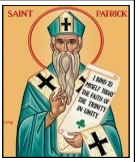


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 25th July 2021 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B
2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

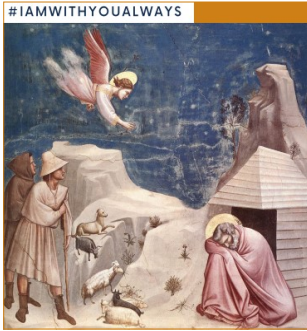
Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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'

Today is the First World Day for Grandparents and the elderly.

Prayer ~ I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. **Amen.**



#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

A young lad and the hungers of humanity © Fr Michael Tate

Have you one of those friends who asks you a question with a deadpan expression? You take it seriously, and then realise you have been led up the garden path: the question turns out to be a mischievous challenge to the way we normally think.

This is what happened to the disciples in today's gospel. Confronted with a crowd of hungry people, Jesus asks his disciples: 'How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?' Philip falls into the trap and starts answering in market economy terms: 'Two hundred denarii wouldn't be enough.'

Jesus actually wasn't interested in a buying and selling answer. Jesus hoped that his followers, who had been with him for a while now, would have got beyond thinking that the way to satisfy people's hunger for food (or anything else) is always going to be in market terms.

It was a young lad, maybe a boy of nine or ten, who put the disciples to shame and fulfilled Jesus' expectations.

What does the gospel tell us? 'There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fish.' So what? As Andrew put it: 'What is that amongst so many?'

If the boy had adopted the disciples' attitude he would have sold them and made a small fortune from some ravenous few of the hungry crowd.

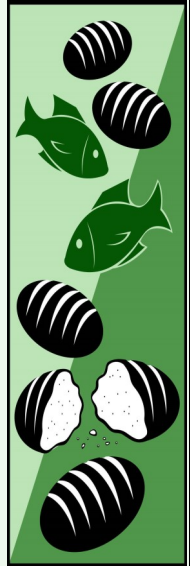
But something about Jesus' compassion set this boy's heart beating to the same rhythm as that of Jesus. The boy simply handed over the five loaves and two fish.

It was the generosity of this young boy which triggered something which allowed Jesus to feed the crowd. It was because this young lad was open-handed that a divine generosity and open-handedness rippled through the crowd.

We don't know quite what happened. Suffice it to say that Jesus' divine compassion was made effective in the world through that boy's initial response.

You may say, that is all very well for the young boy but it would be madness if we all handed over what we owned to the poor.

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Catholic Grandparents Association ~ Did you know?

There is a Catholic Grandparents Association! Originating in Ireland, this is now a worldwide movement that seeks to support the vocation and ministry of Grandparents.

More information can be found here: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/>

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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

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 26/07 ~ Memorial

Sts Joachim and Anne (BV Mary's parents)
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday 27/07

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 28/07

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 29/07 ~ Memorial

St Martha

(1 Jn 4:7-16);

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday 30/07

Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 31/07 ~ Memorial

St Ignatius of Loyola

Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

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

[continued from front page] There is a record of such madness in the very earliest days of the Christian community in Jerusalem. St Luke writes in the Acts of the Apostles:

'The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power. . . . None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned houses or land would sell them and bring the money from them and present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.' (Acts 4:32-35)

I discussed this passage with students at the University Chaplaincy recently. One young woman said: **'But that is Marxism!'** And it is true that one of Karl Marx's maxims was: **'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.'**

Unfortunately that maxim was implemented by Lenin by brute and vicious force leading to the creation of totalitarian Communist regimes which after a hundred years have largely collapsed except in North Korea and to a lesser extent in China and Cuba.

But the *voluntary* radical renunciation of property and the *voluntary* sharing of wealth is still part of the Christian story after two thousand years. St Francis of Assisi is only the most extraordinary exemplar. There are thousands of monasteries, convents and abbeys where the original way of life recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is maintained.

These little oases can stimulate our imagination and action so that we become more like the little boy in the gospel. We need to respond by personal donation or by supporting those political processes which provide funding for internal and overseas aid for those in need. These responses may not be as radical as that of Francis of Assisi. But the passage in the Acts of the Apostles haunts me personally and should haunt the Catholic Church. Why? Because it makes it clear that *only* when we personally, and institutionally as a church, engage in the redistribution of wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied, will we be able to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ *with great power*.

Do not let the young lad in the gospel put us to shame!

RECENTLY DECEASED: June Maher, Agnes Montgomery, Matthew Hughes, John Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson, Marta Granecka, Maree Hayden, Uwe Haag, Leo Vila

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: Peter Todd, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Angela Smith, Patrick O'Donoghue, David Chee, Roger Okell, Tom Dawson, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary Treacy, Fr Thomas Phillip OSH, 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



COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay to remain closed for the duration of this Covid Lockdown. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from our Parish as follows: Sat. Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith // Sun. - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Hts
Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am.

Extracts from the latest communication from Bishop Anthony Randazzo dated 9 July 2021:

+ "With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all our churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed**. The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order."



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 20th July 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A little over three years ago, I had the pleasure of being at the launch of a new initiative called Fire Up Ministries (fireupministries.com). Along with several hundred young people, I gathered at Epping for the launch of this marvellous initiative by Simon and Madeleine Carrington.

I first had the pleasure of meeting the Carringtons quite early in my ministry as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney when Simon and Madeleine were engaged to be married. The next time our paths crossed was when I participated in a panel to discuss vocations in August 2017. Just two months shy of their wedding day, which they celebrated on 7 October – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Simon and Madeleine were representing couples called to married life.

I distinctly remember being impressed not only by their eloquence, but also their radiating a clear sense to others that what they were living out as a soon-to-be-married couple was nothing less than a response to God's call.

In a similar way, I am convinced that what they embarked upon with Fire Up Ministries is also a response to a call. The world, and our young people in particular, is crying out for good news regarding issues that plumb the depths of their identity, particularly those that touch upon that very beautiful and delicate, yet complex and profound area of human sexuality.

When we look around the world, we are constantly being given reminders of the darkness that envelops it, particularly in all matters relating to human identity. But as the saying goes, "it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness", and both Simon and Madeleine are in their burgeoning ministry, providing that little bit of light to the young people of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney, and beyond.

I believe that this is indeed good news for our community of the Church – especially for our young people as they explore their conviction in life and mission as men and women of faith.

Simon and Madeleine's vision has promoted a mission to restore marriage and family life in our culture by proclaiming Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which is a comprehensive teaching encompassing all of life from conception until natural death. A topic that is indeed ripe for our time. People often ask me for direction and resources that might assist in making positive and fruitful choices in life. I would encourage communities throughout Broken Bay to see Fire Up Ministries as one such experience which offers positive Catholic teaching and experience to our young people.

Blessings of love, peace, and good health for the week ahead, + *Anthony*

The 250 Club!



Week 1 – 19/07/2021
Winning number: 063
Winner: *Unsubscribed*
Amount: \$25.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July: Social friendship

~ We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.



The latest Maintenance Roster for SPA is to begin in October. We are looking for (at the very least) 3 new volunteers to join the ranks, and to maintain our 6 Groups of 3 volunteers each.

Groups are rostered for 2 x (4 weekend blocks) - one warmer month/one cooler month - equating to around 8 w/ends. **This is such an important ministry.** It keeps the streetscape of our church looking its very best and will hopefully entice people to come inside and take a look at our faith. A lawnmower is provided for your use and some basic tools to get the job done. Probably best you bring along your own gloves and be sure to wear a mask during these uncertain times.

While we have your attention: The roster (as such) for St Bernard's could also do with a boost. SBB only has two Teams (A & B) but over the last months we have been rostering both teams consistently in the hope of enough volunteers turning up to lighten the load.

You get to use a ride-on mower at SBB as the grounds are just that little bit more substantial.

Amended Workshops to be held via ZOOM for St Patrick's folk and for St Bernard's folk:

SPA	SBB	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 3:	Week 4:
3.15pm	5.30pm	Thursday 29/7	Thursday 5/8	Thursday 12/8	Thursday 19/8
4pm	4pm	Saturday 31/7	Saturday 7/8	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
5pm (2 x groups)	n/a	Saturday 31/7	Saturday 7/8	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
9am	n/a	Sunday 1/8	Sunday 8/8	Sunday 15/8	Sunday 22/8

Confirmation 2021 Programme Schedule ~

Workshops begin this week via Zoom. Please keep our KCCP Confirmation children in your prayers.

NB: The programme to the left is subject to change on short notice should we again be allowed to have face-to-face sessions.

Practice for Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday August 29th - SPA after the 10am Mass / SBB after the 9am Mass

Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday September 5th - SPA 2pm and 4pm / SBB 11.30am

HOMILY ~ Recently I was invited to a relative's home for dinner. This family has been having more than a little trouble with their 13-year-old daughter, who is going through a particularly defiant and rebellious stage. The young girl was not happy with the vegetables her mother served at dinner and so she refused to eat them. The uneaten vegetables became the staging ground for an adolescent conflict. Trying to coax the girl into eating, her mother calmly used some lines I'd heard before. **'Wasting food is a sin' and 'There are starving people in the world who would be grateful for what you don't want'**. With that the girl jumped up and left the dining room. A few minutes later she returned with an oversized envelope and a marker pen. She began to stuff the food into the envelope and as she did she angrily asked, **'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?'** Who said being a parent was easy? Celibacy had never looked better!



In today's Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, **'Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted'**. Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It's where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities, and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is because these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programmes. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

'What starving people do you want me to send these vegetables to?', the 13 year old asked. To which I wanted to reply, **'Put your own name on the envelope because your own comfort makes you the neediest person in the world'**.

May this Eucharist enable us to do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted. © Richard Leonard SJ



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready.' John 6:1-15

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (*Prayerful and Eucharistic - Discernment Paper p. 6*)

Instrumentum Laboris: Our sense of being a Eucharistic community is that we must expand to embrace everyone in our prayer and through our missionary outreach. We face the challenge that many people are disillusioned, wounded, or isolated members of our community. "The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open ... This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself 'the door': Baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak" (*Evangelii Gaudium, 47*). (p.12)

Proposals for Change: Equip each of our Church communities and organisations to support the creation of small communities of faith and life, centred on prayer with Scripture and sharing heart to heart. Encourage these small communities to gather regularly for the development of faith, the sharing of life over a meal and for spiritual nourishment. (p.13)

³⁹ Benedict XVI, 2005 *Encyclical Letter, God is Love - Deus Caritas Est*, n 22.

⁴⁰ Francis, 2018 *Apostolic Exhortation. On the call to Holiness in Today's World - Gaudete et Exsultate* n 100.

Please pray for the Plenary Council

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

At KCCP we take Safeguarding Seriously and

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY !



The Pastoral Care of the elderly is a priority that must form part of a Safeguarding Action Plan of any Parish community.

In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that **"no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."**



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 31st July / 1st Aug – 18h Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B -
 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr	Matthew Waite	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Barbara McMullen	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Youth Reader 1
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Peta Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Youth Reader 2
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Peter Daly	Sub requested
Sacristy Care/ Church	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook (f); Brenda Brooks (s)		Lucia Lim;			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		August: Matthew Tancred - additional help always appreciated - see inside appeal to help pls			
Communion to	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Michelle Chahine	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Millie Wong	Christophorus House	Gerry Duffy

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*.

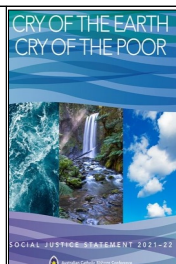


You're invited!
 Please join us for a series of on-line talks about **Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person**

It's anticipated that a Bill allowing for the legalisation of euthanasia will be presented to the NSW Government in September.

You are invited to a series of online talks by theological and medical specialists on the topic over three Mondays in August, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta. You'll also have a chance to submit questions.

Fr David Ranson, VG, will give the first session to be held on **2 August at 7.30pm**. For more information or to register please visit: parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks or contact Emma Baker at emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au



National Online Launch of Social Justice Statement 2021-22
 You are invited to attend an **on-line launch** of the Social Justice Statement for 2021-22 *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. All are welcome to the launch of the statement which will take place **online at 5:30pm-6:30pm on 5 August, AEST**. For more information and to register go to: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/07/09/launch-of-social-justice-statement-2021-22-cry-of-the-earth-and-cry-of-the-poor/>



National Homelessness Week, 1 - 7 August 2021 : On any given night, **116,000 people in Australia are experiencing homelessness, which is not 'rooflessness'**. Only 7% of people without a home are sleeping rough. One practical way you can help is by making an online donation to CatholicCare's **'Shout a Mate a \$6 plate'** fundraiser for Mary Mac's Place. The link to the website is <https://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/shout-a-mate-a-plate/>. Mary Mac's was commenced by parishioners of St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy, and the work has continued through CatholicCare. It is open to anyone who is homeless, transient or needing a helping hand. During lockdown, takeaway meals are being provided by Mary Mac's, but it also provides connection, value and belonging without judgement, a place to shower and wash clothes. *Please consider helping this very worthy service.*

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 and **No. 1 Rule** follow **ALL DIRECTIONS** of the **USHER/s & Warden/s**

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