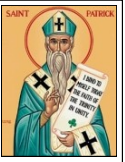


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

31st July 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;
Lk 12:13-21

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

**Until further notice there
will be ONE Morning Mass
only on weekdays**

St Patrick's 9am
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9am
Wed ~ Fri

RECONCILIATION

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

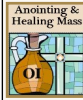
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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

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: 5 August 2022 ~

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

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



Where is your treasure? © Dr Mary Coloe PBVM Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21



Today's Gospel gives us some insight into the concerns of Luke's community living towards the end of the first century. The issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke's community rather than the rural village life of Jesus' mission. These same issues are very relevant for us today. **How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?**

Jesus' words offer much wisdom. Security, and I would add happiness, does not come in owning more and more possessions. Security lies elsewhere. **Having** possessions is not the problem in this passage; it is insatiable greed in wanting more and more. This is the point of the parable.

Matthew's Gospel teaches the same point this way: **'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'** (Matt 6:21) So today might be well spent reflecting on these questions:

'Where is my treasure?' **'What is it in my life that I really value?'** **'Where does my heart lie?'** Where the parable speaks of harvests and barns, translate this into your own circumstances, a second car, a mobile phone, a bigger ..., the latest ..., a better ...

Sometimes life itself forces a person to reflect on the point of today's Gospel – a person hears s/he has a malignant tumour, or a failing heart. At these crisis times we can quickly re-evaluate the priorities in life, sometimes regretting that this lesson is learnt with little time left. Today, with life and time still available, check up on your true wealth, your real security.

Using the images and terms of his age Paul addresses much the same issue in this section from Colossians. Paul says, focus on God – this is to be your treasure. Anything that gets in the way of this wealth needs to be cut out from your life. At the heart of both readings lies the question of where to find true happiness, and deep inner peace. These passages remind me of a story told by the Indian Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello –

'The Diamond'

The sannyasi had reached the outskirts of the village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!"

"What stone?" asked the sannyasi.

"Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream," said the villager, "And told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make my rich forever."

The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. "He probably meant this one," he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. "I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it."

The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person's head.

He took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed about in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the crack of dawn he woke the sannyasi and said, **"Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this diamond away so easily."** (Anthony de Mello, *The Song of the Bird*, Anand: HIS, 1983 pp 182-83.)

This parable by Tony de Mello expresses the heart of Jesus' teaching that all one has and is, is gift. That real wealth lies in the abundant love of God – of living within and from that abundance. Such a person is never poor, and is always able to live generously.

What does such inner wealth look like?

Inner peace – generosity of spirit and goods – lack of envy – compassion for the neediness of others whose emptiness is insatiable and can never be filled – hospitality and freedom to act on behalf of the vulnerable and oppressed. Having nothing, the **'poor in spirit'** have nothing to lose.

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

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Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price

Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: 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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS

18th Sunday
Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Monday 1/08 ~ Memorial

St Alphonsus Liguori,
bishop, doctor
Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 2/08

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday 3/08 ~
Memorial

St Dominic, priest
Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28,

Thursday 4/08 ~ Memorial

St John Vianney, priest
Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday 5/08

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 6/08 ~ Feast
The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Lk 9:28-36

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

George Macri, Wilford Long,
Alison Avery (nee) Burns,
Anne Davie, Rosa Ng, Teresa
Melissari, Sr Gabrielle Flood
(past Principal of St Bernard's
Berowra Hts), Antonia Alvarado

ANNIVERSARIES: Gary
Simpson, Christin Simpson,
John (Jack) McEnaney, Marie
Mickelson, Margaret Hinton,
Dr Ken Gray, Pastor Alvarado,
Geoff Hore, Harry Fox

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:

Carla Medeiros, Chris Enright,
Ann Leslie, Modesta Borromeo
Laroco, Georgina Hughes,
Jeanette Bakker, Mary Burns,
'Roy', Rey Hilario, Patrick
Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-
Grainger, Roger Okell, Barbara
Jones, Jean Cook, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Brian Treacy,
Fr Thomas Philip OSH,
John Cosgrove (Snr),
Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine
Longmuir, Sally Agnew.



Pope's intention
for July: Elderly;

We pray for the elderly,
who represent the roots
and memory of a people; may
their experience and wisdom
help young people to look
towards the future with hope
and responsibility.



May
God Bless You
ON YOUR JOURNEY

Fr Joy is leaving us!
Fear not, he's only going on holidays & a
bit of well deserved Long Service Leave!

Fr Joy will be up early on Tuesday morning and heading straight onto a plane to India.

We will miss you Father, and will anxiously await your return **and return you must**, what would we do without you!

Please give our best to Fr Shaju if you see him while you are in India

BUT DON'T LET HIM TALK YOU INTO STAYING!!!

Father's last day in the office will be Monday August 1st and he will return to the office on Tuesday November 1st.

In Fr Joy's absence, Fr Biju Jose OSH will be Parish Administrator, and will be with us from 1st August to 1st September, after which the Bishop will advise what will happen during September and October.

A word from Fr Joy: Shortly, I will leave you for an extended period of time, 3 whole months. I will visit the Holy Land, Mission Stations of my cousin priests in Kohima & Uttarakhand States in India, OSH Mission Stations in Punjab State in India and of course spend time with my family and other OSH members. Please pray for me and be assured I will keep you in my prayers also. **Fr Joy**

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS BEGIN THIS WEEK:

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Invitation to
Celebrate
180 Years
of
Catholic History



The Holy Cross Catholic Parish of Kincumber is inviting everyone to celebrate
the 180th anniversary of Holy Cross Catholic Church South Kincumber on Saturday 6 August at 9.30am.

Built in 1842 by European settlers, the humble sandstone and cedar church is the birthplace of the Catholic Church in the Brisbane Waters district as well as being the third oldest continuously used Catholic Church in Australia.

Many of the original builders and parishioners are buried in the cemetery alongside the church.

The celebration on Saturday week will recognise, appreciate and thank all the generations who have maintained and nurtured the faith in Kincumber.

Commencing with a procession from Kincumber South Wharf to Holy Cross Church where St Mary of the Cross MacKillop worshipped. This special Mass will be celebrated by Fr Bogdan Skupien and will be followed by short tours of the Church and Cemetery followed by a light lunch served at Holy Cross School Hall.

To RSVP: call 4369 1211 or email kincumber.parish@bbcatholic.org.au

DIocese OF BROOME ~ Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service ~ NEEDED URGENTLY - Volunteer Workers

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060; Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org; Web: www.broomedioocese.org; Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

The 250 Club!



Week 2 25/07/22;
Winning #: 523; Amt: \$25.00;
Winner: **Cecilia Waite**

*It's easy to join the 250 Club.
Call the office for more details*

Our CURRENT series is off to a great start! **2 x \$25 wins from 2 x draws!**
We actually LOVE GIVING MONEY AWAY !

But to guarantee a win each week we need to have all number blocks sold.

The current series will run until 27 November 2022, so there are still
14 chances for you to win your money back (plus a \$5 profit) AND
there are still **4 chances of winning the BIG \$500 DRAWS.**

This simple initiative raises vital funds for the parish and many of you are missing out by not being part of it, so to you we say...**Don't delay, join today !**



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



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 Joy.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 27 July 2022

The approaching month of August is an extremely busy one. It will provide everyone with many opportunities for prayer and good works!

We know good works are our actions or deeds and that both good works and faith are necessary for salvation. And that means works of love or charity.

Next week, from 1-7 August, the Diocese of Broken Bay will join with people from around Australia in highlighting the growing problem in our society of homelessness.

We know homelessness has increased by nearly 14% in the past four years; that 2 out of 5 people in this situation are under 25, and there has been a 28% increase in our 55+ men and women experiencing homelessness. People from our communities right across the Diocese are represented in those figures.

CatholicCare is the social care agency of our Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Their services are as diverse as the people they serve but their common commitment is to provide assistance where it is most needed.

In the coming weeks CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay will work together to support our homelessness services, and Bishop Anthony Randazzo is encouraging us all to help with their fundraising where we can, and to keep the homeless or transient always in our prayers.

This is also a very special time of year when we pray for Vocations. The word "vocation" simply means "to be called". Every member of the Church is called to holiness but responding to that call is unique and particular for each one of us.

It is not about becoming someone we are not. It is about living out our baptismal call to follow and imitate Jesus, and by doing so we are able to discover what this specific call is.

For some it may mean marriage, or for others a call to the priesthood or religious life or to live as a single person. For our young men or women who are discerning a religious life, pray for them to be generous, and courageous.

There are also many memorials and feast days during the month of August, including the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on Saturday 6 August, and one of our most important feast days and Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday 15 August.

Many opportunities to pray. And how to pray?

Pope St John Paul II had a fairly straightforward reply when asked this question.

"This is a simple matter. I would say; Pray any way you like, as long as you pray."



ATTENTION PLEASE

Could the current holder of Planned Giving Envelopes Number 74 please contact the parish office, **asap**, thank you.

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

Please note:

- * Many receipts were emailed this week. (Pls check Junk box)
- * If we do not have a current email address for you, your receipt will be at the back of the church. If you do have an email address please provide it to the office for next year by emailing parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- * If not in either place, please contact the office on 9456 2450.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

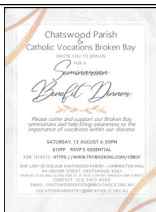
celebrated its anniversary last week, with a special blessing and certificates for all participants at 10am Mass last Sunday, and the annual Choir party on Friday afternoon. Congratulations to all members of the Choir, and many thanks to the wonderful parents and carers whose support makes it possible for the Choir to continue. Without your help, we would not have the wonderful blessing that this Choir is for our parish! Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, and practises from 4 to 5pm every Friday during school terms, in St Patrick's church. New singers from Year 3 to the end of high school always welcome! Contact Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



Next weekend a new appeal launched by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held in parishes across the Diocese.

This appeal will raise funds for the **CatholicCare's homelessness services** and will mark Homelessness Week, 1st August & Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8th August. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes can be found at the back of our churches this weekend.

CatholicCare is the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Since 1987 they have served the communities of Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast, providing services and supports to more than 26,000 people every year.



The Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner ~

You are cordially invited to the Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner! Join us for an evening of good food and company as we support our Broken Bay seminarians and raise awareness of the importance of vocations within our diocese.

Our seminarians will be sharing their testimonies and musical talents, and you will have a chance to get to know them better.

The dinner will be held on

Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Harrington Hall (94 Archer St, Chatswood).

Tickets are \$15 per person. All are welcome!

Please follow the link below to secure your tickets.

We hope to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF> For more info contact: the parish office on (02) 9410 9000

Email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au or the Vocations Office at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



Toukley Parish & the Vocations Office invite you:

On August 7th, the Catholic Church will be celebrating the start of National Vocations Awareness Week.

To help celebrate, we will be having a special Vocations Youth Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Toukley Parish. This Mass is open to all and will be celebrated by Fr Tomy PP, Fr Baby AP, Fr Paul Durkin Vocations Director and Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda Assistant Director. There will be participation by our Central Coast Catholic Schools and the Connecting Catholic Coasties.

We will have special testimonies from our very own Sr's Josie & Jennifer and also the Broken Bay seminarians later in the evening. After the Mass, we will be having a BBQ dinner. We hope that you can join us for this special event!

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023?



Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime. Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 6th August / 7th August 2022 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C
 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

	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	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr, Harry Tod	Verity Hartmann, Alena Hartmann	<i>God is calling YOU! Can you hear Him?</i>	Sub requested Sub requested	Noah Daly, Emma Daly	<i>Want to be an Altar Server? Call 9456 450.</i>
Reader (1)	Alodie Wheeler	Peter Collins	Hayley Rodrigues	Jim Fitzgerald	Sandra Maloney	Kerri O'Neill
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	Barbara McMullen	Miguel Do Rego	Michael Halliday	Mary Stokes	Paul O'Neill
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Gwen Wood (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley John O'Malley			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow — HELP PLEASE - <i>—volunteer today pls!</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*.



If a global pandemic has taught us anything, it's the power of friendship and human connection. This Saturday 30 July is the UN International Day of Friendship. It was first introduced by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace

efforts and build bridges between communities. Many of our staff at CatholicCare can attest to the power of friendship in combatting loneliness, boosting self-esteem, and enhancing mental health outcomes. For more information about CatholicCare's services call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au.



At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously:

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.

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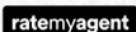
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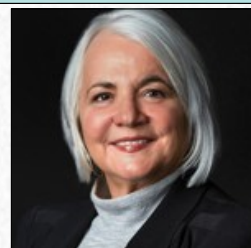
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