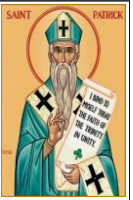


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 25th June 2023 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Entrance: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

'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 9.30am St Patrick's
Friday After 9am Mass 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.

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish celebrates First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday, 59 children of our parish will receive First Holy Communion. This time of preparation is always one of joy for the kids. While they might not understand the depth of our Theology of the Eucharist, they understand the existence of God and God's desire to be close to them. The Eucharist is Jesus' chosen way to remain close to humanity.

Dear Children,

At the Mass, when we receive Holy Communion worthily, we are closest to the best love ever—Jesus himself, his Body and Blood under the appearance of both bread and wine. When we are so close to him, we can tell him about our love, about what we need, and about all the people who need help.

And if we listen to him, quietly, so quietly, and very carefully, we can hear and feel and know his goodness and his love for us.

I hope that you will always remember this special day as the day when your heart felt full for the first time. I hope that you will be so grateful for the gift of the Mass and of Holy Communion that you will want to love Jesus at the Mass every day.

And I hope that you will be sure that the best gift you can give to God is to pray the Mass with your whole heart and mind, and that you will show your gratitude by your reverence and attention at Mass.

All the best!

I look forward to seeing you and the family this Sunday, when we can worship God at Mass together.

Dear Parishioners, please join me in praying for our kids as they receive the great gift of the Eucharist. God bless, *Fr Biju*



Recollections of Holy Communion ~ Do you remember your First Holy Communion Day?



May Shaw recollects:

How special I felt wearing my new white dress and veil, ready to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the very first time.

It was a unique experience, out of all the fun memories of my childhood.

All of us children walked down to the altar accompanied by the nuns from our school. St Joseph's Convent.

I felt very special on the day and my parents celebrated with a party attended by our family and friends.

Above is the holy picture that was presented to each of us in remembrance of our First Holy Communion, which I still have and treasure.



Christine Vila recollects:

The year was 1985. I was so excited as I headed to church, dressed head-to-toe in white for my First Holy Communion.

I'd attended numerous after-school classes with Sister Margaret, a gentle nun who'd shared miraculous stories of Jesus with us. I still remember the homework she set for us which was to

search up the meaning of our names.

Without the internet at our fingertips, it had taken an afternoon bus trip to the local library to discover that my name meant "Follower of Christ".

That made me feel special as I went on to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at St Martin de Porres Church, Davidson. This was followed with an official church certificate, a missal with golden edges and my first-ever prayer card, that included a blessing from Sr. Margaret written in a lovely loopy script on the back.

It's definitely a happy memory that I look back upon fondly.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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'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.'



Pope's intention for June: For the abolition of torture:

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish especially welcomes and congratulates our children who this weekend receive their

First Holy Communion

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you."

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 26/06

Gen 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 27/06

Gen 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday 28/06 ~ Memorial

St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday 29/06 ~ Solemnity

Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18;

Mt 16:13-19

Friday 30/06

Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday 01/07

Gen 18:1-15 ; Mt 8:5-17

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Victims of the Hunter Valley Bus accident; Blanche Pinto, Milagros Manongdo, Aurora Santos

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dr. Ken Gray, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley, Thomas Pinto, Violet Shaw, George Shaw, Richard Birch, Harold D'Souza

OTHER:

Family, friends & wider community mourning the passing of loved ones in the Hunter Valley accident.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Dolla Patricio, Won Lee, Fiona Loughland, Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir.

The 250 Club! Week 18~ 19/06/2023;

Amt: 25 Winning #: 080

Winner: *Maria Tolentino*



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



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

Aidan Mc	Daphne L	Freya A	Joshua R	Maria R J	Ronan O
Airlie W	Darcy W	Gordon T	Joshua S	Martha A	Sebastian S
Amy F	Eliana C	Holly M	Jude E G	Maximilian A	Sienna T-C
Angelina I	Elisa D	Isabel H	Kai M	Miranda T	Stephanie R
Blayre G	Eliza G	Isla C	Layla B	Niall H	Thomas F
Casimira V	Ellyse M	Jackson R	Levin N-W	Nicholas D	Thomas F-T
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Cristiano G	Felix G	Jonathon M	Manuel R J	Piper T	Zoei F
Daniel Mc		Joshua C		Roman G	

After Communion, we become like Mary ~

Upon receiving Communion, the Lord rests inside us.

This is the time to pour our hearts out to the Lord, to give Him our fullest attention. It is a time to love Him, to thank Him, to share our deepest needs and concerns with Him.

We become like Mary, as she carried Jesus in her womb, we carry Jesus in our hearts.

We become living tabernacles,

it is not the time to be distracted, to think of what people are wearing, to chat or to leave,

it is the time to rest with the Lord.

As one cohort complete their Sacraments, the next will soon begin theirs ... Save These Dates

Advance notice: Watch this space!

Confirmation 2023
Sunday 17 September

10am @ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)

2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)

Confirmation enrolment 2023

Enrolments will soon open to any child who has been Baptised, is over the age of 8 and in Year 3 or above. The Enrolment form and schedule will soon be available on the Parish website and from our Churches.

Parents/guardians please note this essential element to enrolling your child/ren.

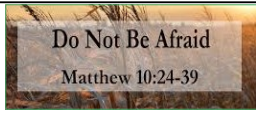
Parent/Guardian MUST ATTEND a mandatory Parent Talk.

If you **cannot** or **do not** attend this talk, **without exception, you will be required to make an appointment for a one-on-one interview with Father Biju**

to discuss non-attendance and why permission should be given to allow your child/ren to proceed to making the Sacrament.

Christian, but not offensively so

When Professor Mahaffey, a wit and scholar at Trinity College Dublin, was once asked if he was a Christian, he drawled, **"Yes, but not offensively so."** Clearly he felt that Christianity should not intrude on the society he kept, nor put obstacles in the pursuit of any pleasure that attracted him. This could easily be a description of the Christianity of many of us here and now also. While we are quite prepared to admit that we are Christians, we are, by and large, careful not to take religion too seriously. I think it's fair to say that rarely do we in any practical way so shape our lives according to our religious beliefs, that they offer and reprimand, however silent, to people who live by totally different standards. A genuine Christian cannot fully escape Christ's call to be different from the world.



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Senior's Ministry Pie & Cake Fundraiser Order Form 2023

Name:		Mobile:
Email:		

ORDERS and PAYMENT (Visa/Mastercard preferred) DUE BY: Monday 3.30pm - July 10, 2023

CODE	PRODUCT	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1860	Beef Pie (6 pack)	19.50		
1865	Beef, Bacon & Cheese Pie (6 Pack)	23.50		
1862	Beef & Potato Pie (4 Pack)	15.50		
1870	Sausage Roll (6 Pack)	13.50		
1730	Spinach & Ricotta Roll (6 Pack)	18.50		
1871	Party Beef Pie (12 Pack)	22		
1873	Party Sausage Roll (12 Pack)	15		
6617	Family Mornay Chicken & Veg 9"	16		
1819	Family Quiche Lorraine 9"	18		
1874	Party Apple Pie (6 Pack)	14		
2298	Cream Lamington (6 Pack)	12		
2301	Plain Lamington (6 Pack)	12		
1887	Vanilla Slice (6 Pack)	15		
1881	Brownie Slice (6 Pack)	15		
6020	Caramel Slice (6 Pack)	18.55		
	ORDER TOTAL			

We are hosting a delicious Pie & Cake Seniors Ministry Fundraising Drive and we hope you'll join in!

Enjoy baked to order delicious pies and cakes that will tantalize your taste buds while supporting the Senior's Ministry in our parish, so we ask that you, consult your friends and family and put your order in for a truly delicious experience while you support a ministry everyone can get behind!

Call the office to put your order in - 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au

Orders AND payment

must be in by 3.30pm Monday July 10, 2023.

(NB: There are NO Gluten Free options available, sorry)

A letter to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Parishioners from your Parish Administrator and the Catechists of the Parish. 25 June 2023

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We, your Catechists, need your help to continue this important Parish Ministry.

In order to share our faith with the young children in public schools, we desperately need more/additional Catechists and we need them now.

The reason for asking for volunteers today is because quite a lot of our current catechists will not be able to serve after the next 1 to 2 years; 7 of us are over the age of 70. Most of us teach multiple classes this means that the schools affected will have no teachers as we have no replacements on the sideline; which means there will no Catholic Scripture classes in many of the schools.

If you think you could help; either to teach or as a helper; now is the time to put up your hand as we can use the next two years to mentor the newcomers. Some of the current teachers have been teaching for the last 20 years. As you can see, it is a Ministry that we love. Some of us started young, others close to or after retirement. Age is no barrier, both males and females welcome.

These are our children and they are looking to us to guide them through their Catholic faith. These children could be your own, a family member, your grandkids or a neighbour's child. We know and understand, with your busy lives, you think you do not have the time, but if you do not find the time, the future is pretty bleak for the next generation of Catholic children in state schools and ultimately for the future of the Catholic Church.

However, if EVERY ONE of you commit to just half an hour each week, it WILL ONLY BE HALF AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME EACH WEEK. Some suggestions:

- ✚ If you are working, take that ½ hour as your (early) lunch break,
- ✚ If working part time, can you negotiate to have your day off as a Wednesday (our most needed day, we teach between 8:55am – 1.25pm) or Tuesday (1.50pm – 3pm) or Thursday (9:10am – 10:15am).
- ✚ Maybe you do a class every fortnight by job sharing with a friend or family member.

This is an appeal from the heart. Our children are beautiful, workbooks are provided, support (and training) is available from other catechists and the parent office, the CCD. You do not need any experience in teaching (the schools provide a teacher to supervise in every class) just a belief in Jesus Christ. This is a very worthwhile Ministry. Come, please join us today.

Today, spend some time watching the little ones in your family, your neighbourhood. Someone was there for you – to pass on and give you the faith you currently have.

Will you be that someone for these little ones?

God bless,

Fr Biju Jose

Fr Biju Jose, Parish Administrator;

Cynthia Gilbertson

Cynthia Gilbertson, Catechist Coord.

Guess what's been found?

No, it wasn't Harry under the stairs, ... it was a Violin in the cupboard !



A clean out of a cupboard at St Patrick's has turned up a violin, in its case, complete with wand (oops) bow! **Could this be your long lost Violin?** Call us on 9456 2450 with a description and any identifying features if yours.

 **Children's Choir @ St Patrick's** will be singing at First Eucharist

Mass this weekend and would love to welcome any of these young people into the Choir, to become even more closely connected to their parish community, and involved in a valued, joy-filled and meaningful way in the Mass. **Children's Choir practices:** Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's Church building up friendships while learning important singing and listening skills. **Children's Choir sings at:** 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. **Children's Choir is open to:** Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish is welcome to join this choir at any time, come along and try it out. **Interested?:** Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 1st/2nd July 2023 - 13th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A - 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Volunteer needed	Verity Hartmann Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Celia Cox	Paul Maher	Edwina Subramany	Micjhael Halliday	Christine Vila	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Jim Fitzgerald	Sandra Maloney	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Gwen Wood (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (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*.

[from 2nd page] What he asks us is not to conform to the standards of this world, but rather to transform those standards. St Paul thought of Sin entering this world through one man, Adam, and through sin death, so that death has spread throughout the whole human race, because sin is so universal. The world's greatest sin is unbelief, and the task of the Church is to challenge this unbelief, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit. The last words of Jesus, according to St Matthew, were, **"Go and make disciples of people everywhere; baptise them and teach them to observe all that I taught you. And I am with you always, yes to the end of time."**

While we live in this world, we are meant to remain aware of the world to come, and live for God by pursuing the standards Jesus set for us. When the Apostles worried about the future, Christ encouraged them, **"Don't be afraid. I am with you always."** The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that he is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. Our attitude to life can be that of the psalmist who says, **"In God I trust – I shall not fear"** (Ps 56:1). The only thing to fear is losing God, loss of trust in God. This lack of trust begins when I look for security through my own efforts, in the works and wealth of my own making. Jesus criticised the feverish efforts, the anxious haste and worry of those worldly people, who refuse to grant God any part in their lives. **"In God I trust; I shall not fear."**

Jesus himself on the night of his last Passover, was about to suffer more than anyone had ever suffered, or ever will suffer in time to come. Yet, he remained affectionate and caring towards his friends and shared the meal with them, even the one who was plotting his betrayal. Later in Gethsemane when the terror of what lay ahead caused his sweat to fall like great drops of blood, his prayer was still, **"Not my will but yours be done."** No matter how awful the future may seem, this should be our prayer and our spirit too. © <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/family-resource/25-june-2023-12th-sunday-a/>

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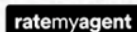
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