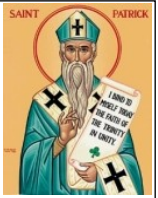


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 27th September 2020 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



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: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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'

'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!' ~ At the end of World War II in France, many prostitutes had their heads shaved. Their beautiful hair was hacked off to the last millimetre. **Why? Because they were prostitutes? No.** The reason was, that they were collaborators. They had sold their services to the German occupiers and therefore were regarded as traitors. They had betrayed their people. It was the same in Christ's time. The two most despised groups in Israel and Galilee were tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army. So, when Jesus says to the religious elite of his time: 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you', this was truly shocking. **Why did Jesus believe this? Because** he had observed tax collectors and prostitutes switching allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God under the influence of John the Baptist. This signalled a profound change of heart. And this profound change of heart would express itself in real commitment to the values and lifestyle of God's Kingdom, unlike the superficial pledges of loyalty from the religious leadership of the day.



Hence, Jesus' little story about the two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything.

The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required.

Jesus loved the brother who came around, perhaps after saying 'No' many times. He was very hard on those who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'. We know from other stories in the Scriptures what it meant for a tax collector to change. St Matthew himself was a tax collector who abandoned his post at the Customs House to follow Jesus. In another passage, we read of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who climbed a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. He was drawn into conversation with Jesus and shared a meal with him. The Gospel then reads:

'Zacchaeus' heart was changed by Jesus' kind words. He told Jesus "Behold Lord, I will give half my goods to the poor.

And if I have taken more from any man than I should, I will give back four times as much as I took."

You and I are perhaps not at the extreme of the tax collectors and prostitutes of Our Lord's time. But we have all made compromises with the ruling ethos of our time. I have been haunted by the story of Cardinal Wolsey, one time Lord Chancellor to Henry VIII. He was demoted when he failed to secure the divorce from Catherine of Aragon, and was exiled to York. Summoned to London, he had a premonition of his fate and spoke the following words: 'Well, well, Master Kingston, I see the matter against me how it is framed. But if I had served God as diligently as I have done the King, he would not have given me over in my grey hairs.'

We may have said "No" to God at various times with various intensity in our lives.

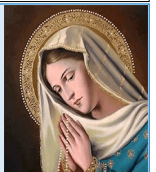
But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span! But, until then, Our Lord will try to engage us in conversation, as he did with Zacchaeus. Like Zacchaeus, here today we are drawn into conversation with Jesus. We hear him in the Gospel and respond. That is 'conversation'.

Note how close that word is to 'conversion'. Our conversation with Jesus of the Gospels should lead to conversion of heart.

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, entirely in harmony with this Gospel,

'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' ~ 'Walk the talk.' © Fr Michael Tate

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary ~ Please join us to pray ~ 10 Days of The Rosary at St Patrick's Asquith @ 7pm : Monday 5 October - Wednesday 14 October Starting 7pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; followed by The Rosary; followed by Silent Prayer 7.45pm: Benediction; Concludes 8pm.



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Centre Hours: 9am - 3.30pm.

Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH
Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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 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.*



Daylight Saving Time

Starts On October 4, 2020
at 02:00 AM

Set Your Clock
Ahead 1 hour



THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME Monday 28/09

Mass *ad libitum*
Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday 29/09 ~ Feast
Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
archangels

Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of the Angels
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday 30/09 ~ Memorial
St Jerome, priest, doctor

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday 01/10 ~ Memorial
St Therese of the Child Jesus,
virgin, doctor

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Job 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday 02/10 ~ Memorial
The Holy Guardian Angels

Mass of the day
Preface of the Angels
Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday 03/10

Mass *ad libitum*
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kerrin Enright,
Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen
Brophy, Kevin Carmody, Margaret Hinton,
Crescencia De La Torre-Mendoza,
Daisy Hughes, Joo Loke (Peter) Wee,
Raymond Hughes, Dolores Garcia,
Mia Donnelly, Maureen Casey,
Marie Mickelson, Mary Ann Weir

ANNIVERSARIES: Seon & Jadwiga
Pieprzyk, Krystyna and Dionizy Pieprzyk,
Reg Cooper, Pam Spooner, Shirley Gray,
Chrissie Butterworth, Phyllis Newnham,
Charles & Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosley,
Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill Davies

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

*A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [22nd September 2020] ~
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.*

In the first encyclical written in Pope Francis' pontificate, *Lumen Fidei*, the Holy Father looked at the biblical account of faith in the Old Testament. In particular, he looked at the kind of faith that Abraham exercised.

The faith of Abraham, says Pope Francis, was a faith where journeying in the expectation of the fulfilment of a promise by God took centre stage. The encyclical had this beautiful line to sum up the kind of faith I want to talk about this week in our Broken Bay Neighbourhoods: "faith sees insofar as it journeys" (*Lumen Fidei*, 9).

One of the fruits of the incarnation is that our faith cannot be an exit from this world. This is because heaven does not run from this world, it runs through it. The kind of faith our forebears believed and embraced was faith in action, embodied in the concrete circumstances of our lives.

The Psalms keep reminding us not only to think of the Lord, but "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8). This verse in Psalm 34 is a beautiful reminder of two important things.

First, it is a reminder of the incarnational aspect of our faith. Our faith in God is one that our bodies can and should experience and put into action in a concrete way. If you read this line of Psalm 34 carefully, you might notice that it is also a call to each and every one of us. It is calling us to be attentive to our circumstances and not try to use our faith to escape from them.

Our lived experiences are not a distraction from our faith in Christ. They are the very tools God uses for us to engage our faith. Indirectly, Psalm 34 is calling us to be attentive to the care of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Remember that when we walk with Christ, we also walk in communion with our brothers and sisters, and so they form an integral part of our lived experience of faith.

The other thing that the Psalm reminds us, is that our walk in and with Christ is ultimately a work of Christ.

When I say that faith is a faith in action, I do not mean that faith is a self-help programme. There is a line that says that "God helps those who help themselves", and this is terrible theology.

Faith does not mean pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps and proving to God that we are worthy of Divine assistance. Faith is not a force within us, it is a free gift of God, and the greatest gift of all is the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

This is where the incarnation once again becomes so important. The incarnation reminds us that God is not out there, distant, and uninterested in the lives of His Creatures. God poured himself out to live in solidarity with His creatures. In the person of Jesus, God lives as we would live and experiences the world as we would experience it. By doing so, God redeemed the world, and is still redeeming the world, out of love for you and me.

God continues to love us by joining us in our life, our joys, our hopes, and our sufferings, assuring us that we are not alone. This, my brothers and sisters, is what we call "grace". It is the pure and undeserved love of God. Our walk with Jesus Christ is the living out of that ridiculously abundant love of God for His world, in this world. Blessings of love, joy, and peace, + *Anthony*



(Extracts from Prot. N. 432/20) *A letter to the People of God from Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, The Vatican.*

Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!

Letter on the celebration of the liturgy during and after the COVID 19 pandemic to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences of the Catholic Church

"... As soon as circumstances permit, ... , it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10).

Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope. [...]

We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of heaven which sustains us in the joys and labours of this earthly pilgrimage; ...

This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable.

The Church ... bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation. This is the faith of the church..."

To read this letter in full, please email your request to the parish office (parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) and a copy will be sent to you.

**"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Mt 18:20);
"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common" (Acts 2:42.44).**

RECONNECT

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."
1 Corinthians 12:12

Four members of our Parish Council have volunteered to head-up a new parish ministry. An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established to build upon the existing community feeling within our parish and make it even better! This is in response to a range of concerns which have come to light during these difficult times and so, they will be reaching out to the isolated, lonely, bereaved and disconnected among us.

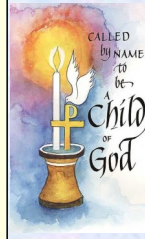
This group will be known as **"RECONNECT"**

It's motto is ... **"We are here for you!"** Its aim is ... **to listen, to talk, to care, to share.**
The team are ... **Moauli Griffiths, Freda Alaalatoa, Sue Lum and Jerome Gomez.**

Just so you know, you may receive a phone call from one of the above just to say 'G'day'. Fr Shaju has provide phone numbers to these "authorised PPC members" under the terms of our privacy collection policy and your privacy will be strictly guarded by "Reconnect" only being shared with others if you have given prior permission.

What we want to know is ... "Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?" eg ...

- * Assistance with meals
 - * A lift to Mass
 - * A regular natter on the phone etc,
- and you needn't wait for a phone call from them. To quickly engage with "Reconnect" please call the office (9456 2450) to be put you in touch with a team member.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to...

Hunter William Farquhar who was baptised last weekend

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**Arabella Pizarro Salonga** who is to be baptised next weekend

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Please keep these children, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Additional support over last weekend's Masses to the **Holy Lands Appeal** has seen our parish donate a grand total of **\$1,250.00**



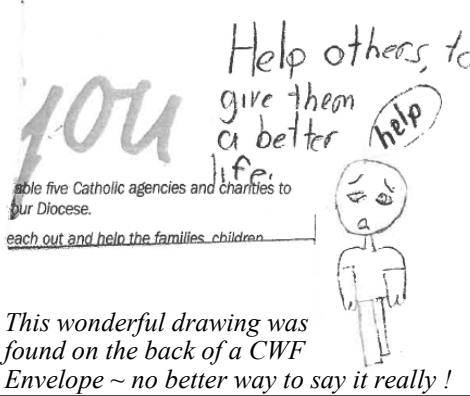
Charitable Works Fund 1st appeal **concludes** this weekend

Target: **\$11,624** - currently given: **\$8,130**
that's **71%** of our target ~ **Thank you!** ~

Donations are **100%** tax deductible

Donations for this appeal can be made from our parish in the following ways:

- Donating in the traditional way (via the plate) - You will need to collect a CWF envelope from the back of our churches and place on either of the plates as they are passed around.
- Donate in person at the parish office using a credit card
- Donate over the phone by calling the parish office on 9456 2450 and using your credit card.
- Donate online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund. **Please be sure to nominate our parish so that your gift is applied to KCCP's fundraising target.**



Term 3 of the very unusual 2020 School Year has flown by and the school holiday's have snuck up on us.



We hope all in our school communities take the opportunity to enjoy a couple of weeks to slow down, rest and recuperate, before the final term races us towards (dare I say it...yes...Christmas !!) To those travelling, take care and return to us safely. To those staying at home ~ half your luck !!

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!



SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child.

Learning Hub:

Video - Seen and Heard - <https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/seen-and-heard>
This video is a series of six vignettes of real-life examples, shot from the point of view of a child, showing how they feel when they were not listened to. It then goes on to show how the simple act of listening has real and long-lasting effects. It is important to recognise we all have a part to play in ensuring children and young people have a say in decisions that affect them. Doing so will ultimately lead to better services, practices and outcomes for all children and young people.



Position Vacant - Administrative Assistant, Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish (Casual)



Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to employ a casual Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. Full advertisement can be found here: bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: **Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

The 250 Club! Week 3: 21/09/2020 ~ Winning No.: 510 ~ Amt: \$25 **WINNER** Jan Favaloro



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

Thank you for your generosity. Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.



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OUR BANK DETAILS

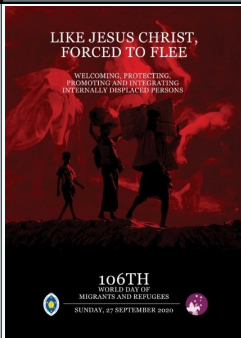
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Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account
Please specify how to split your donation between 1st / 2nd collections.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 3rd / 4th October– 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 5: 1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

| | St Bernard's Church | | St Patrick's Church | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| | 5.00pm | 9.00am | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 10.00am | 6.00pm |
| Acolyte / Snr | Paul Dryden | Denis Steiner | Sandra Sparkes | Malcolm Cross | John Messina | Robert Pesavento |
| Reader (1) | Jerome Gomez | (sub requested) | Paul Worthington | (sub requested) | David De-Fina | Youth reader 1 |
| Reader (2) | Donna Machado | (sub requested) | Celia Cox | Michael Halliday | Simone Noel | Youth reader 2 |
| Usher / s | Volunteer needed | Peter Collins | Chris Smith | Phil Daidone | Milen K & Grace Milen | Les Fogden |
| Sacristy Care/
Church Cleaning/ | Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Annette Shapter (s) | | Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis | | | |
| Maintenance | Teams A & B | | October: Ronnie Tan and Binoy Ponnachan | | | |

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*.



Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020 is "Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee".

"During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees..... Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality."

Pope Francis, 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 message. Read the full message here: <https://migrants-refugees.va/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EN.pdf>

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEBINAR

World Day of Migrant & Refugees

27 September 2020 ~ 2pm –3pm

Join Social Justice Around the Bay and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia in their afternoon webinar as they explore what it looks like in Australia today to support those who have been forced like Jesus to flee.

Need more info? Email: zoe.grant@jrs.org.au



Australian Catholic University Lecture: "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"

Online via Zoom

Monday October 12
10-11.30am (AEDT)

The Zoom link will be provided on 9 October 2020 to those who have registered.

Registration

Registration is essential for this free public lecture by 7 October.
www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

Contact

For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy
centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au
02 9701 4751



Bottling the Oils ~ Our Vicar General, Fr David Ranson; Fr Joey and Fr Anselam

Holy Oils

Last Thursday evening representatives from each parish gathered together at the Cathedral for the Mass of the Oils.

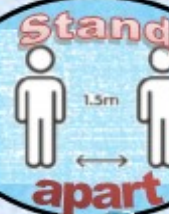
If you missed the livestream, you are still able to view this

beautiful Mass via the Diocesan webpage
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/chrism-mass-2020>

Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

MOST IMPORTANT and No. 1 Rule follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s

Capacity of our churches
100 in St Patricks, 60 in St Bernard's
If unwell ~ **DO NOT** come to mass ~ please see your doctor



Volunteer to disinfect pews after Mass, OR leave immediately and DO NOT congregate outside the church

Covid-19 symptoms
*Fever (37.5 or higher)
*Sore/scratchy throat
*Shortness of breath
*Loss of smell
*Loss of taste
*Cough