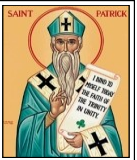


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 26th September 2021 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Entrance Antiphon:**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**


Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**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.'*

**This weekend we come together (albeit virtually) to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the new St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith 1971 to 2021**

*May the strength of God pilot us, May the wisdom of God instruct us, May the hand of God protect us, May the word of God direct us. Be always ours this day and for evermore. (St Patrick)*



**Gospel Reflection** ~ The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'. The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

**Have you thought? Jealousy** ~ The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

**Living the Gospel – Cut it out!** ~ The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

**Gospel Focus – Anyone not against us is for us** ~ It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other. © Greg Sunter

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Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



## SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches  
CLOSED  
for the duration  
of the  
LOCKDOWN**

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 27/09 ~ Memorial**

St Vincent de Paul, priest  
Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday 28/09**

Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday 29/09 ~ Feast**

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels  
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12:7-12;  
Jn 1:47-51

**Thursday 30/09 ~ Memorial**

St Jerome, priest, doctor  
Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday 01/10 ~ Memorial**

St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor  
Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday 02/10 ~ Memorial**

The Holy Guardian Angels  
(Ex 23:20-23); Mt 18:1-5, 10

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Harold D'Souza, Nicholas Shaw,  
Fr James Duck, Joyce Dimmock,  
Alejandro Maniego

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kerrin Enright,

K P Thomas, Ted Newnham,  
Reg Cooper, Marie Nicholson,  
Margaret Hinton, Shirley Gray.

**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:** Sr Joel svm

Mary John, Alex John, Bindu Alex,  
Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Dana  
Saleh, Chris Enright, Tom Dawson,  
Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman,  
David Chee, Elaine Longmuir, Jean  
Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy,  
Patrick O'Donoghue, Sr Mary Treacy,  
Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip osh,  
Sr Tincy Thomas, John Gallagher, Dan  
Leavy, Felicity Fone, Barbara Jones,  
Peter Brooks, Anne Brady, Marie  
O'Hare, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C,  
John Cosgrove (Snr), Antonia Alvarado,  
Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong,  
Rodney Porter.



**Requiem Mass  
for the  
Repose of the  
Soul of**

**Fr James Duck**

Requiem Mass for the late  
Fr James Duck will take place at  
**10am at Our Lady of the Rosary  
Cathedral, Waitara on  
Monday 27 September 2021**

~ livestreamed and available on  
the Diocesan website

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/fr-james-duck-rip](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/fr-james-duck-rip)

"Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon him."



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

Thank you for your  
support through these devices.



**50th Anniversary  
of the opening of the new  
St Patrick's  
Catholic Church, Asquith**

We welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo  
who has kindly consented to be  
the main Celebrant for this Jubilee Mass  
to be live-streamed from

**St Patrick's Church Asquith  
at 10am.**

**Please join us from 9.45am**

**via our Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

**Prior to Holy Mass there will be a  
PowerPoint presentation at 9.45am  
on the history of the church,**

which we trust will

jog the memory and play on the heartstrings  
of some of our oldest parishioners.

**We are sure this presentation will have many  
of you and your family members:**

- † recalling the pioneering spirit of St Patrick
- † re-living happy memories of community spirit from the late 60's early 70's
- † basking in the glory of a wonderful achievement and job well done
- † reflecting on your part in creating a lasting legacy for all parishioners, past, present and future
- † and feeling very content that this church, built for God and His people, will continue to be a place of peace, love and compassion for the next 50 years and beyond.

**Congratulations!**

*Be assured, a special "real life" gathering will be arranged next year when things are well and truly settled down and we can safely come together to ...*

**N**EARING completion is the bold and different new church of St. Patrick at Asquith, which will be blessed and opened on Sunday, September 19.

Situated adjacent to the railway station, the church dominates its corner location.

The church replaces the 33-year-old church hall which now becomes a library and classroom block.

Asquith is a large and rapidly growing parish extending from Waitara through to Cowan.

A complete restatement of the parish building program was put into action to absorb the increased population, under the direction of the parish priest, Father V. F. Folkes, and with Father Laurie Cruikshank as the driving force.

The parish, in common with other expanding areas, had the now "usual" problems — not enough money, the parishioners deeply involved in school and other activities, and not enough time.

Berowra, thus reducing travelling for the parishioners in the northern section of the parish.

Opened in April 1970, it cost \$36,000, when the normal cost would have been \$68,000.

With the teamwork and techniques well established — "Patrick Constructions" set out on the big task—a new church and parish headquarters at Asquith.

The church will be officially opened on September 19 by Archbishop James Freeman.

It will cost \$102,000 exclusive of seating, and it is estimated that the normal tender cost would have been \$200,000.

Seating 520 in the main body of the church, the dish floor and fan-shaped plan belie the church's seating capacity.

A circular chapel of the Blessed Sacrament seats 40 persons in an intimate and devotional atmosphere, in which weekday Masses will be celebrated.

The floor is quarry tiled and the sanctuary area is carpeted. A cry-room is provided for young families, and a counselling room adjacent to the confessionals. The Baptismal font is housed in a deep recessed niche adjacent to the sanctuary.

The altar is a large block of travertine marble, simple and unadorned.

Being largely maintenance free was an important design consideration, with terracotta roof tiles, granite block walls, redwood fascias set to the wide roof overhangs protecting the window walls.

Gutteridge, Haskins and Davey were consulting engineers, and provided structural, mechanical and electrical services.

**Unusual solution**

So an unusual solution was called for, and it is in this stage of operations that Father Cruikshank set the course.

The first step was to establish teams for finance, building, management, labor and carting.

A roster system for voluntary workers was prepared and for a remarkable period of two years they have provided the skilled and unskilled labor.

The unselfishness of the Sisters of Mercy, the wives and families of the men who devoted so much time to the project, is testimony to the living faith.

Thompson, Glendenning & Paul Pty. Ltd. were engaged as architects and advisers to the teams.

Granite paving stones from the Flemington stock yards provided the basic material that was economical to purchase and suitable for the largely unskilled workers.

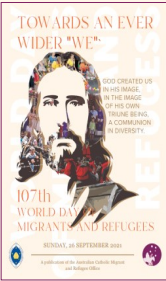
Under the direction of Mr. Neville Brown, site building manager, and with the stonemason Mr. Ron Curtis, the parish was ready to begin its building.

Stage one was the erection of the church hall at



**Raise the Rafters and have a Sensational Shindig to boot!**





## Towards An Ever Wider “WE” ~ 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees ~ Sunday 26 September 2021

where Pope Francis invites us to “journey together towards an ever wider ‘we’.”

As we reflect on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis encourages us to build on a shared understanding of our common humanity, “on the truth of ‘we’ that the pandemic has placed before us” which “stands in sharp contrast with the emphasis on the individual that has until now pervaded our times”. This year, for World Day of Migrants and Refugees let us remember the vast numbers of people who are at any one time traversing our world as migrants and refugees and open our hearts towards an ever wider ‘we’ in our disposition to all people. It appears to be something of a human trait that we too often see differences that serve to exclude or divide rather than seeing what we share in common, which serves to include and unite. More info: <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

## September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay.



### Active Participation - Safeguarding:

We all have some “knots” in our lives... and Mary can untie them! The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to **Mary Undoer of Knots**.

Her feast day is celebrated this **Tuesday, 28 September**.

The devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots has become more popular ever since Pope Francis encouraged the devotion in Argentina, and then spoke about it during his first year as pontiff.

The theology of the devotion actually goes back to the second century. Saint Irenaeus wrote that, “The knot of Eve’s disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary; what the virgin Eve bound by her unbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith.”

### Mary’s faith unties the knot of sin!

So we pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will intercede for us all, to untie the knots of sin in our lives – so that we may be purified and ever closer to God. A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here - <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena>



## Learning Hub

*Engaging sensitively with survivors - a guide for faith organisations* has been released by the Office of the Children's Guardian. The booklet was written after extensive consultation with survivors of abuse.

To access go to <https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/guide-for-engaging-sensitively-with-abuse-survivors-now-available>



## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’ *Mark 9:34-43,45,47-48*

**NOTA BENE:** First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online - see back page for details

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

**Reflection ~** The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful—Discernment Paper p.12*)

**Prayer Petition ~** As we reflect on the future of the Church in Australia and immerse ourselves in the Plenary Council, let us follow the example of Mary, remembering her trust that the Spirit of God would be with her.

### Humble, Healing and Merciful

The stories of the faithful reveal an unreconciled dilemma - that of faith and relationship with God out of alignment with current expressions and perceptions of the Catholic Church in Australia. Further criticisms from the faithful are sometimes aimed at “the Church”, without a sense that “we are the Church”, eliciting a prophetic call for a deeper understanding of our shared baptismal vocation. (p6)

**Please pray for the Plenary Council** [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

## Save the date ~ Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil ~ next Saturday October 2nd, 7pm.

The First Plenary Council Assembly starts **Sunday 3 October** and we are inviting the community of the church of Broken Bay to an **online prayer vigil on Saturday 2 October from 7-7:30pm**.

**“Listen to what the spirit is saying”** has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God’s relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering. We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. **To register please visit: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect)**

## Alive in the Spirit

A standing Invitation is extended to you to join the Prego programme (Gospel reflection) via zoom on Sunday nights from 6pm-7pm.

To join us copy & paste the URL into your browser:  
<https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252?pwd=TXZBNnlnXNzlkNmNCUksvaDh6RFg1QT09#success>

- ✗ 'Alive in the Spirit - what is the Holy Spirit calling you to?'
- ✗ You're invited to gather via zoom and watch a workshop on topics like women in church, listening circles, RCIA, spirituality in aging and much more!
- ✗ Interested? Contact the Office and leave your contact details and we'll get back to you!

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for September: An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**  
~ We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## The 250 Club! THE BIG ONE

Week 10 – 20/09/2021  
Winning #: 367  
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**A big THANK YOU** to all who have contributed to the August 2021 Pastoral Works Appeal Broken Bay. **So far your donations total over \$5,190.** Donations can still be taken, please call or email the parish office.

## OUR BANK DETAILS

**NEW Bank Account Number:** If you deposit directly to the parish account (*on a regular or ad hoc basis*), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible by calling 9456 2450 or via email to: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish.



**BAY CONNECT,** is a new way to continue to comment and engage online with our community and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/> **The programme offers a difference experience each Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday evening:**  
✗ To find out more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website. If you need more information, please email: [evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au)



**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 2nd/3rd October 2021 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year**  
Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16



**St Bernard's Church**

**St Patrick's Church**

Maintenance

Teams A & B - **additional help always appreciated**

October: Binoy Ponnachan, Ronnie Tan, John Hajduk - **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*.

**Until restrictions lift:**

Rostering for essential ministries during the live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately - if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office.

*Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.*



**Broken Bay News wins top ACPA Award:**

The Diocese of Broken Bay's quarterly magazine, *Broken Bay News [BBN]*, has taken out the top award at the 2021 Australasian Catholic Press Association Awards. BBN was awarded Best Print Publication after judges commented that it was a very engaging publication and an outstanding contribution to the Catholic media landscape in Australia and New Zealand. It also won the Most Improved Publication award.

The September issue of Broken Bay News is online. You can read the award-winning magazine here: [https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_september\\_2021\\_issue\\_211](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211)



**First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online ~** At long last, starting 3 Oct. 2021, the

Catholic Church in Aust. will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved and is now a fully online gathering with one person per device. While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months. You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

**POSITION VACANT**

**Position Vacant Clergy Administration Officer Permanent, Full Time, Based in Pennant Hills:**

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking to recruit a permanent full-time Clergy Administration Officer, to provide administrative support to the Executive Officer and the Vicar General. The successful applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Tertiary qualifications in office administration, project management or minimum 3+ years relevant experience
2. The right to work in Australia with no limitations, and
3. Will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.

**To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).** If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). Applications close on **Friday 1 October 2021**



**"Love Without Limits" Webinar**

Jesus taught us to both love our neighbour and to go make disciples.

Join Cardinal Tagle, Nicky Gumbel and friends for an honest conversation around how we can live out this calling in the modern world.

Date: 30 September 7:00pm OR 1 October 7:00am  
Register at: [www.tfaforms.com/4927075](http://www.tfaforms.com/4927075)



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