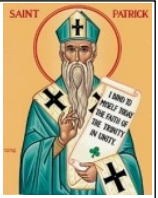


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 4th October 2020 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



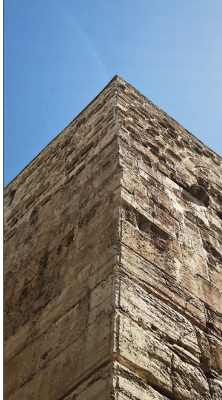
**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**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'



## Good Wine requires Hard Work © Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord Jesus Christ loved a good wine. In fact, in one of the Gospels his opponents call him 'a drunkard and a glutton'. Of course, it was malicious defamation but our Lord certainly loved gathering around the table with his followers and those who were despised by the elites of his time.

**He would eat well and drink wine – and enjoy it. Why?**

Firstly, Jesus was a shrewd judge of human character. He knew that a good wine makes people happy, loosens them up, helps sociability, encourages companionship. Our Lord wants us to be happy, not sour-faced killjoys.

Secondly, Jesus had a theatrical bent. One of his favourite images of Heaven was of a great wedding banquet, and every banquet or feast needs a good wine. (Think of Cana.) So, the meals he shared with people were like street theatre, little rehearsals of the great wedding feast of Heaven, a foretaste of Heaven where He will be our Divine Companion.

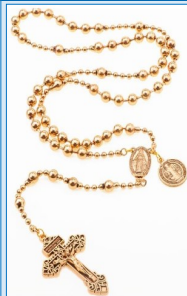
**To have a good wine, one needs a well tended vineyard. And that is what today's Gospel is about.**

In the Jewish scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. The vineyard is not ours to do with as we will. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit, the fruit that God intends. If we are unfaithful, then, as is said in today's Gospel, God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard. Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to be new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, and in Asia. Pope Francis recently visited the seven million Catholics in Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression. I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. But I am not totally pessimistic about the situation.

The tradition of the Catholic Church is being transmitted generation to generation, but more weakly than previously in our schools, and so depending to a large degree on faithful parents and on our parishes which need to become more missionary in approach to our own lapsed, disaffected and alienated, and to seekers after spiritual truth. So, the challenge is to become effective workers in our own local vineyard. At every Mass the priest recites these words:

**'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.'**

Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to give himself totally to us under the appearance of wine, but that depends not only on the grape but on the work of human hands, i.e. collaboration between the creative power of God and human beings in their various exertions in the service of the Kingdom. In anticipation, He gives us a real foretaste of the great banquet, which is Heaven. Take up that privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church. Help prepare for the satisfaction, the slaking of the thirst, of all the thirsts, of the whole of humanity.



## October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Please join us to pray ~ 10 Days of The Rosary

at St Patrick's Asquith @ 7pm

Monday 5 October - Wednesday 14 October

Starting 7pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; followed by The Rosary; followed by Silent Prayer; followed by Benediction; at 7.45pm Concluding at 8pm.



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Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

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

### SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m<sup>2</sup> requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

### 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 and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

### RECONCILIATION

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

**Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours 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**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday 05/10**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday 06/10**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday 07/10 ~ Memorial  
Our Lady of the Rosary**

Mass of the day  
Preface of the Virgin Mary 1-11  
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday 08/10**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday 09/10**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday 10/10**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Gal 3: 22-29; Lk 11:27-28

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody, Margaret Hinton, Cresencia De La Torre-Mendoza, Raymond Hughes, Maureen Casey  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Czesia and Hehlu, Seon & Jadwiga Piepriyk, Krystyna and Dionizy Piepriyk, Reg Cooper, Pam Spooner, Chrissie Butterworth

*Please advise the office  
if names can be deleted  
from the sick list.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Stephen C C, Ann Cochrane, Marie O'Hare, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Dato, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, Margaret Hinton, John Cosgrove (Snr), Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Joson, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski



**Congratulations Bishop Anthony Randazzo on your  
1st Anniversary of Appointment as 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay.**  
*Be assured of our prayers as we ask the Lord to give you strength and wisdom to guide and lead the faithful during difficult times into light and hope.*



*A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [29 September 2020] ~  
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.*

In a hymn cited by Saint Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation:

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men, and being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.” (cf. Phil 2:5-8; Liturgy of the Hours, Saturday, Canticle at Evening Prayer, Catechism of the Catholic Church, 461)

It is only when we understand the incarnate nature of our faith that we can really come to grips with the most dramatic implication of all. Our faith, centred on a God who pours out His love for us, draws us back to Himself, the font of love.

As He entices us back into His love, God invites us to bring along as many people with us as we can. God is living among us so that we can live in Him. This is an invitation for each one of us to enter into a life of discipleship.

Just as God has made His love incarnate for us to experience, we too are called to incarnate God's love for others to experience, so that others can also “taste and see” the Lord's goodness in their own lives.

Just as God is revealed in Jesus Christ with gentleness, humility, and poverty, so too we are invited to learn the path of gentleness and humility in communicating the truth of God's goodness and mercy. This is particularly important because of another reality of our pilgrimage of faith with Jesus, that is, the reality of sin and our human weakness.

Baptism is not just the first Sacrament, but it is also the Sacrament of mercy.

In Baptism, we are plunged into the waters of death, but the Sacrament is a reminder that God in His mercy pulls us out from the waters, and brings us to new life in his Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is important in our journey with Christ is not the number of times that we fall, nor is it the number of time that we get up again. It is the number of times that we are picked up by the merciful hand of God, outstretched to each and every sinner. We see this outstretched hand most vividly in the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

The emphasis on mercy is also why Pope Francis made 2016 a Jubilee Year of Mercy. At the end of that Jubilee Year, the Holy Father wrote a beautiful Apostolic exhortation called Misericordia et Misera.

There, Pope Francis said that “Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the church” (MM, I) but must form the very heart of life in Christ.

After a personal encounter with the merciful gaze of Christ, we are enriched as women and men of faith and we become what the Pope called a missionary of mercy.

This week, I would like to invite you to that personal encounter with Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am confident that after your encounter, you will want to return over and over again to meet Christ face to face and to experience God's merciful love. It is not difficult; all we have to do is make some space in our lives and Jesus will do the rest.

Let us pray for each other this week and for the attentiveness to hear the Lord's call in each moment of our lives. Let's also pray for the courage to respond to God's call with an emphatic “yes”, not just at the important moments, but in every moment of our lives.

All mercy and peace to you, + *Anthony*



**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary MacKillop's Canonisation ~**

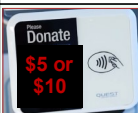
The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint. The theme for this celebration is “**Take Fresh Courage**”, a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877.

Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/> A “**Courage Hour**” will be held on the vigil **Friday 16 October at 8pm** where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website.



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

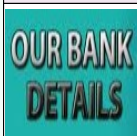


**Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on.** We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

**Thank you for your generosity.**  
Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.



**Week 5: 28/09/20 ~ Winning No.: 888 ~**  
**Amt: \$500.00 big ones! WINNER ~ Mary O'Malley**



**KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**  
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## Wednesday 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary

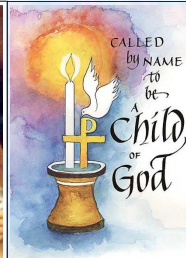
This feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favour due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam.

Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "**Help of Christians**," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church.

Leo XIII added the invocation "**Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us**", to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen.

In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church.

It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centred on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity.



*Welcome  
to  
our  
Faith  
Family*

**Baptism congratulations  
to...**

**Arabella Pizarro Salonga**  
who is to be baptised this weekend

~ ~ ~ // ~ ~ // ~ ~ ~

*Please keep Arabella,  
her parents and Godparents  
in your prayers.*

## RECONNECT



*"For just as the body is one  
and has many members, and all the  
members of the body, though many,  
are one body, so it is with Christ."*

*1 Corinthians 12:12*

**Four members of our Parish Council** have volunteered to head-up a new parish ministry. An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established to build upon the existing community feeling within our parish and make it even better! This is in response to a range of concerns which have come to light during these difficult times and so, they will be reaching out to the isolated, lonely, bereaved and disconnected among us.

**This group will be known as "RECONNECT"**

It's motto is ... *"We are here for you!"* Its aim is ... **to listen, to talk, to care, to share.**  
The team are ... **Moauli Griffiths, Freda Alaalatoa, Sue Lum and Jerome Gomez.**

Just so you know, you may receive a phone call from one of the above just to say 'G'day'. Fr Shaju has provided phone numbers to these "authorised PPC members" under the terms of our privacy collection policy and your privacy will be strictly guarded by "Reconnect" only being shared with others if you have given prior permission.

**What we want to know is ... "Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?"** eg ...

\* **Assistance with meals** \* **A lift to Mass** \* **A regular natter on the phone etc,**  
and you needn't wait for a phone call from them. To quickly engage with "Reconnect" please call the office (9456 2450) to be put you in touch with a team member.

## Personal Participation of the Eucharist



It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed..."

## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

**This week  
concludes our...**

### SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child.

#### Learning Hub:

Pope Francis has commented on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). His comments form part of an international report titled **Faith and Children's Rights: A Multi-religious Study on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

The report was released to commemorate 30 years of the CRC. The report can be found by visiting:  
<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/faith-and-children-s-rights-multi-religious-study-convention-rights-child>



## Peter's Pence Collection – 4 October 2020

This weekend we join with other Parishes across the world in taking up the Peter's Pence Collection.

The Peter's Pence Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

The annual appeal is usually taken up all over the world around the time of the feast day of St Peter and St Paul (29 June).

**This year, due to COVID-19, His Holiness Pope Francis has asked that the annual appeal take place on 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis Assisi.**

By supporting this collection, you join with other Parishes across the world in supporting projects identified by the Pope including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disaster, war, oppression and disease. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. You are invited to donate by completing and returning to the parish the Peter's Pence collection envelope available at Masses, or online at our parish website/bank account using the reference: "**Peter's Pence**". Thank you for your generosity.

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 10th / 11th October– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

	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	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Peter Collins	Helen Chui	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Peta Tonkin	Sue Watts	Rosemary Pendlebury	Deborah de Voss	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Vince & Georgina Hughes	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Sue & Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Marcia Wood, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)		Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f), Mia			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		October: Ronnie Tan and Binoy Ponnachan			

**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*.

## Australian Catholic University Lecture: "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"

You may be interested in this free public lecture "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics" to be given via Zoom on **Monday, 12 October 2020, 10.30am** by Sr. Prof. Julia Upton, RSM.

**Online via Zoom:** Monday October 12; 10-11.30am (AEDT)

The Zoom link will be provided on 9 October 2020 to those who have registered.

**Registration:** Registration is essential for this free public lecture by 7 October ~ [www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton](http://www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton)  
**Contact:** For more information contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy [centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au) ~ 02 9701 4751



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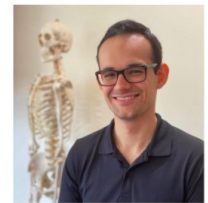


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