

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 2nd May 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B



Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8 O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Gospel Acclamation:

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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'



First Friday Mass ~ This Friday 7th of May 2021

Please join us once again for our ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's:



10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation then, Healing Mass at 11.30am

HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ ~ Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity. It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message. This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion. This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings,

'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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Website: www.bbcath		SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES [applying the current 2m ² requirement]		10am 6pm WEEKDAY N	St Patrick's St Patrick's MASSES
Parish Priest Assistant Priest	Fr Shaju John, OSH Fr Joy Thomas, OSH	St Patrick's: 202 persons at St Bernard's: 122 persons Physical Distancing - people from the same household may	St Bernard's St Patrick's	8am Mor 9am Wed	n, Tues and Thurs. dnesday and Friday dnesday and Friday
Parish Secretary Bookkeeper	Margaret Cooper Karen Price	sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.	SUF aulth S		n, Tues, Thurs and Sat.
Youth Ministry Co-ord.	Michelle Chahine	Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the	Every Saturday	9.30 am at S	St Patrick's

Every Friday

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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

5th Week of Easter –Year B Monday 03/05 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 Tuesday 04/05 Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday 05/05 Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 06/05 Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 07/05 Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 08/05 Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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

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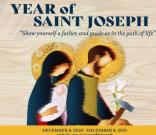
ANNIVERSARIES:

Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann, Peter O'Halloran, Moya Dawson, Krysia & Dyziv Maciejwscy, Mary Ann Weir

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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





Pope Francis' Praver Intention for May: The World of Finance ~ Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its danger.



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Diocesan Mass Counts 2021 ~ As you are aware the Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May and once again, we thank you for your generous assistance.

OF ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL COUNT As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via

Evangelisation Broken Bay. The 2021 Count will begin this weekend 1/2 May and continue across the weekends of 8/9; 15/16; and 22/23 May. Your patience and assistance during this 'National Count of Attendance' year is greatly appreciated.

FINAL APPEAL FOR THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND begins next weekend For the 2020-2021 FINANCIAL YEAR ~ 100% Tax Deductible

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that C supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay. Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

- Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- St Lucy's School serving primary school students with disabilities.
- St Edmund's College serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- Ephpheta Centre serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch the 'Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping - <u>https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E</u> All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways: Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew; Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give; Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give; Or scan the QR code.



(Be sure to correctly nominate our parish so your contribution comes off our quota) Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay - 27th April 2021 My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

This Saturday, 1 May, we commemorate the second feast of St Joseph in our liturgical calendar. It is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. On 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Mary, I installed and blessed a statue of St Joseph in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, and on Saturday I will be opening and blessing a newly established house of discernment for young men, named "Joseph House".



I announced this initiative on 8 December 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and am pleased to be able to see the project come to fruition on the feast of St Joseph the Worker. It is a project that I have dedicated to the intercession of the earthly father of Jesus in this year of Saint Joseph.

The House will be a place for young men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism, whilst spending some serious time in discernment and contemplation, while being active in the world. The aim is that they can meet the challenge of living as Christian men in a fruitful environment, under the guidance of St Joseph as a great role model of virtue and character.

On Saturday 17 April, I convened a meeting of the Plenary Council delegates and animators from across the Diocese for the first time since the pandemic began. The aim was to re-animate the Plenary Council initiative, to provide formation on this theme and to commission the four delegates for the Diocese of Broken Bay - Alison Newell, Raj Rajasingam, Danny Casey, and Fr David Ranson.

Until our gatherings were interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese of Broken Bay was recognised as one of the highest responders to the Plenary Council invitation to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" to the Church in Australia. The Council is an opportunity for a holy listening, a truthful speaking, and a dialogue of love. I look forward to continuing the journey of the Plenary Council with the many enthusiastic people who are generously engaged in this task. My presentation on the Plenary Council day has been produced as a video resource for use throughout the Diocese and can be accessed here! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xokINr VME https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xokINr VME)

I hope that you might find it of use also for our ongoing mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay. As we journey in the Easter Season, we also continue to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. More specifically, we are entering into the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am grateful, after the restrictions of COVID last year, to be travelling to parishes and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for the first time in the Diocese. I know that many of our young people have been waiting patiently in anticipation of this moment of grace. I hope that it will be a time of bringing to life the power of the Holy Spirit in them and in our community of the Church. Thank you to all families and carers, catechists and teachers, priests and deacons who have been accompanying the young candidates.

May God bless you all abundantly. Easter joy to you and your loved ones, + Authouy

May is the Month of Mary

Extract of Article: Thirty-one ways to love Our Lady more throughout the Month of May and reprinted with the kind permission of The Catholic Weekly ~

On the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady in the year 1862, Father Frederick Faber a fellow Oratorian and contemporary of Saint John Henry Newman, wrote the following words in the preface to the first English edition of Saint Louis De Montfort's Marian classic True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin:

Jesus is obscured, because Mary is kept in the background. Thousands of souls perish, because Mary is withheld from them... Yet, if we are to believe the revelations of the saints, God is pressing for a greater, wider, a stronger, quite another devotion to His Blessed Mother.

Each year the Church presents us with the great gift of setting aside the month of May in which to fine-tune,

or maybe even kick-start, our relationship with and devotion to the Mother of God and our Mother. It is a month in which we can seek to understand more deeply, the pivotal role that the Blessed Mother played and

continues to have in the unravelling of Salvation History. It is a month, too, in which we can intentionally focus on loving Our Lady as our true Mother just as Jesus intends us too. While he hung upon the Cross, He spoke those oh so precious words which continue to reach out across the millennia to our own time and, in a very personal way, to our own hearts... "Behold your Mother". (Jn. 19:27)

> In the following points, I would like to highlight thirty-one ways, one for each day of May, by which we might come to know and love our Mother in a deeper manner. When we give ourselves to her and allow her to teach and guide us. we can more effectively be her hands and feet in bringing others to Jesus. We will be better able to make Jesus known to the world at large because that is what Our Lady does.

> As she did at the marriage at Cana, she points Jesus out to those who will listen to her and repeats as she will to the last day, "Do whatever He tells you!" (Jn.2:5)

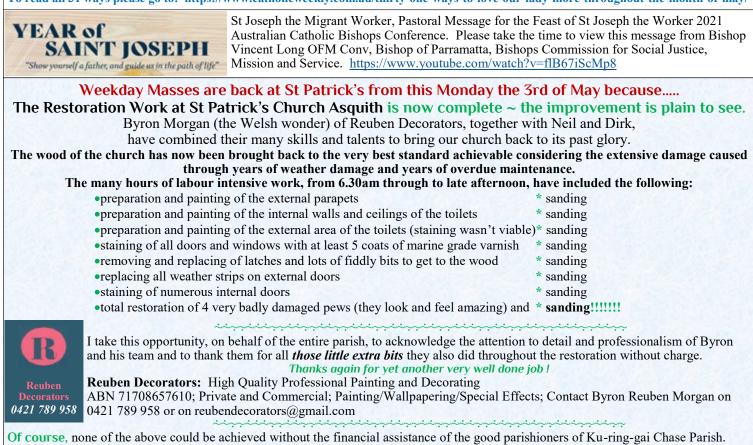
No. 24 ... Know the history of Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia Mary Help of Christians is the Patroness of Australia and we should do all we can to invoke her assistance and

promote her patronage under this title as a people especially entrusted to her maternal protection. Australia was the first nation to choose Mary Help of Christians as its principal patroness with St Mary's Cathedral also dedicated to her honour by the Irish pioneer priest Fr John Therry who had arrived in Sydney in May 1820.

The High Altar at St. Marys Cathedral, erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry, stands proudly with a statue of Mary Help of Christians crowning its highest point. A larger statue bearing the same title, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart and is more accessible to the public who travel to the Cathedral daily in order to venerate their Queen and to seek her powerful intercession. The Church has traditionally focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help under this title. Firstly, the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin in the life of the believer. Secondly, the

assistance Our Lady grants the Christian Church in her fight against the forces of evil who are especially bent on abolishing Christian practice and its influence throughout the world.

To read all 31 ways please go to: https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/thirty-one-ways-to-love-our-lady-more-throughout-the-month-of-may/



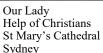
This new Church at St Patrick's was opened in 1971 making this year its Golden Anniversary Year. I extend my thanks to those of you who have made donations already to achieve this much needed restoration. We still have a very long way to go to balance the books but your efforts so far just had to be publicly recognised. The invoice for these works came to around \$46,950 (including the damaged pews) of which you have contributed \$14,304.15! ... an incredible achievement. Please know your generosity will be of benefit to present and future parishioners for many years to come. Thank you so very much. Fr Shaju

If you are interested in contributing towards this vital restoration it would be appreciated. You can do so via the website, via the box at back of

church or by calling the office. Thanks for contributing whatever you can afford.







ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 8th/9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter- Year B IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Sub requested	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Denise Harant	Sue Watts	Sue Lum	Elizabeth Fernandes	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Barbara McMullen	Hayley Rodrigues	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Simone Noel
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Vince & Georgina Hughes	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Subs requested	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Marcia Wood, Helen Johnson, Gwen Wood, Elaine & Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Chichi Datoc (s)		Lucia Lim			
Maintenance	aintenance Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		May: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - 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.*



Position Vacant ~ Parish Administrative Assistant ~ Woy Woy Catholic Parish ~ Part-time, 12 hours per week, 2 days (8.30am - 3.00pm) Wednesday and Friday Can you see yourself as a welcoming face of Woy Woy Catholic Parish?

The Parish is seeking an Administrative Assistant for our busy office. The role provides administrative support in the areas of visitor and telephone reception, communications, records and archives maintenance, general administration,

meeting and event organisation, compliance and simple financial processes such as credit card and direct debit processing. If you have previous office administration experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. For further information please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or see the full advertisement at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Applications close Friday, 7 May 2021 ~ This role will be subject to a WWCC and National Police History Check.

The Cathedral is hosting the "Flores de Mayo"

festival in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary".

rosary", floral procession and blessing of Religious

This will include the Holy Eucharist, "living

As part of the Diocesan Celebration of the

500 years of Christianity in the Philippines,

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Flores de Mayo 2021

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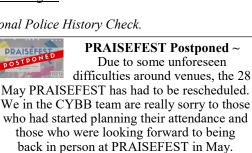


Images, Statues, Icons. The event will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara. Please arrive at 2:45pm for us to start the rosary at 3pm followed by the mass to be celebrated by Very Rev Dr. Fr. David Ranson – Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Please bring flowers to offer to Our Lady and if you have sacred images, icons, portraits, you are most welcome to bring them, and they will be blessed during the mass. We would also

encourage people to wear filipiniana or white clothes for the occasion. The event will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara (23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara). Book your spot here: www.trybooking.com/BQUIS

For more information or if you want to donate to support the event, please contact: Dick Pamilar- 0401629261 (dickpamilar@gmail.com)

Cynthia Alipalo - 0416188835(cynthia.alipalo@gmail.com)



We will be in touch as soon as we can confirm our new date and venue. Until then, God bless you all immensely! *The CYBB team*.



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