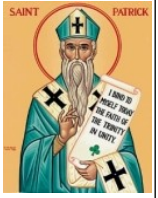


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 25th October 2020 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40



Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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'



True Perspectives © Fr Michael Tate

When my father returned from serving in the Middle East during World War II, he brought home a set of photographs of the Sphinx, the Pyramids, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and so on. The set was accompanied by a mysterious instrument which gave we young boys endless fascination: bioptic lenses which created a 3D effect.

What was a flat photograph suddenly had depth and foreground. The sphinx loomed close, the pyramids receded. The true dimension in which those objects existed was revealed. Their reality was more apparent because we saw them in the right perspective.

Our Lord is asking us to see reality about the Divine and about human beings, beyond a flat description of 'God' or 'person', and then we will respond appropriately.

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? That is too abstract.

No, we are to love **'the Lord your God'**, the proper Hebrew title for the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery.

The *Lord* God is the liberator, the one who sets us free. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. **So, 'Love the Lord your God'.**

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, we are commanded **'Love your neighbour as yourself'**. So, it is necessary to get a correct perspective on 'yourself'.

Am I merely a biological phenomenon? The answer is 'no'.

In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had divine breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being.

We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath, Divine Life, at the core of our being.

In a James McAuley hymn*, we sing of Jesus Christ as 'Divine Love in a human heart'. What is true of Jesus Christ by nature, is true of us by adoption, by grace.

The great Spanish mystic, St John of the Cross, wrote:

'[God] is hidden by his essence and his presence in the innermost being of the soul.'

'You yourself are [God's] dwelling and his inner secret room and hiding place. ...' (*The Spiritual Canticle*, 6.2, 7)

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way. If only we saw ourselves in that way.

If only we saw in that way every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically distant and culturally very different, but 'L'Amour sans frontieres'.

With these perspectives, seeing the true dimensions of God, self and the other, then how easily we could fulfil the dual command:

'You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with your whole mind. And you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

In the run-up to Christmas I have quite a few baptisms to celebrate.

Pray for all those to be baptised, that all those who encounter them will love them with the love due a neighbour who is the dwelling place of God.

Pray that those baptised persons may come to the fulfilment of divine and human love in the everlasting bliss of Heaven. * 'Jesus, in your heart we find'" Text 1976 James McAuley: music 1976 Richard Connolly.

October
~
The month
of the
Holy
Rosary



As October draws to a close,
let us sincerely pray
the closing prayer of
the Holy Rosary

O God;

whose only begotten Son,
by His life, death,
and resurrection,
has purchased for us the
rewards of eternal life;
Grant, we beseech Thee,
that by meditating
on these mysteries
of the most holy Rosary
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may imitate
what they contain
and obtain
what they promise,
through the same
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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.

Saturday

WEEKEND MASSES

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 26/10
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Eph 4:32-5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 27/10
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 28/10 ~ Feast
Sts Simon and Jude, apostles
 Mass of the Feast, Gloria
 Preface of Apostles 1-11
 Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19

Thursday 29/10
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday 30/10
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday 31/10
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Phil 1:18-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Camey, Maryanne Weri, Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody

ANNIVERSARIES: Jolanta Uchman, Stach, Bronia I Wladek Peiprzyk, Elizabeth Cleland, Bill Wilson, James Treacy, Victor Hinton, Patrick O'Halloran, Czesia and Hehiu, Seon & Jadwiga Piepriyk, Krystyna and Dionizy Piepriyk, Pam Spooner, Chrissie Butterworth

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

Pastoral Notes: November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7).

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [20 October 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It is hard to believe that ten years have gone by



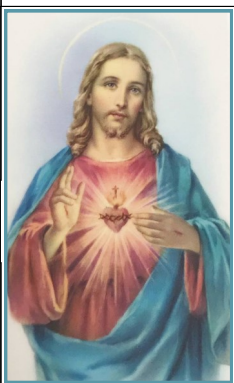
since Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was canonised in Rome. I was fortunate to be at Saint Peter's for the occasion, the memory of which will remain with me forever. During the Mass and ceremony, I realised that this amazing woman no longer belonged to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, not simply to us in Australia. From that time on Mary MacKillop was to be recognised as a Saint for the Universal Church. I have put a few thoughts on video this week which you might like to watch here (*) .



Might I also make a request of your prayers in these coming days as our year 12 students are undertaking their HSC exams. It has certainly been a challenging year for them, and yet, when I travel around the Diocese and speak with them, I am constantly delighted by the fine young women and men that they are.

Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayer and give an encouraging word to assure them that we are supporting them and that we love them.

Blessings and thanks, + *Anthony* (*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFHXdGcwTo4&feature=youtu.be>



Advance notice: Our Annual OSH Collection to take place at all Masses on 8 November this year.

As you will remember from last year, we are now allowed to hold two collections for the missionary and mercy activities of the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH) each year. [OSH is the order to which both our priests belong and they are wonderful ambassadors for their Society]. This year OSH celebrate their Centenary Year (1921-2021—remember in the Indian culture they celebrate for the whole year leading up to the special date!!). As a memorial of their Centenary, OSH will be fundraising to build a school in the State of Punjab, India. Last year your generous donations helped to purchase the land in Punjab and in the coming years all donations received will go towards the construction of the school itself. Envelopes will be placed in our churches next weekend. *Any donation large or small is very much appreciated, thank you.*

November is the Month of Remembering

Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life
 The Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.



All Saints [Sun. 1st Nov] / All Souls Mass [Mon. 2nd Nov] ~
Masses are 8am Berowra Heights; 9am & 7pm Asquith
Annual Mass of Remembrance ~ please read below carefully...

Sunday 15 November 2020 @ 9am St Bernard's and 8am & 10am St Patrick's Asquith
Due to Covid-19 restrictions a number of reservations at each of the above Masses, have been allocated to families who lost someone this year. They have received personal invitations to attend and will be given priority seating.
Remaining reservations for these masses MUST be made by contacting the office—no usual "week ahead bookings" will be taken for these Masses and places will be reserved on a "first in best dressed" basis.
Thank you for your understanding.



Book of Remembrance ~ As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** will be placed in each Church during the month of November.

Envelopes are now available in both churches for your use. Please **print names clearly** and **place your offering** inside the envelope then place **on either collection plate** at Mass.

The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be printed out and placed into the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at St Patrick's and St Bernard's Churches in our parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase.



Parishioners please save the date of Sunday 22 November 2020

Bishop Anthony will lead the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of St Bernard's Church Berowra Heights, celebrating 9am Mass at St. Bernard's. Covid-19 rules still need to be applied which means spaces are limited so book early for the 9am Mass. More details will follow—watch this space.



KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:
BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001
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~ Please specify how to split your donation between the 1st / 2nd collections.

The 250 Club! Week 8: 19/10/2020 ~
Winning No.: 928 ~
Amt: \$25.00 ~
Winner: Peter Shaw



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.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: The Laity's Mission in the Church
 We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

It's been a while since we had a Covid-Chuckle so....

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give you back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty years, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "I will give you what you ask for, just as I did for the dog, the monkey and the cow."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves.

For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family.

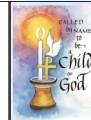
For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.

And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service.

If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch....



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to...

Annaliese Zeug

&

Aria Naomi Jaques~Flores

who are to be baptised this weekend

Please keep Annaliese and Aria, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.



An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!

This group will be known as "RECONNECT"

It's motto is ...

"We are here for you!"

It's aim is ...

to listen, to talk, to care, to share.

So one of these days you may receive a call just to say 'G'day'.

What we want to know is ...

"Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?" eg ...

*** Assistance with meals * A lift to Mass * A regular chat etc.**

To quickly get in touch with "Reconnect" just call the office on 9456 2450.



What a milestone !!!
Rosa and Joseph Ng
celebrated a truly momentous milestone this week by celebrating their **67th Wedding Anniversary**

Fr Shaju was delighted to bestow a special blessing upon this happy and ever faithful couple during the week. We now join in the joy by sending you, Rosa and Joseph, our **Heartfelt Congratulations.**



Personal Participation of the Eucharist

It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed..."

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS & VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS

St Vincent de Paul Society Asquith Conference have available for purchase at the back of the Church the 2021 Columban Art Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards. The prices are unchanged from last year at \$9.00 per Calendar and \$7.00 per pack of 10 Christmas Cards. Your purchase will go towards assisting those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please place money in the box provided. Many thanks for your support.

Contact: Les Fogden 9476 4058



Operation Christmas Child ~ This year we again participate in Operation Christmas Child, a wonderful ministry teaching children about the love of Jesus and receiving gifts from shoeboxes. **Boxes are at the back of our churches today for collection.**

Please return them by **Sunday 22 November at the very latest** as they will be taken to the warehouse the following week.

Please contact Louise Dryden on 0405 556887 for information. *Thank you for your support.*

The combined churches of Berwyn, Brentwood, and St. Vincent de Paul

Carols Under the Star

We are going **VIRTUAL**

Exciting details to come...

save the date

17 December 2020, 7:30pm

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 31st Oct / 1st Nov – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

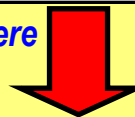
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Barbara McMullen	Paul Dryden	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Paul Maher	Edwina Subramany	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Youth Reader
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Peta Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Simone Noel	Youth Reader
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Moauli Griffiths	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Milen Kurishingal & Grace Milen	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		November: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help appreciated please			

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*.



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