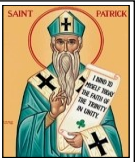


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 25th April 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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'



Homily © Richard Leonard

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'.

It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 202 persons

at St Bernard's: 122 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.

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.

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 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

4th Week of Easter –Year B

Monday 26/04

1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday 27/04

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 28/04

Acts 12:24–13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 29/04

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 30/04

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 01/05

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Newman, Dorothy O'Sullivan,
Elaine Perez, Joaquim Victor D'Souza,
Marie Napoli, Jose Morales

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter O'Halloran, Moya Dawson,
Krysia & Dyziv Maciejwscy,
Mary Ann Weir, Karen Fitzgerald,
Bronia & Wladek Pieprzyk,
Winifred & William Colman

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

The 250 Club!

WINNER THE BIG ONE

Week 9 – 19/04/2021

Winning number: 829

Winner: *Barbara Jones*

Amount: \$500.00



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights

~ We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Tap n Go donation points Available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.



Some things just can't be rushed

Byron and his team are close to finishing the vital restoration works at St Patrick's, however, a little more time than anticipated is needed to complete the work.

I have therefore decided **all morning Masses from Monday to Friday (26-30 April) will continue to be celebrated at 9am at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.**

9am Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated as usual at St Patrick's, Asquith.



St Patrick's Church Asquith Restoration Work ~

The work on St Patrick's is almost completed and already you can see the vast improvement. All weekday masses will continue to be celebrated this week at St Bernard's only at 9am (see above). Contributions are still coming in to meet the cost of this necessary restoration. Any size of contribution, will help maintain your church for years to come and will be appreciated by the many parishioners who worship at St Patrick's.

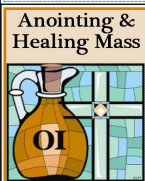
If you are interested in contributing towards this vital restoration it would be appreciated. You can do so via the website, via the box at back of church or by calling the office. Thank you for contributing whatever you can afford, to help maintain your parish assets.

Please note:

In May we will resume our First Friday of the Month Anointing & Healing Masses

Please join others of the parish on **7th May 2021** for our **ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's:**

10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation then, Healing Mass at 11.30am



Today, Sunday 25 April 2021 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Seminarians of Broken Bay 2021, with Fr Paul Durkin, Vocations Director & Fr Stephen Wayoyi Assistant Vocations Director.

Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

Prayer for Vocation by Pope Francis

Lord of Harvest, Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Instil those in religious life, parish ministries and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to The Priesthood – Diocese of Broken Bay

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy. In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus. Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart. May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.
IMPRIMATUR: ✠ Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020

WHEN YOU GO HOME
TELL THEM OF US
AND SAY
"FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE GAVE OUR TODAY."

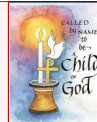
GOD OF LOVE AND LIBERTY,

WE BRING OUR THANKS THIS DAY FOR THE PEACE AND SECURITY WE ENJOY, WHICH WAS WON FOR US THROUGH THE COURAGE AND DEVOTION OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN TIME OF WAR.

WE PRAY THAT THEIR LABOUR AND SACRIFICE MAY NOT BE IN VAIN, BUT THAT THEIR SPIRIT MAY LIVE ON IN US AND IN GENERATIONS TO COME.

THAT THE LIBERTY, TRUTH AND JUSTICE WHICH THEY SOUGHT TO PRESERVE MAY BE SEEN AND KNOWN IN ALL THE NATIONS UPON EARTH.

THIS WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN. [ANZAC DAY, 25TH APRIL, EVERY YEAR]



Welcome
to our
Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
*Hannah Rose
Ioffrida*

who was baptised last Sunday
the 18th April 2021.
Please keep Hannah,
her parents and Godparents
in your prayers.

Congratulations to our new
PPC Member

Mr William (Bill) Martin.

We thank you Bill for your
willingness to join the PPC.

AND

We extend our sincere thanks to
Paul Mathew and Paul Waite
for their dedicated service on
the PPC over the past few years.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This week's Vox Populi comes from Danny Casey. Director, Catholic Schools Broken Bay. Mr Casey is an active member of St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills, and is known by many from his role as Chief Executive Officer for the 23rd World Youth Day held in Sydney in 2008.

Plenary Council: an opportunity to strengthen our Church—Danny Casey

This past weekend I had the great privilege of being commissioned as one of the delegates representing the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Plenary Council. The Council presents an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful contribution the Church has made to our Country and to explore opportunities that lie ahead.

It prompted me to think about my life in the Church and how central it has been along the journey. I was one of eight children and I was raised in a strongly Catholic environment. My father always said, "Whatever you end up doing, wherever you may go, never lose your commitment to your faith". I have never forgotten those words.

For the last 20 years of my professional life, I have had the opportunity to work with Church leaders allowing me to bring my professional skills and experience to progress the Mission of the Church. One of the most moving and demanding times of my life working in the Church was being a part of the team that brought World Youth Day and Pope Benedict to Australia in 2008. There were many special events during those days, and it was a very moving moment to join over two hundred thousand young people who were participating with Pope Benedict in adoration at Randwick Racecourse.

It was a wonderful blessing for our Country to see the joy and hope that filled our streets during those days. Many of my non-Catholic friends were astounded and a number were fearful they might be attracted to convert! The Police Commissioner at the time told me that we had restored the faith of his Officers in young people – his Officers did not want to leave their shifts.

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Advance
Notice

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal – 8-9 May 2021

The third CWF appeal of the financial year is scheduled for 8-9 May 2021. The theme for May is "Thank you" from those you are helping. A video featuring those who CWF has helped, and a

thank you message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

Our parish is somewhat behind target this year, however with more and more folks returning physically to Mass we are confident of again reaching, not only our target to the May appeal, but the target for the whole financial year.

You can donate in three ways:

Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew from next weekend;

Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give; Or scan the QR code.

(Be sure to correctly nominate our parish so your contribution comes off our quota)

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.



2021
NATIONAL COUNT
OF ATTENDANCE

Annual Church 'head count'
The 2021 Count will take place
on the weekends of
1 & 2 May (beginning with the
Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May)
8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May
and **22 & 23 May**.



PRAISEFEST is back in the flesh, face to face, person to person and not on zoom! Woot! God willing, our next PRAISEFEST will be on **28 May 2021 at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah from 6pm-9pm.**

If you've missed getting your worship on, catching up with friends from different parish and schools communities, and partying it up on the praise party floor, then we have got a treat for you.

Come along, sit back and chill with us, and/or if you like, enjoy and engage in a variety of different things like:

- G.R.A.C.E Radio/Podcast team hosting PRAISEFEST Radio
- Fun games, casual sport and other activities
- Food and hospitality
- Special creative items
- Our new 'Rambling with the Rev' segment
- Praise & Worship + Praise Party by our PRAISEFEST worship team
- A message from our very own Bishop Anthony Randazzo
- A fresh encounter with God and his people
- and more!!!

You are not gonna want miss this!


* This event is open to all youth and young adults. All young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parish or school group where supervision and responsibility is taken by their corresponding leaders.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 1st/2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter- Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Mark Dunkley	Alena Hartmann	Celia Cox	Russell Schreiber	Deborah de Voss	Youth reader
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Zinta Hartmann	Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber	Sub requested	Youth reader
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Anne Bourke (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f),			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		May: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help always 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*.

 **Position Vacant ~ Parish Administrative Assistant ~ Woy Woy Catholic Parish ~ Part-time, 12 hours per week, 2 days (8.30am - 3.00pm) Wednesday and Friday**
Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of Woy Woy Catholic Parish?
The Parish is seeking an Administrative Assistant for our busy office. The role provides administrative support in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration, meeting and event organisation, compliance and simple financial processes such as credit card and direct debit processing. If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or see the full advertisement at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant
Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021 ~ This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.

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World Youth Day was a great illustration of the universal nature of the Church – in Australia, which is so far from Rome, it is often hard to see the many different backgrounds and cultures that make up the Universal Church. For those that have had the opportunity to visit Rome, you see the universal nature on show every day.

For several years, when I worked in Rome with Cardinal Pell on Pope Francis' financial reforms, my wife Annie and I experienced on numerous occasions many special liturgies and had the opportunity for pilgrimages to many special locations. It is incredibly nourishing to visit the sites of the great Saints and one of our favourite places was the Scavi Tour and to pray over the Tomb of St Peter. There are many wonderful people in Rome that carry heavy responsibility. The Holy Father and his close collaborators are always in need of our prayers.

In recent times, it has been a great privilege to work with Bishop Anthony Randazzo and my colleagues in Catholic Schools Broken Bay, as we progress the Towards 2025 journey. I am a product of Catholic education and am deeply committed to doing all we can to ensure our Schools are recognised as centres of authentic professional Catholic education. Our aim is to 2 inspire hearts and minds, to know Christ, to love learning and to be the very best they can be – so that they can make a contribution to society and achieve the purpose for which God placed them on the earth.

I am looking forward to the Plenary Council as a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the works of the Church in our Diocese. As a father and soon to be grandfather, I want to do all I can to make sure I help strengthen the Mission. We need a strong and active Catholic Church in our country; it has been a guide and source of strength for Annie and I and our children. We can't always have major events like World Youth Days, but through our daily witness and actions both at home and at work, we can be a source of encouragement and a guide to others.

The businesses below support our parish by advertising here. Please give them your support in turn.



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