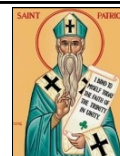




'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sign of your salvation.

**Alleluia Verse:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

30th January 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Lk 4:21-30

## 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

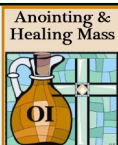
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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

## 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.*



**First Friday of the Month: 4th February 2022**

**ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's**

**Beginning at 10.30am with**

**Adoration, Reconciliation then, Anointing Mass at 11.30am ~ All are welcome.**

## HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word **'love'** has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, **'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'**. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

**So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?**

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it.

**That's love.**

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. **That's love.**

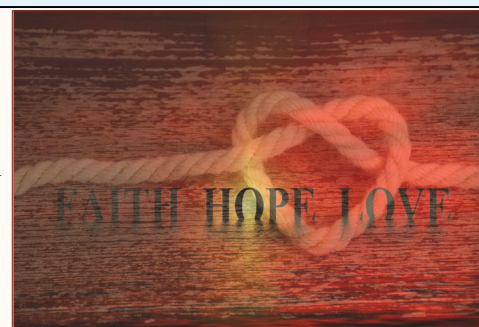
And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. **That's sacrificial love** and that is what **Christian love** is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

**On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.**

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.



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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO OUR CHURCHES

**ALL attendees are required to**  
use either:

**QR Code** or your  
**Covid Check-in Card**  
to sign in;

**Wear a Mask - this is again Mandatory**

*'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.'*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

### Fourth Week of Ordinary Time Year C

**Monday 31/01 ~ Memorial**  
**St John Bosco, Priest**  
2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13  
Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday 01/02**  
2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30  
—19:3  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday 02/02 ~ Feast**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4  
Lk 2:22-40

**Thursday 03/02**  
1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12  
Mk 6:7-13

**Friday 04/02**  
Sirach 47:2-11  
Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday 05/02 ~ Memorial**  
**St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
1 Kg 3:4-13  
Mk 6:30-34

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

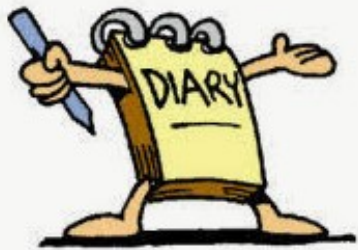
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Paul Bishop, Lorna Bensley, Fr Manoel Manuel, Gloria Fisher (Archbishop Anthony Fisher's mother), Antonia Alvarado, Rodney Porter

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary & Frank Jack, Mary Ann Weir, Milagros Apostol Manangdo, Aurora Apostol Santos, Eliaz Pieprzyk, Samuel Fuda, Assunta Fraietta, Maria Lombardo, Irena & Iwona, David Huntley

**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:** Bob Nicholls, Jean Cook, Roger Okell, Patrick Dorahy, Felicity Fone, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Barbara Jones, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove Snr, Josef, Tom Dawson, Marie Haag

**Please NOTE WELL,** over January names were deleted from the sick list of those whose situation hasn't been updated. Please contact the office to have a name reinstated or to add a name for prayers. **Please note well: permission must be given by the person to have their name included.**



## Sacramental Programme dates for your diary 2022

Save these dates in your Diary for the Sacramental Programme for 2022 ~ Planning details for the Sacramental Programme at KCCP are in the final stages. It is anticipated that Sacraments will take place on the following dates:

**First Reconciliation (Confession):**  
Tuesday 5th April / Wednesday 6th April  
**First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on the Feast of Corpus Christi:**  
Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th June  
**Confirmation:**  
Sunday 18th September 2022

**Confirmed times and venues will be advised as soon as available.**

## Retreats you might be interested in participating in during 2022

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

**JANUARY 2022**

**21st-23rd (Fri-Sun)** INNER HEALING RETREAT with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George  
"And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:32  
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm **BOOKING: 04 6848 6782**

**30th (Sunday)** ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**4th (Friday)** DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY 6:00pm - 8:30pm

**5th (Saturday)** ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT 10:00am - 2:30pm  
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY, 5:30 pm to 9 pm, for young Adults ages 18+  
For more details pls call Melinda Rego on 0423786768

**18th-20th (Fri-Sun)** INNER HEALING RETREAT with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George  
"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3  
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm **BOOKING: 04 6848 6782**

**27th (Sunday)** ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT) with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
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### Disalced Carmelite Friars:

This weekend you will find brochures at our churches advertising both Weekend and Day Retreats being run by the Carmelites.

The Carmelite Friars and Sisters, look forward to welcoming you to their retreat centre at Mt Carmel Priory, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville NSW which offer you a *place of peace and prayer*.

The newly refurbished Retreat House and the extensive grounds provide you with a beautiful and restful space to encounter God and your own depths in solitude and silence.

**Pray for Tonga:** Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.



### Pope's intention for February:

#### For religious sisters and consecrated women:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

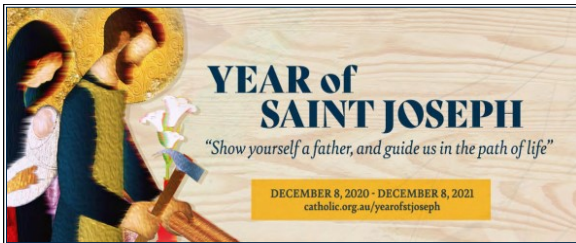


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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Shaju.





*During 2021 – The “Year of St Joseph”, Patron of the Universal Church, our bulletin featured a number of reflections on aspects of St Joseph’s life and character provided to us by the*

*Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.*

*Although the “Year of St Joseph” concluded on December 8 2021, we offer one final reflection on St Joseph.*

*To read the reflections we were unable to bring you please go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>*



## REFLECTION - NOVEMBER 2021 St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor By Fr Paul Nulley

Parents are the best intercessors. Perhaps your most fervent prayers have been offered for a child in trouble, or perhaps you have encountered one of the many modern-day St Monicas who can be found in your parish. The very powerful reality of parents’ prayer can help us understand St Joseph’s role as intercessor.

Joseph is invoked as the head of the Holy Family in the Litany of St Joseph; God the Father chose to entrust Jesus and Mary to St Joseph’s care and protection.

If we think that the Holy Family didn’t really experience hardship and difficulty because of their special status, then we have misunderstood the Gospel. The Holy Family was not immune from daily difficulties and human suffering.

The Holy Family understands what it is like to be driven from their homeland, to experience poverty and hunger. It fell to Joseph to protect, provide and lead. Together, the Holy Family trusted in the promises of God when everything seemed to indicate the very contrary and opposite.

One of the reasons we call them the Holy Family is because they had to exercise the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. Their holiness is what makes them relevant and accessible to every family. They relate to us especially in our struggles; their witness gives us hope; their intercession gives us sure support.

But just think of the fervent and constant prayers St Joseph must have offered for Jesus and Mary – prayers for their safety and wellbeing, prayers for Jesus to grow into the man God wanted him to be, to fulfil his mission, to be happy.

Joseph loved Jesus. Joseph cared for him, provided for him, protected him. Joseph conversed with Jesus, knew his mannerisms, taught him his trade. The special relationship Joseph has with Jesus continues in heaven, which is why those who invoke St Joseph and rely on him have experienced the power of his intercession.

For example, St Teresa of Avila wrote:

I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favours which God hath given me through this blessed Saint; the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of body and of soul.

Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious Saint; for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God. I have never known anyone who was really devout to him, and who honoured him by particular services, who did not visibly grow more and more in virtue; for he helps in a special way those souls who commend themselves to him.

But I ask, for the love of God, that he who does not believe me will make the trial for himself—when he will see by experience the great good that results from commending oneself to this glorious patriarch, and being devout to him (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, chapter 6).

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. Perhaps few of us contemplate becoming a disciple of the child Jesus. One saint who did is Therese of Lisieux. She was struck by how vulnerable God became as a babe at Bethlehem. She realised that Jesus took on the dependency of childhood for her sake.

Far from being discouraged by her weaknesses, when she contemplated the infant Jesus, she realised that she could depend on God for everything. St Therese’s absolute trust and dependence on God characterise her Little Way. This teaching is in great harmony with the Gospel: “Unless you become like little children, you can never enter the Kingdom of God” (Mt 18:3).

We can follow in the footsteps of St Therese. We can imitate Jesus during his earthly life by entrusting ourselves to Joseph and Mary. Many of the saints did it. They have recognised the spiritual parenthood of Mary and Joseph in their lives.

Devotion to Mary and Joseph is, in fact, a sign of a call to greater holiness and intimacy with God. The more childlike we become, the more we can rely on the care and protection of Jesus’ parents.

St Joseph continues to exercise his care and concern for the mystical body of Christ interceding for all who entrust themselves to him, as Pope Pius IX highlighted when he declared St Joseph patron of the universal Church.

St Joseph loves you, cares for you and intercedes for you. For our part, may we trust in his intercession and daily make him part of our lives.

*Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He has been parish priest of St Joseph’s, O’Connor, since 2017 and serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University’s Canberra campus.*



# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 5th/6th February 2022 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year C

## Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

	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	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Milen Kurishingal	Malcolm Cross	Substitute requested
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Substitute requested	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Substitute requested	Substitute requested
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Barbara McMullen	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Simone Noel	Substitute requested
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro & Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaaloa & Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Jim Fitzgerald Cynthia Gilbertson	Peter Daly Susie Gates	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Gen Funk, Ted Cook (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Scott & Anastasia Smith; Mervyn & Liz Soares; Maria Hon (f);			
Maintenance	Team A & B—additional help always appreciated		Ronnie Tan, John Hajduk—additional help always appreciated			

**Financial Services Accountant:** \* Based in the Chancery, Pennant Hills \* Parental leave coverage (fixed term contract concluding 1 December 2022). We are seeking an experienced accountant to assist with financial reporting, financial accounting, financial statements, budgeting, payroll, compliance, analysis and issues management. You will have strong working knowledge of MYOB and Microsoft Office Suite, with an excellent knowledge of accounting processes and the Australian Accounting Standards, and experience working in an accounting role in a medium to large size accounting firm or corporate financial services environment. To obtain a full copy of the position description please contact

[recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) If interested in applying please send your CV and brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) Applications close **Wed. 2 February '22**.

**PA to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop:** \* Permanent, part-time position (4 days/week, 9am to 5pm) \* Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations. Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success. To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). Applications close **Friday 4 Feb. 2022**.

### VARIOUS POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY:

**Communications - Senior Mission & Media Officer:** The Senior Mission & Media Officer has a specific focus on the pastoral priorities of the Bishop and provides stakeholder management, issues and media management, publication, creative design & brand identity, special projects, contractor administration, and parish support services.

**Communications - Parish Partnerships Officer:** The Parish Partnerships Officer has a specific focus to provide support to our Broken Bay Parishes, enabling them to develop, manage and implement their own communication and media plans. You will provide assistance with parish communications & media planning, parish worker communications and media training.

**Communications - Multi-media & Social Media Officer:** The Multi-media & Social Media Officer ensures that the Bishop's mission and vision are consistently and creatively communicated, implementing strong visual aesthetics to improve the user experience and enhance communication. You'll develop and implement multi-media, digital and audio-visual projects and services, working in collaboration with graphic designers and web developers.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details on any of the above, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). If you are interested in applying for any of the Communications Officer roles please send your CV and a brief cover letter noting which role you are applying for, ensuring you have addressed the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). Applications close **Friday 4 Feb. 2022**.

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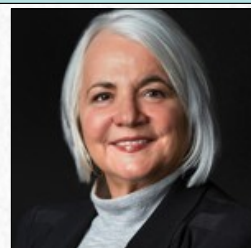
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