

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 30th July 2023 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

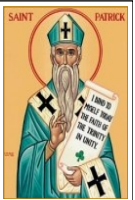
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52;

Entrance: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



Seek God,

Find God,

Embrace God in Jesus'

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 Patrick's, Asquith

8am	Wednesday and Friday
9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am	Thursday
9.15am	Wednesday and Friday (except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

RECONCILIATION

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

Emergency sick calls

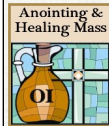
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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

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

This Friday ~ 4 August 2023

ANointing & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am; Healing Mass: 11.30am

NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's:

7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All are welcome.*



Confirmation 2023

Sunday 17 September

10am @

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)

2pm @

St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)

Last Thursday evenings

Parent Information Talk on Confirmation

Our parish would like to publicly thank Deacon Peter McCulloch of Our Lady of the Rosary (Cathedral) Parish for addressing our parents on the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday evening.

Deacon Peter spoke with passion on the topic and was inspirational in enlightening us about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Workshops for the children begin this week. Please keep them in your prayers.



The Blessings of being a Grandparent / The Blessings of being a Grandchild

Fr Joy and I would like to thank all who were involved in making last weekend's wonderful appreciation of Grandparents and the Elderly of our parish so wonderful.

From those who featured in last weekend's bulletin; to those who provided and served the lovely morning tea's after 9am Mass and 10am Mass and of course our guest grandparent speakers...

5pm Vigil St Bernard's	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	9am St Bernard's	Mark Dunkley
6pm Vigil St Patrick's	Mary Stokes	10am St Patrick's	Sue Newnham
8am St Patrick's	Michael Halliday	6pm St Patrick's	Michael Halliday

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To wrap up 3rd World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, here are a couple more lovely pieces about grandparents
From Isla ~ My Nan and Grandad are the best, we go up and visit them in the holidays and we get to watch tv and relax. Nan takes us to church and then a walk in the park and Grandad takes us to the British Lolly Shop and cooks the best dinners.

From Abby ~ Nan and Grandad are the only grandparents we have but I think they are very special. Nan is kind and soft and gentle and Grandad tells jokes that aren't funny but we all laugh. Our favourite thing to do together is the quiz on Sunday morning when we have a video call with everyone.



Junior Altar Servers ~ We need your **RSVP BY MONDAY!**

A formation evening has been arranged for all existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our New Communicants, are asked to register their attendance by emailing the office at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number. **Please reply BY MONDAY (31 July) thank you.**

Thursday August 31 – Berowra Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

Friday September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

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

Parish Administrator: Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Admin Assistant:** Timea Holland

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill (kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

'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.'

Pope's intention for July:

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 31/07 ~ Memorial
St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday 01/08 ~ Memorial
St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 02/08
Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 03/08 ~ Memorial
St Dominic, priest
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday 04/08 ~ Memorial
St John Vianney, priest
Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 05/08
Lev 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tomas Thrum, Marcello (Marky)
Marando, Cristofaro Biviano, Emil
Wong, Cath West,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson,
Pastor Alvarado,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Philomena and Rex D'Souza,
Judith Ryan, Chris Enright, Mary
Mathew, Won Lee, Maria Park,
Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho,
Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham,
Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi
Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns,
Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario,
Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean
Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian
Treacy, Rosemary Pendlebury-
Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip
OSH, Elaine Longmuir

Each weekend, first-time attendees come to our Masses.
Their experience of welcome can be
a deciding factor as to whether they will return.

I have arranged to hold a formation day for all volunteers involved in any form of welcoming or hospitality in our parish, such as (but not limited to), those who make others a cuppa after Mass. This formation is also open to folk who would simply like to come along and see what it is all about and perhaps go on to join our existing volunteers. You will be made very welcome if you join us!

"You're Welcome Here!" is a new workshop from the Parish Renewal and Discipleship Team of the Diocese. The workshop will be held on: **Date:** Thursday 10 August ~ **Time:** 6pm to 8pm ~ **Venue:** Fr McMaugh Hall, (in St Patrick's School grounds) ~ **RSVP:** Thursday 3 August by email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or calling 9456 2450. **Presenter:** Ms Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, DBB. *I hope to see many of our loyal and valued volunteers at this workshop ~ and some new ones :) Fr Biju.*

You're Welcome Here! ~

A Welcome and
Hospitality
Workshop

Discover how welcome and hospitality
can make our parish a warmer place and
become a cornerstone of parish renewal



Our Pilgrims are in Italy, and having the best time ... EVER !!



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 27 July 2023

A pilgrimage is often referred to as a journey to a special place, perhaps a religious site, to pay one's respects, fulfill a promise to yourself or someone close.

At its simplest, purest, and most ancient, pilgrimage is an unbroken journey on foot to holy places, and holy places are everywhere.

Some people will say pilgrimages are just out of date, pointless. However, a pilgrimage is not a matter of just wandering about. You are walking to somewhere special, somewhere you want to be, although not really sure of how or what you may feel and experience along the way.

A pilgrimage goes beyond the shallow and predictable waters of tourism. It dives deep into challenging moments and does not always go as expected.

A pilgrimage provides time and space to process thoughts, questions, and emotions, but it is not all about asking questions. It is often about being silent and listening to your heart.

It is a journey that helps connect with others but especially with God.

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The 250 Club!

Week 1~
24/07/2023;
Winning #: 907
Winner:
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The NEW series has begun,
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Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our 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 Biju.

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The experience of a pilgrimage may be hard to fathom in our fast-paced world and lives, but this is exactly what many of our Broken Bay students and young adults, staff and leaders, priests and religious, and seminarians are doing right now.

Bishop Anthony is guiding our WYD Magnify pilgrims through Italy, visiting holy sites of many of our saints who until now have only been stories and pages. They have seen where these holy men and women have lived, worked, and prayed.

They have seen the magnificent religious artworks of our greatest masters which changed the course of history. Experiencing a most incredible time of joy, encounter, prayers, and reflection.

They are also connecting with like-minded friends and new friends. And they are very excited about meeting up with more Broken Bay pilgrims in Lisbon, Portugal, when they will be joined by Pope Francis.



Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as **'now but not yet'**; as **'present but future'**. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

Gospel Focus – The Kingdom is like...

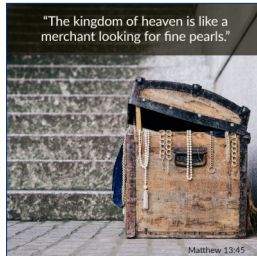
Throughout the gospels, Jesus consistently uses the figures of speech of simile and metaphor to describe the kingdom. He never directly describes the kingdom. It is always described as being like some situation or person or as if... This figurative use of language means that we have no single clear picture of what the kingdom is like but we do have a multitude of metaphors and descriptions. This style of description adds to the paradoxical nature of the kingdom – it is like many things yet we don't really know what it is like at all.

Scriptural context – Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

Have you thought? Interpretation

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: **'every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'**. It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Jacob James Banks

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

Taxation receipts available for Contributions to Pastoral Works Broken Bay and Caritas only.

Haven't received yours? Please call the office on 9456 2450 or E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Please keep in your daily prayers our pilgrims and all youth from across the world attending WYD Lisbon, 2023.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is seeking a new Assistant Director/s to help at rehearsals and at weekend Masses.

Essential: Must have current WWCC number, and must love children! All training provided, and lots of fun, laughter, challenges, opportunities to work with wonderful young people - this could be you! Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935, or come along to our next practice this Friday, 4-5pm in St Patrick's church or any Friday during school terms and see how it all works. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Next singing Sunday is 13th August.



The Lakes Catholic Parish – Parish Secretary vacancy ~

The Lakes Catholic Parish, situated at Collaroy Plateau, is seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Parish Secretary, working four days per week. Contact the Lakes Parish for more info. Applications close **Wednesday 2 Aug. 2023 E:** lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Clergy Care Coordinator ~

This is a permanent full-time position for an experienced Care Coordinator to support our clergy in their health and medical requirements. Email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for more info. Applications close **Friday 25 August 2023.**

IGNITE 2023 ~ the Diocese of Broken Bay, is proud to be hosting the Ignite Sydney Conference 2023, **between 28 September – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct.** It's time to jump on line to register your attendance at the **2023 Ignite Conference.**



Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering a 50% discount off the ticketed price!

Evangelisation Broken Bay has a limited number of **'50% off the ticketed price'** subsidies still available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference.

To request a discount code, please email Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 5th/6th August 2023 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A - Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Harry Tod Archie Todd	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Natasha Steele	Volunteer needed	Edwina Subramany	Jim Fitzgerald	Sandra Maloney	Volunteer needed
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Chichi Datoc (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon(f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (help always needed & 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*.



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4 August National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day



4 August National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was historically used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age, without knowing their birthday – the Stolen Generations.

In 1988, the first National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was established against the backdrop of protests led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters. Children can be celebrated any day, but this day is an opportunity for the wider community to participate in activities that build the strength and confidence of our children.

There are treasures in pain ...
An oyster who was not injured, will never produce a pearl,
because the pearl is a healed wound.

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