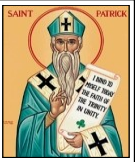


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 29th August 2021 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

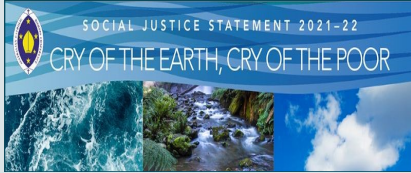
Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Our Mission Statement: 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement: 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



Today is Social Justice Sunday

As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".

It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

I read a terrific book the other day entitled 'Shadows and the Dark'.

It is by Australian Jesuit Fr John Cowburn who is Professor of Philosophy at Jesuit Theological College, Melbourne.

This book explores how we can hold to a loving God in the face of evil.

The idea for the book came when Fr John fell from his bicycle, broke his collarbone and was awaiting surgery in hospital. While there, an old religious sister came to his room to give him Holy Communion before going to the operating theatre. Fr John told her about the accident.

Sister said, **'Well Father, God must have known you needed a little holiday, so he arranged for your fall'**. John replied, **'If that's true Sister I'm pleased God didn't want me to take a sabbatical!'**

From Jesus' day to ours, when bad things happen to good people it seems easier to blame God or Satan. By his own admission Fr John had an accident because he didn't take enough care on his bike. End of story. That God can bring something good out of such an accident is grace building on nature. What Jesus confronts in today's Gospel is **'The-devil-made-me-do-it'** theology.

And his response is as challenging now as it was in first century Palestine.

For as long as we blame our most destructive behaviour on evil acting upon us in all its guises, empty promises and powers, then we remain some way from taking the sort of responsibility for the condition of our hearts that might see them fully converted by Christ's saving love.

This is not to say that evil does not exist or that it cannot have a powerful effect upon us, quite the opposite. Just as grace builds on love and goodness, evil grows out of estrangement and hatred.

As Christians we hold that God has given us free will, and evil's hold on our hearts is often the result of the poor choices and smaller compromises we have made along the way.

The way we look at the evil in our lives and the world also affects our compassion. For if we're not in touch with the greed that leads to theft, the anger that leads to murder, the desire for power that leads to rape, or the alienation that leads to terrorism, then it's hard for us to be compassionate toward the perpetrators of these evil acts. The degree to which we know what our hearts are capable of leads us to be grateful for the graces we receive and cultivate, and to be compassionate toward those who have missed out on this good news and who, by nurture or free will, have chosen evil as their fundamental option. May this Eucharist enable us to take in the broken body of Christ because we know we are a broken people in need of its power, and as Christ's blood is poured for us, may we be poured out in love, so that, through us, others might hear His call to a conversion of heart.



COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED ~ Sunday Mass is live-streamed as follows: Saturday Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith and Sunday Mass - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.

[Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am]

As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:

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

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

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 30/08

1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 31/08

1 Thess 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 01/09

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 02/09

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 03/09 ~ Memorial

St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday 04/09

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica Kavanagh, Angela Smith, Crisanta Colis, June Maher, Henry Sylvester, Agnes Montgomery, Matthew Hughes, John Wright

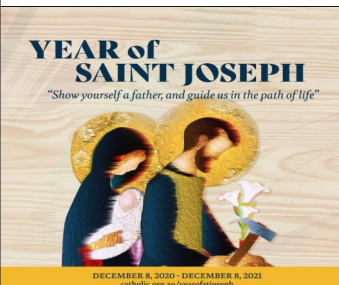
ANNIVERSARIES: Marie Nicholson, Margaret Hinton, Shirley Gray Lynette Maguire, Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson,

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:

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



The 250 Club!

Week 6 – 23/08/2021
Winning number: 512
Winner: *Jan Favaloro*
Amount: \$25.00



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: The Church
~ Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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

'ear-ye, 'ear-ye ... all the better to HEAR-Thee Lord !

To improve your participation in our live-streamed Masses, we have invested in a Dual Channel Wireless Microphone System (essentially that means the sound is *heaps better*). Trialled last weekend it was a **RESOUNDING** success and the **ECHO's** of praise were **LOUD** and **CLEAR**.

Please join us for Mass this weekend - Saturday (Vigil) 6pm from SPA and/or Sunday morning 9am from SBB.



August Appeal ~ Happening Now !

At this time, we appreciate any support which can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to

operate and provide vital services. Donations can be made via our parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or via www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Be Sure To Nominate Our Parish so your donation is credited towards our Quota.

- + All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.
- + Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.
- + Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.
- + Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.



September begins on Wednesday and September is Safeguarding Month in the DBB.

Celebrate the Participation of Children and Young People in the Diocese of Broken Bay throughout the five weeks of Safeguarding Month. You are invited to join with the following initiatives.

- Week 1: Celebrate Participation - Children and Young People across the Diocese**
 - Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities.
- Week 2: Strengthen Participation - Every child in every community, needs a fair go**
 - **Wednesday 8 September** - Online launch of new resource - Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.
 - Celebrate **National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN)** by visiting their National webpage - and learn about the theme: Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.
 - **Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm to 1.30pm** – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. To register go to - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752/>
- Week 3: Active Participation - Communities Supporting the Participation of Children and Young People**
 - **Sunday 12 September 2021** - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via live stream from the Cathedral.
 - Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to COVID-19.
- Week 4: Active Participation: Communities Supporting the Vulnerable**
 - **Wednesday 22 September 2021 @ 11.00am to 12.30pm**, via zoom – "*Ministering to a Church in Trauma*" presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register for this online event and receive a zoom link go to - <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/join/register/tJlTce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWWVhVtIq22Px>
- Week 5: Active Participation - Safeguarding**
 - The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to **Mary Undoer of Knots**. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena.

RECONNECT

Is an **OUTREACH GROUP** in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!
Motto: *"We are here for you!"*
Aim: *to listen, to talk, to care, to share.*

What we would like to know is ... "Is there anything Reconnect can do for you?" like ...
* Assistance with meals * A regular chat and stuff like that !

Can't wait for them to ring you? Please call the office ~ 9456 2450 and staff will assist you to "Reconnect".

OUR BANK DETAILS

KCCP has a 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 Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish. Fr Shaju.

Our Confirmation Candidates have done something unique and special!

In the middle of a pandemic, they got involved, they turned up and they completed the preparation programme.

Sadly though, the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation has to be POSTPONED:



As you all know, these children were scheduled to make their Confirmation September 5th. Unfortunately, these ceremonies cannot go ahead under the current COVID restrictions and have been postponed without a fixed date.

So, when will they get Confirmed? The Diocese and our the Parish are exploring possibilities to get them Confirmed as soon as restrictions are lifted. Many different options are being considered and as soon as we are able to schedule the Confirmations we'll let you know.

In the meantime, we ask that you all keep our Candidates and their families in your prayers, acknowledging the patience and forbearance they have shown under very unusual circumstances.

The Sacramental Team are still actively working on ways to stay connected with our Candidates and to engage with them periodically - participating in activities showcasing the amazing gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive.

Our sincere thanks once again to our dear children, their parents and carers, the facilitators and for completing the series of Confirmation Workshops in preparation for Confirmation. Peta, Grace, Phill, Fr Joy & Fr Shaju.

**At KCCP we take
Safeguarding seriously.**

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

The Diocese of Broken Bay strives to promote a culture of safety and care for all people and especially for children, young people and vulnerable adults in its care and is committed to maintaining a pastoral community that models the essential qualities of ethical and moral behaviours.

The principles upon which these behaviours are founded include; Integrity, Commitment, Presence, Servant Leadership, Truth, Compassion, Wisdom and Dignity.

The Diocese invites its entire people to embrace and contribute to a culture of safeguarding children and vulnerable people.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Alive in the Spirit

Separated as we are during lockdown, we all need to find ways to re-connect with each other.

You are invited to take part in a new prayer experience called Prego. Prego is a way of reflecting on and praying with the Sunday Gospel in small groups, that was developed by a Jesuit spirituality centre in the UK. It will be run via zoom by and for our own parishioners on Sunday evenings from 6pm-7pm, beginning August 29th. This will be an opportunity to re-connect with people in a safe on-line space, as we listen and reflect on the Sunday Gospel under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our hope is that "from a prayerful awareness of the Spirit working in and through us will come a sense of mission, a desire to join Christ in his mission." You are warmly invited to come and join us.

To join the Zoom Meeting on August 29, 2021 6pm go to <https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252> pwd=TXZBNnXNzlkNmNCUksvaDh6RFg1QT09#success

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.' Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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

Reflection ~ Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)

Prayer Petition ~ We pray for all the Plenary Council Members who are preparing for the First Assembly in October: That they will be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations.

Instrumentum Laboris ~ A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community

7.1 In emphasising this theme, Australian Catholics echo Pope Francis' challenge to rediscover "the heart of the Gospel", the fundamental kerygma or message of the Christian faith which is "the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose" for all people. This reality of 'saving love' is to be distinguished from what the Pope calls "secondary aspects" of Church teaching and practice that may be derived from but cannot take the place of the person to person encounter of divine love. In speaking of God's love today, Pope Francis urges we must "concentrate on the essentials" in our communication with the world, and not become "obsessed with the disjointed transmission of a multitude of doctrines to be insistently imposed."

Please pray for the Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/



The Office for Evangelisation, Diocese of Broken Bay introduce BAY CONNECT

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team has launched **BAY CONNECT**.

This initiative provides an online programme of regular activities commencing **Monday 30 August**, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

The **Bay Connect** page can be found at, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

The programme features:

- **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- **HUMPDAY HANGOUT with BR BERNARD** - Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.


✕ To find our more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/>

More importantly, if we could ask you to join us in prayer for this initiative, that would be most appreciated. If you need more information, please contact us at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way."

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 4th/5th September 2021 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year
Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm

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.

Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated	August: Matthew Tancred - additional help always appreciated - see inside appeal to help pls
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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*.



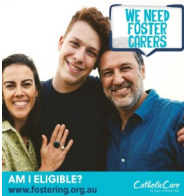
Save the Date:
Divine Renovation Australasia Conference 2021
Divine Renovation Australasia is planning a National Conference on 19-21 November 2021. Titled 'Called to Discipleship', it will be held in-person at the Campbelltown Catholic Club (Covid restrictions permitting).

This bi-annual conference gathers people from parishes and dioceses around Australia who are enthusiastic about parish renewal. This year's Conference will offer keynotes from Fr James Mallon and Dr Ralph Martin, talks from Deacon Peter Pellican and Alpha, workshops focusing on a range of topics, times of prayer and adoration, opportunities for networking, and Holy Mass. Please spread the word to others who may be interested. If anyone is considering attending and would be able to assist with some of the organisational aspects, please contact Pina Bernard on pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 239.



CatholicCare can help
As we enter another week of lockdown you may need some extra support.

We are here to help and offer many services for people in need including emergency relief financial supports, homelessness and housing assistance, domestic violence support, counselling including financial counselling, disability and seniors supports and more.
Feel free to call 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au for more information.



Do you have a place in your heart & home for a child in need?
DBB CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign ~ We are looking for foster carers on the Central Coast, Northern Beaches, Greater North Shore & Northern Sydney areas.
Tragically, there are many children and young people in our community who are unable to live with their families through no fault of their own.

Today we are asking if there any families in our Parish that may be able to take a child into their loving and supportive homes? **Not sure if you could help out?**

Why not get more information before making that final decision which could change a child's life forever by going to: <https://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/foster-care/>, plus you can view a video featuring a foster family and our Bishop to get a visual idea of this life changing call - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui_n1wZ_0dk

Still not quite sure? Contact Melinda Rixon at CatholicCare melinda.rixon@catholiccaredbb.org.au



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