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

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

The Ascension of the Lord Year C Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

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 5pm St Bernard's Saturday 6pm St Patrick's 8am St Patrick's Sunday 9am St Bernard's 10am St Patrick's 6pm St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES Up to and including Sat. 2 July 2022 there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays

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St Patrick's	9am			
	Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat			
St Bernard's	9am			
	Wed ~ Fri			

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am St Patrick's After 9am Mass St Bernard's Friday ~~~~~ ÷----

> **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.

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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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.



Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am; Healing Mass: 11.30am A light community luncheon will follow the Mass ~ all are welcome.

Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory © Fr Michael Tate

When one thinks about it, our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of disciples generation after generation, century after century - until now! But, he didn't. He withdrew that mode of appearance. Why? Our Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric: 'It's all about



us'. The disciples had to be weaned of the Lord's risen mode of appearance among them because of the danger that they might think that Christ's victory over Death and its warriors - chaos, decay, entropy, exhaustion - is meant for them alone.

After appearing to 500-600 disciples after his death he made it clear that his decisive victory over death has consequences for the *whole cosmos* - for every time and place in the created universe. Christianity often suffers from too narrow a perspective which can lead us to become a moralising huddle of pious people. We need the big picture. So our Lord withdrew his risen body from the sight of his followers ('the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

Listen to St Paul in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' That is the big picture. The transforming effect of the Resurrection on the whole of material creation, including the Earth, has already begun. At least, so we pray as we sing 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. Do we really hear the clause: 'Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'? 'Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.' Note the present tense. The Earth is already on its way to liberation from decay and from the prospect of final extinction.

The Risen Lord is already bringing this about. How? There are several ways of which we are aware. Already. fractions of creation - the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion - are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Another way, on which I want to focus, follows from St Paul teaching in the second reading that 'the Church is his Body'. We, in the Church, are one of the ways in which the Risen Lord of the whole universe has chosen to start the transformation of the universe. Think of Mt Wellington and the Derwent River. They have existed for millions of years, but for the huge majority of that time neither the mountain nor the river were ever aware of their existence, their majesty and their beauty.

That is, until we, the human inhabitants of this Planet came on the scene. We are the self awareness of Mt Wellington and the Derwent River. Through us, they can become aware of the sheer fact of their existence, of their majesty and beauty, and through us, they can give thanks to the Creator for what they are. This is the beginning of their transformation in the Risen Lord. That is why I can open Eucharistic Prayer III with words which are otherwise totally absurd. 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise ...' All creation gives God praise through us! Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. This is one effect of the liberating power of the Risen Lord on creation. Its yearning is beginning to be satisfied.

As the ancient church used to teach: Each one of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Our Risen Lord, ascended into glory, is filling the whole universe with his Divine Power, beginning to transfigure the whole of matter and energy. At the same time, we who are baptised are His Body, especially for the earth and human history. We can only be so if, like the disciples on this feast day, we stop staring into the sky and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit, constantly renewing the effects of Pentecost. Then, we will make real St Paul's description of us: the Church which is his Body, the Body of the Risen Lord in whom the fullness of creation dwells.









THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

The Ascension of the Lord Year C Monday 30/05

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33 **Tuesday 31/05 ~ Feast** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zeph 3:14-18; ls 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56 Wednesday 1/06 ~

Memorial St Justin, martyr Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19 Thursday 2/06

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26 Friday 3/06 ~ Memorial Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

> **Saturday 4/06** Acts 28:16-21, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Mathew Chennath OSH, Bonny Enright, Annamma Joseph (Fr Joy's aunty), Pat & Sid McConkey, Ray Reynolds, Stanley Cooper, Tom Dawson, Juanita Casey, Clare Hopkins, John Bonnici, Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks, Fr John Worthington SM

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brendan Thomas Stubbs, Mary Ann Weir, Ida O'Halloran, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Michael Ai Lau Gan, Jola & Stach, Marion Berry, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran; Alfredo De Ramos

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: For those suffering from Covid-19 - that it will brought under control and eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Georgina Hughes, Jeanette Bakker, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue, Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew



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A special Mass

for a special Priest

You and your family

are warmly invited to a special

Holy Mass of Thanksgiving

for the blessing of the ministry given to us by

Fr Shaju John Chamapara OSH

in Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

on

Sunday 10 July 2022, 10am

at St Patrick's Church, Asquith

Fr Shaju will offer this

Mass of Thanksgiving

for the parishioners of KCCP

as he prepares to farewell Australia and

return to India to take up the position of

Vicar General

of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart.

Fr Shaju would love to have as many

parishioners as possible join him on the day

to allow him to say thank you and goodbye.

A community 'Brunch'

will follow Mass in the

You are requested to

Fr McMaugh Hall.

Asquith.

please bring

speciality plate

along your

to share.

Sadly, we can't deny it any longer ... the time is fast approaching to bid Fr Shaju farewell and so we ask you to mark your diaries and save the dates for either or both of the following ..



A special farewell and social occasion ...

The Parish Pastoral Council of KCCP extend an invitation to the adults of the parish to gather in a social setting and Farewell Fr Shaju John Chamapara, OSH, PP

on Friday 15 July 2022 ~ 6.30pm for 7pm in the Fr Denis Callaghan Hall, Berowra Heights

An evening is being planned for those wishing to gather as adults for a lovely meal and to share some quality time with Fr Shaju before he returns to India.

Catering for the evening will be provided by a family run business associated with the parish and if past events are anything to go by the food will be sensational!! (*Think 'whole pig on a spit' and everything that goes with it* to make your tastebuds sit up and take notice!)

> The cost is being kept to a minimum to allow as many folk as possible attend and at just \$25 per person

it will represent great value. 《 (Please note this event is: BYO Alcohol)

Payment is required in advance

and bookings are open now, so be quick to reserve a spot ! As we need to keep an eye on numbers for catering, please contact the Parish Office directly on 9456 2450 to make payment via credit card over the phone. To attend you will need to contact the parish office <u>no later than</u>

11am on Thursday 30 June 2022.

Farewell Fr Andrew Murray sm and thank you for your assistance. This weekend is the final weekend Fr Andrew will offer Masses in the parish. It has been a pleasure having you with us Fr Andrew and we ask Our Lord to continue blessing all your priestly works and

especially your interests in the Pacific.

Welcome to our friends Fr Raphael AJ, Fr Stephen AJ, Fr Vincent AJ. who hail from just down the road at St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hill,

One of these priests will assist Fr Joy in offering Mass in our parish across the month of June. A warm welcome to each of you from our parish and we thank you for offering Mass for us in KCCP.

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Celebrants for this Weekends Masses	28th / 29th May	Fr Joy Thomas and Fr Andrew Murray
Celebrants for the following Weekends Masses	4th / 5th June 11th / 12th June 18th / 19th June 25th / 26th June	Fr Joy Thomas and Either Fr Raphael Kimaro AJ Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda AJ Fr Vincent Musindalo AJ

👔 Requiescat In Pace ~ Fr Mathew Chennath OSH ~

Following an accident in India on Monday May 16, Fr Mathew sustained significant brain damage and on Sunday May 22, Our Lord called his good and faithful servant to his eternal home at just 57 years of age. Ordained a year before Fr Shaju and Fr Joy, his Priestly Ministry was undertaken in various parishes across the Archdiocese of Kottayam and different communities of OSH in India. He ministered to the faithful in our

own Diocese of Broken Bay between 2004-2009. Fr Mathew was a man who lived his life according to his convictions. Through his Counselling, Prayer and Breaking of the Word, he brought the Joy and Peace of Christ to the lives of many people. Lord, Grant him Eternal Rest.



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new 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 Shaju.





Shhhhhh, it's a secret ...

A decision has been taken by the Parish Pastoral Council and agreed to by Fr Joy, to place specially marked envelopes in the church for those who wish to make a contribution towards a fitting farewell gift from the parishioners to Fr Shaju.

These envelopes can then be placed on either collection plate during any Mass.

Knowing Fr Shaju as we all do, we know that he is very humble and would be quite embarrassed if this

recognition of his care and direction in the parish were on public display, so ..., we are putting these envelopes in our churches NOW and removing them on the weekend before he gets back (June 25/26).

This way, he won't get embarrassed at all AND he will get an even bigger surprise at the very grateful parishioners of KCCP - in true Aussie style - succeeding in "**Pulling the wool over his eyes**".

PS: There is also a large card at the back of each church for those wishing to write a personal farewell message to Fr Shaju.



 Mark
 Thank you for your support of the FINAL Pastoral Works

 Broken Bay Appeal for the 2021/2022 FY.
 Supporting the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal

 puts your gift to work in your local faith community
 Our parish quota for the 2021/2022 financial year is \$34,153.

Last weekend your generous donations totalled \$8,500 (thanks to all who contributed) reducing our shortfall to just \$5,263 which we are still hopeful of raising.

Donations of & over \$2 - tax-deductible. Envelopes are still available at the back of our churches for last minute donations or via the QR Code ... Your support to the PWBB Appeal (great or small), is greatly appreciated and I sincerely thank you for giving whatever you can. *Fr Joy.*

In May we duly honour our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Memorare (traditional) ~ Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Memorare (contemporary) ~ Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 25 May 2022

The new Diocese of Broken Bay World Youth Day website is live with Bishop Anthony Randazzo inviting the youth of the Diocese to join him on pilgrimage to Italy and then on to Lisbon, Portugal for WYD23.

Young people aged between 16 and 35 can register their interest at https://bbwyd.org.au/

To be held in August next year, World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from around the world with the Pope.

It is a celebration of youth, the universal Church and evangelisation.

Prior to the global event, Bishop Anthony will lead a group of students and young adults on a pilgrimage through Italy in July to some of the holiest sites and homes of our saints.

The group will visit Venice, Padova, Ravenna, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Cascia and St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and Rome before flying to Lisbon in Portugal.

"The theme for WYD23 is '*Mary arose and went with haste*' (Luke1:39) and I implore all our pilgrims who join me to be filled with the same excitement and wonder for their own encounter with Christ and His Church as we journey to Lisbon, "Bishop Anthony said.

"I am very much looking forward to leading a group of enthusiastic, passionate young people from our Diocese to a number of holy sites in Italy, onto Lisbon and then to Fatima for a retreat. It will be a truly memorable experience."

During the week of 1-6 August '23, Lisbon will host numerous celebrations and faith events. While clear in its Catholic identity, WYD is open to all youth of the world, no matter how close or distant they are from the Church.

St John Paul, while Pope John Paul II, was inspired to establish World Youth Day in 1986 following the Church's Youth Jubilee in 1984 and the United Nations International Youth Year in 1985. It has been a much-loved and hugely successful event every three years although WYD last year was postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sydney hosted WYD2008, the first in Oceania, with more than 500,000 young people from more than 200 countries registering when the event was announced but that figure ballooned to more than 1 million during WYD week.



My Contribution towards a

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Fr Shaju John OSH

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Children's Choir @ St Patrick's.

Welcome

to our

Faith

Family

Baptism

congratulations to

Raphael Peter

Guthrie

who is to baptised this

weekend.

Please keep him,

his parents and Godparents

in your prayers.

Child.

God

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's is always happy and excited to welcome new members, from Year 3 up to the end of high school. from any school in the parish. Come along to one of our practices on Fridays from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and see how things work, with singing, games, learning new songs, getting to know other young people, and then join us singing at 10am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Volunteers to help supervise are also needed: must hold current WWCC which is registered with the parish office.

Need more information? Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Tri - Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22.

SAVE THE DATE: Wed 20 July 6:00pm – 9:00pm – more details will follow.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

St Bernard's	e Church					
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5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm	
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Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.*

POSITION VACANT

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Based in the Chancery, Pennant Hills

• Fixed term full-time contract concluding 16 December '22

We are seeking an experienced accountant to assist with various aspects of financial reporting, financial accounting, financial statements, budgeting, payroll, compliance, analysis and issues management. This is a diverse role where you'll draw upon your strong working knowledge of accounting processes and Microsoft Office Suite, coupled with excellent knowledge of the Australian Accounting Standards. The successful candidate is someone with experience working in an accounting role with excellent knowledge of management accounting and management reporting. Key to your success will be your ability to problem-solve, with diplomacy in stakeholder liaison and experience dealing with a wide cross section of people. To obtain a copy of the position description or further details, contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. If you are interested in applying, please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Learning Hub: Dr Justin Coulson's Happy Families website provider resources and tools to support parents and professionals working with children and young people. For an interesting perspective on Self Care being defined as taking time for personal growth and the development of true wellbeing, visit: <u>https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/articles/selfcare-strategies</u> The article also features additional links to studies that have been conducted on the <u>impact of lockdown on mental health</u> in Australia; and research into <u>parental burnout around the globe</u>. Community News: In acknowledgement of National Reconciliation Week, the Department of Communities & Justice Pennant Hills Community Services Centre, will be hosting a Welcome to Country and Smoking. The ceremony will take place at 2:15pm on Thursday 26 May on level 2 outside the old Coffee Shop (building next to the Caroline Chisolm Centre). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ukraine Appeal As we see on a daily basis, the people of Ukraine are still desperate for our support. They need food, water, clothing (especially for women and children) and medical supplies. Many aid organisations have responded. If you can contribute, visit the webpages of any of the



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