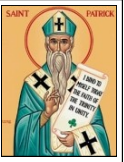


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

3rd April 2022

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Year C**

**Is 43:16-21**

**Phil 3:8-14**

**Jn 8:1-11**

**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**

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, Thurs
	9am	Wed and Fri
St Patrick's	8am	Wed and Fri
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday	9.30am	St Patrick's
Friday	After 9am	Mass 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.*

**The Gaze of Jesus** © Michael Tate

Where is the *man* in this story? Notice it is the *woman* who is taken, afraid for her life, and made to stand in the middle of the mob.

Where was the man? Century after century, it is women who have been stereotyped as the seductresses and have borne the blame, and been made to suffer, whilst the men get off scot-free, discarding the women to their fate.

But, that is not the aspect of the story I want to focus on.

This story is all about 'eyes' and how you 'see' someone.

The accusers of this woman make her 'stand there in full view of everybody.'

She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust – eyes full of condemnation and hate – eyes boring in on her dishevelled and distressed state – eyes which already see her as a mess of crushed skull and broken bones from the stoning they are anticipating.

Jesus *never* looks at the woman while she is being accused.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground doodling in the dust, looks up at her.

Isn't that remarkable!

Jesus – the Lord of the Universe

Jesus – the one whom angels worship

Jesus – the human expression of the All Merciful

does not tower over her – but 'looks up'.

*He* is the one on the ground. He is the truly 'earthed' one in this story.

He is so well grounded that he is quite content to adopt the posture of a slave.

Can you imagine the electricity in that glance upwards of Jesus?

- not the condemning glare, but the gaze of love
- a look which sees her as God intended her to be
- a look which sees her potential
- which sees her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

And then Jesus speaks to her!

Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman; she has been a mere object.

Now, she is not only reassured by his eyes. She hears his voice. He is treating her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear?

That Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment.

I am reminded of the new story of a bishop in South America who severely criticised rigid priests in his diocese who had refused to baptise the child of an unmarried woman. He called them hypocrites, praised the young woman who had carried the baby to term, and lamented the fact that she had had to wander from presbytery to presbytery for the baptism of her child.

That bishop acted in total harmony with today's gospel. That bishop was elected as Pope. That is why I am so full of hope for the future of the Church.

Jesus' method is indeed pastoral. He looks at the woman, he talks to the woman, he looks and talks in a way which rescues us from the past and frees us to live a new sort of life in the future.

Only then: 'Go, sin no more.'

Yes, the challenge is given to me to give up some behaviour which may be harmful to another, and is always dehumanising for me. But the challenge only comes after Our Lord has affirmed that I am a person worth his looking at and talking with.

Do we really believe in *this* scenario?

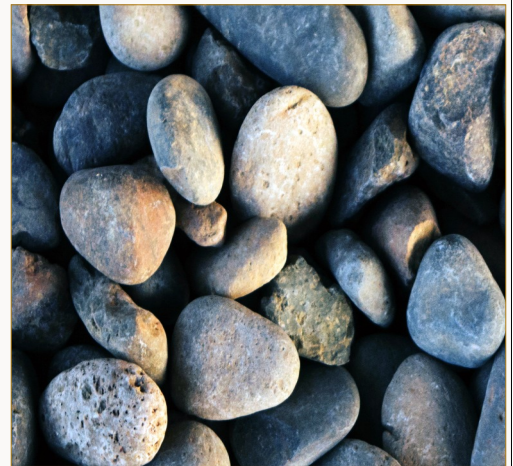
Don't you know from your own experience that a look, a glance, can change the future?

Haven't you felt the electricity when eyes lock, perhaps across a crowded room?

Jesus looks at you, looks at me, that way.

Do you have the courage to 'lock eyes' with Jesus and live out the consequences?

'The eyes have it.'



**PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)**

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

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS**

**Fifth Week of Lent  
Year C**

**Monday 04/04**

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;  
Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday 05/04**

Num 21:4-9;  
Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday 06/04**

Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28;  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday 07/04**

Gen 17:3-9;  
Jn 8:51-59

**Friday 08/04**

Jer 20:10-13;  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday 09/04**

Ezek 37:21-28;  
Jn 11:45-56

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr John Worthington SM,  
Catharina (Cathy) Reemst,  
Felicity Fone, Sam Calacoci,  
Patricia (Pat) Davies,  
Harry Hwang

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Gregory Cooper, Denis Mulligan,  
Joaquin Victor D'Souza

**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,  
Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy,  
Fr Thomas Philip OSH,  
John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef,  
Tom Dawson, Marie Haag,  
Elaine Longmuir, Sally Agnew.

**Pope's intention for  
April:  
Health Care Workers;**

We pray for health care workers  
who serve the sick  
and the elderly,  
especially in the  
poorest countries;  
may they be adequately  
supported by governments  
and local communities.

**The 250 Club!** Week 7:  
28/03/22;

Winning No: 112;

Amount: \$25.00;

Winner: *Unfinancial* 😞

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

**Easter Reconciliation 2nd Rite KCCP  
St Patrick's Asquith 7pm-8pm  
THIS Thursday 7 April 2022**



**Reconciliation Times during Lent:** Saturdays 9.30 am at Asquith and Fridays after 9am Mass at Berowra (except First Friday) **Additional opportunities for Reconciliation:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after Mass on request.

KCCP	MASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	THINGS TO NOTE
	Passion/Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord	Saturday 9 April 2022	Sunday 10 April 2022	5pm	St Bernard's
6pm				St Patrick's	
Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Sup- per & Washing of the feet)	Thursday 14 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	9am	St Bernard's	(No morning Mass) Procession to Altar of Repose & private Adoration till 10pm
			8am; 10am; 6pm	St Patrick's	
Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Friday 15 April 2022	Friday 15 April 2022	10am	St Bernard's	
			10am	St Patrick's	
Good Friday Passion of the Lord	Friday 15 April 2022	Saturday 16 April 2022	3pm	St Bernard's	
			3pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Vigil	Saturday 16 April 2022	Sunday 17 April 2022	6pm	St Bernard's	(No morning Mass On Holy Saturday)
			7pm	St Patrick's	
Easter Sunday	Sunday 17 April 2022	Sunday 17 April 2022	9am	St Bernard's	(No evening Mass in the parish on Easter Sunday)
			8am; 10am; 6pm	St Patrick's	

**Lenten  
Stations of the Cross  
next Friday 8.30am at  
St Bernard's Berowra  
Heights, followed by  
9am Holy Mass.**



**Taize  
Pray·Peace**

**Taize Prayer Night ~  
April 8th 7.30pm St Patrick's Asquith.**

"Everyone is welcome to join in this special  
opportunity to encounter God more deeply through  
spirit filled songs, prayer and silence and  
it's a great way to prepare for Holy Week."

**Singers and instrumentalists for Holy Week ceremonies at St Patrick's Asquith**  
**Rehearsal** for all singers and instrumentalists for Easter Triduum music at St Patrick's will take place  
**THIS WEDNESDAY 6th April at 7.30-9pm in St Patrick's church. All are welcome.**

Musicians at any of the Holy Week liturgies should arrive at least **ONE  
HOUR** before commencement of each liturgy for warm-ups and final  
run-through, which means ...

**Holy Thursday:** please arrive at 6.30pm for practise/set up.

**Good Friday:** please arrive at 1.45pm for practise/set up.

**Easter Vigil:** please arrive at 6pm for practise/set up.

*Come along and help create the most glorious music!*

**CHRISM  
MASS** The Chrism Mass will be celebrated  
at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 April** at  
OLOR Cathedral, Waitara.

The priests of our Diocese gather for this  
celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony  
Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment.  
During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the  
Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated  
and then taken back to each parish for use in  
various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.  
Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in  
this celebration. Please contact the parish office  
before Monday 4 April should you wish to attend.

**Project compassion boxes - available  
today: This years Project Compassion  
theme is:  
'For All Future Generations' ~**  
The good that we do today will extend and  
impact the lives of generations to come to build  
better future for all.



**St Patrick's Paschal Candle  
has been sponsored!**

*We extend our thanks to the shy couple  
who generously sponsored the St Patrick's  
Paschal Candle during the past week.*

**We are still seeking a sponsor for the  
St Bernard's Paschal Candle.**

The cost of the candle was **\$270.60**  
(including postage and GST).  
If this is something you would like to do,  
please contact the parish office on  
9456 2450 for more details.

*If the full amount is beyond your means,  
sponsorship of smaller amounts  
will be gratefully received  
to offset the cost of purchase.  
Thank you for considering this request to  
support the running of your parish.*

**OUR BANK  
DETAILS**

**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.







## REFLECTION © Greg Sunter

This entire scene is a conspiratorial ‘set-up’ to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be ‘caught committing adultery’. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned . . .,’ he’s letting them know that he’s aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they’ll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus’ words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: ‘Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don’t sin any more.’ As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you’ve made mistakes, but you can do better and I’m challenging you to try.

### Gospel Focus – Restoring honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

### Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we’ve done the wrong thing – something we don’t deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you’ve done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus’ promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

### Scriptural context – Jerusalem

This gospel passage begins with Jesus going to the Mount of Olives. We know the Mount of Olives best from the passion narratives in the synoptic gospels. But today’s passage is not part of the last week of Jesus’ life. The three synoptic gospels generally portray the ministry of Jesus as something of a journey towards Jerusalem and have him arriving just in time for the Passover and his arrest. However, the gospel of John places most of Jesus’ ministry in and around Jerusalem to better focus the tension between the teachings of Jesus and the Jewish hierarchy.

### *The Scarlet Letter* ~ has some similarities with today’s Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery.



In 1850 Nathaniel Hawthorne published *The Scarlet Letter*. Its setting was a Puritan community in Boston in early New England. Hawthorne’s novel tells the story of Hester Prynne who was forced to wear the scarlet letter “A” for “adultery” because she had given birth to an illegitimate child and refused to name the father. The child’s father was none other than the community’s minister, Arthur Dimmesdale.

Hester bore the letter, the public scorn and the humiliation alone, while the minister had merely to bear the pangs of conscience. After many years, the minister finally confessed his secret sin to the people and later died in peace. Hester continued to wear her letter, and went on to live like a saint bringing happiness to her disturbed illegitimate daughter and helping others in their troubles. The townsfolk said the letter stood, not for Adultery as it had done but now for Able, and a sign of honor.

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POSITION VACANT

### Arrupe House Pymble ~ is a small community of retired Jesuits, priests and brothers.

An experienced secretary/bookkeeper (MYOB preferred) is required on a permanent part-time basis. The hours are flexible. Please email your CV to Drupathi ~ Email: [arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au](mailto:arrupehouse@sjasl.org.au)



### APPEAL FOR HELP:

In Ukraine, the war is entering its fourth week with ever-increasing civilian casualties and more than three million people – mostly women and children – forced to flee their country, while two million others are internally displaced. It is a growing humanitarian crisis. Many aid organisations on the ground in Ukraine or in neighbouring Poland and Romania have appealed for support. **Donate today:**

**Caritas:** [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

**Jesuit Mission:** Ukraine Emergency Appeal ~ <https://jesuitmission.org.au/ukraine/>



## Welcome to our Faith Family

**Baptism congratulations to**

**Rhysand Dally Messenger**

**Kayden Fraser Jordan Messenger**

**Layla Carmela Rose Italiano**

**Owen Jack McNamee**

**Pascal Murray Moreno Guiang**

who are to be baptised this weekend.

*Please keep them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.*



### Children's Choir @St Patrick's Choir is Back!

#### BEGINNING IN TERM 2,

Practise takes place on Friday afternoons from 4-5pm in St Patrick's church, and the Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

One adult helper who has a Working With Children Clearance (WWCC) must be rostered for every practices to comply with safeguarding requirements.

Want to volunteer but don't have a WWCC?

It's easy! Please contact the office for assistance and easy to following instructions.

Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further details.



### Towards a Pastoral Mission

The Evangelisation Broken Bay team are in the process of creating their Pastoral Mission which will highlight their goals and strategies around how they intend to support the evangelisation efforts of those in the community of the Church of Broken Bay. The EBB team want to hear from you to make sure the support offered is in line with the mission and vision of your particular parish/faith community. Online submissions are officially open and the submissions closing date has been extended until **Sunday 24 April 2022**. All are invited to make a submission. Visit the link for more info and to make a submission. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/evangelisation/towards-a-pastoral-mission>

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 9th/10th April 2022 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — Year C**  
**Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Peta Collins	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Francesca Parino	Denise Harant	Celia Cox	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Mary Stokes
Narrator	Mary Dorahy	Peta Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Sue Newnham	Mary Stokes
Other	Francesca Parrino	Vince Hughes	Paul Worthington	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Les Fogden
Crowd	Jerome Gomez	Isaac & Freya Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandez	Sue Lum
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite, Brenda Brooks (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang, Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Team A & B — <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow— <i>additional help always appreciated</i>			

**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*.



**CatholicCare Broken Bay**

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.

CatholicCare are looking for foster carers right across the Diocese. We are seeking families to provide essential support, care and stability for children and young people affected by family breakdown, to enable them to recover and thrive. Through our suite of services, and the dedication of our specialist support teams and foster carers, we are transforming the lives of children and young people to create positive futures. Our priority is to ensure these children and young people have a safe, stable home. If you are interested in knowing more about fostering a child or young person, please contact us on (02) 4320 7777 or visit [www.catholiccarebb.org.au/can-you-help/](http://www.catholiccarebb.org.au/can-you-help/).

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!**



**Learning Hub:** The Diocesan Safeguarding webpage has recently been updated with new information including the recently published Charter and details of the members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Executive (DSE). To view copy & paste <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding> into your browser.

**Community News:** Looking back on the last 2 years of the pandemic, what have been some of the positive and negative things for you and your children? You can let the Australian Human Rights Commission know by completing their national [Child Wellbeing and COVID survey](#)



POSITION VACANT

**Opportunity - Executive Officer, Evangelisation Broken Bay**

Newly created permanent, full-time position providing executive and project management support to the Director Evangelisation Broken Bay, implementing the pastoral priorities of the Bishop. For more details, contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)  
 Closing date: **Thursday 14 April 2022**

POSITION VACANT

**Opportunity - Events & Conferences Officer**

opportunity for an experienced Events & Conferences Officer working on a wide variety of internal and external events, coordinating sponsors & speakers and building a network of trusted venue, audio-visual, catering partners and more. For more details, contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)  
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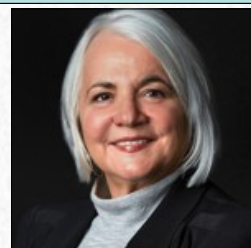
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