biju Jose OSH, PP.



'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.'

LIMITED PARKING!
Sundays only
 in SPA school grounds

• **Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde ONLY.**

Pope's intention for August:
For Political Leaders.
 We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS	
Ordinary Time ~ Year B	
Monday 26/08	2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 27/08 ~ Memorial	St Monica
	2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 28/08 ~ Memorial	St Augustine, bishop, doctor
	2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 29/08 ~ Memorial	The Passion of
	St John the Baptist, martyr
	Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29
Friday 30/08	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 31/08	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Fiona Loughland, Grace Italiano
ANNIVERSARY:
 Patrick & Dennise Labay, Anita Perilla, Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
 Sue Lum, Paul Lam, Ruth Carlos, Leanne Scott, Ann Leslie, Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, Mary Burns, Isabel Henson, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

It's the BIG ONE folks!
The 250 Club! Week 5 ~ 19/08/24
 Winning #: 501
Amount: \$500.00
Winner: Ray Wood
Woo-hoo !!

Use our Smart Terminals to Tap 'n' Go
In fact, your 'Tap' is vital in helping the parish to 'Go'
 Your donations help to pay for regular parish expenses, eg Hosts, electricity, water, etc.

Readings

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R)**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

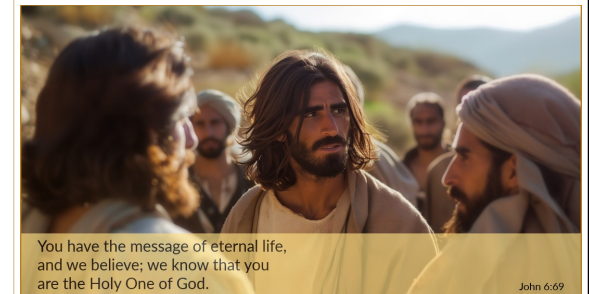
Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed

himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Annual Clergy Retreat of our Diocese will be held from
Monday 26th to Friday 30th August 2024
 Kindly pray for us during those days.

IMPORTANT Please note, this will necessitate a change to our mid-week Mass schedule. **IMPORTANT**

Next week, the only morning Masses in our parish will be at: 9am at St Patrick's Asquith on:
Monday 26 August 2024 AND Saturday 31 August 2024
NO MASSES will be celebrated in our parish on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday of next week.
HOWEVER, Our Lady of the Rosary, Hornsby has advised they have a priest available to offer **9.30am Mass**, on those days and all are very welcome to join them.

Last Tuesday (August 20), our parish priest, Fr Biju, paid one of his regular classroom visits to students of our parish schools.

On this occasion Father visited with the children of Year 5 Green at St Patrick's Catholic School and spoke with them about

'Why we pray' which is very relevant in this **'Year of Prayer'**.

If you would like to learn more about the Year of Prayer, please see the article to the right for details of our own Vicar Generals Meditation Series of Christian Prayer.



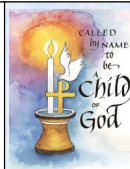
**Year of Prayer
2025**
Our Vicar General, the
**Very Rev
Dr David Ranson**

has prepared a Meditation Series of Christian Prayer.

This is in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee.

The introduction to the series and the first three videos in the series can be found at

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer> or on the Diocese YouTube channel.



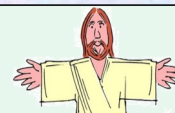
**Welcome
to our
Faith
Family**

Baptism congratulations to

Alayna Marie Peters

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep her, her parents & Godparents in your prayers.

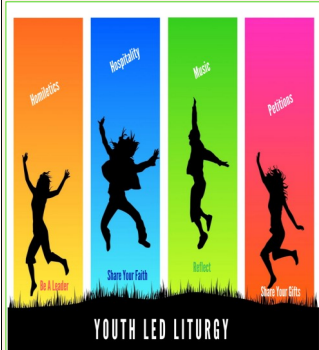


WELCOME

**TODAY Sunday 25 August's
10am Mass @ St Patrick's is a
Parish/School Family Mass**

We welcome all St Patrick's students, especially those from Years 3 and 4 who are taking on special ministry roles in today's Sunday Mass. We also welcome and thank their parents and guardians who will be hosting the morning tea after Mass.

**We look forward to having you
join us next weekend also!**



KCCP YOUTH GROUP - Our new Youth Ministry has had a great beginning and we are looking to grow bigger, stronger, better but we need your help !!
Come along and get inspired!

All youth from Year 9 to young adult (23yo) are invited.

We will share food, enjoy games, music and social time as well as a short video for discussion and finish up with a prayer.

All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend!

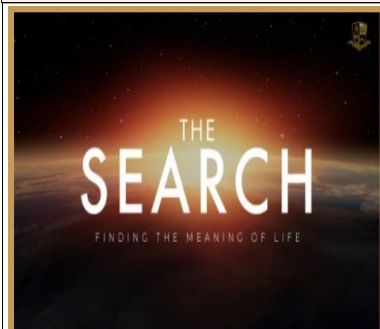
NEXT YOUTH MASS–YOUTH GROUP: SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

BEGINS WITH MASS @ 6PM TO 8.30PM

@ ST PAT'S ASQUITH

To get involved or more info. E: Dn Adrian at adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au

[NEXT YOUTH GROUP: SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER STRAIGHT AFTER 6PM MASS TO 8.30PM @ ST PAT'S ASQUITH]



'The Search' is a video-based program designed to enkindle wonder as it takes people on a journey through life's enduring questions!

Why not take a look here: <https://youtu.be/QOwZFL5Wpj8?si=Pnng2p8DQ6Vo8Ln>

This is a 7 session series exploring life and faith for Christians old and new to our faith!

The programme has begun but it isn't too late to come along and join in

~ in fact ~

we would love you to join us !!

7:30pm on Thursday Evenings in the Fr Pat McMaugh Hall, (within St Pat's school grounds), Royston Pde Asquith
Enquiries to Sue on 0400 300 598.



Did you know?

Our priests offer Mass regularly at St Leo's College !

That's correct! One Friday per month, either Fr Biju or Fr Joy celebrate Mass at St Leo's in the Chapel for approx. 25-30 students (*many of which come from KCCP!*) with assistance from Dn Adrian Gomez. Mass takes place during their recess and homeroom time. **What a way to praise God!**



**Children's
Choir @
St Patrick's**

is delighted to support the Year 3/4 Family Mass at St Patrick's at 10am this weekend.

You know, this is the perfect stage to start singing with the Children's Choir. Bring a friend and come along to one of our regular Friday afternoon practices from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church and find out how much fun it is.

The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays every month except January.

You don't need to be a great singer, just ready to have a go. For further information call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or just come along.



WHERE IS EVERYONE???

We are waiting to hear from YOU !!

Save the Date: Refugee Sunday 29 September 2024

Your Pastoral Parish Council is organising a multicultural day to celebrate all the different ethnic cultures here in our community. We envisage a day of celebrating the different backgrounds through food, dance and costume and we would love for you all to participate and come celebrate with us. If you would like to help us by getting your group together I would love to meet with you all to answer any questions and to plan together. Some of the cultures I am aware of are: Australians, Samoans, Indian, Filipinos, Malaysians, Africans, South Americans, Tongans, Thai, Chinese, Korean, South African, Vietnamese, Irish, English,yet, I am positive there are more groups I am not aware of and I would like to touch base with as many cultures as possible. It is hoped this event will increase the community spirit within our parish by celebrating diversity in faith across the globe and as a bonus, we also hope to raise some much needed funds for our youth activities. I look forward to your help and cooperation, Moauli Griffiths (PPC Vice Chair) 0451 664 592.

**Save the Date:
29 September
2024**

**MULTICULTURAL
FOOD
FESTIVAL**



	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 Now	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer Now
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Elliott Gow Verity Hartmann	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Emillie Gunawan Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Zinta Hartmann	Penny Loughland	Cris Tolentino	Susie Gates	Parish Youth
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Alena Hartmann	Hayley Rodrigues	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Parish Youth
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Gen Funk, David Funk, Cora Marques (f), Gwen Wood (s) (help always needed & appreciated)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Bernadette Or, Ellen Downey (f) (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		September - Malcolm Cross, David Chui (exception: 22/9 when John & Sue O'Malley) - (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*.



We are planning to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word in our parish.

We have secured 2 groups of 2 parishioners to lead this ministry at St Patrick's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month commencing in October (details will follow).

We are now seeking volunteers to re-invigorate this ministry at St Bernard's and would love to hear from anyone who is interested in co-ordinating or just being part of this very worthy ministry. Interested?? We hope so! Please show your interest by contacting the office by emailing: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au or by calling 9456 2450.



CONFIRMATION 2024 IS FAST APPROACHING!

Our young candidates are busily preparing for their upcoming Confirmation by studiously attending their workshops. Part of their training requires them to be 'presented' to the parish as worthy candidates to receive this beautiful Sacrament and this will take place across all our Masses this weekend. Please know children that we are keeping you in our prayers.

Confirmation Masses at KCCP on 15 September 2024 are:

During 10am Parish Mass: St Patrick's, Asquith
(parking will be tricky at SPA ~you might wish to go to another Mass that weekend)
and 2pm at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.

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