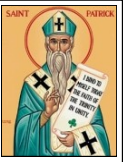


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

4th September 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
Wis 9:13-18;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

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
(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
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.



Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

And let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD



And of course we mustn't forget ... while many fathers wear ties ... some wear collars ...

Happy Fathers' Day

to all Fathers who bring us life through the Eucharist and the Sacraments.



Homily

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For some weeks now Luke has been telling us about the cost of discipleship.

As a commentary on what was happening in his community and a preparation for what was to come, today's gospel used the hyperbole of hatred to drive home the point. For the earliest Christians a choice for faith in Jesus could be this stark and dramatic: families split up and sometimes people who had loved each other turned their brother or sister, mother or father over to martyrdom. This is the context in which Luke's community produced this Gospel.

It is always good for us to recall that for some of our brothers and sisters beyond these shores the perils of public belief are still like those of Luke's community. Luckily for us the threat of death for our faith is only a very remote possibility. The power of this Gospel is that even if we are not faced with physical death, there are many other dyings that see us share in the cross of Jesus and follow in his way.

The verbs in this passage tell an interesting story: 'carry', 'follow', 'estimate', 'lay foundations', 'plan' and 'give up possessions'. It is a very tough list of things to do. Whatever our situation in life, this Gospel advocates that we figure out our priorities and live them out. In other words, we 'say what we mean and live what we say'.

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PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

Parish Administrator: Fr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / Bookkeeper: Karen Price

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

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

23rd Sunday
Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Monday 5/09

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 6/09

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 7/09

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 8/09 ~ Feast

The Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Friday 9/09

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 10/09

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Tunny, Anita Perilla,
Nicholas Pugh, Tony Yap,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eulalia Elling, Shirley Gray, Lyn
Maguire, Phyllis Newnham,
Agnes, Charles and Shirley
Mosley, Margaret Hinton, Marie
Mickelson

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE

SICK: For those suffering from
Covid-19 - that it will be brought
under control and eliminated as
a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Daryl Harvey, Judy Farrell,
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.

LOST &
FOUND!

The parish office has this week been informed about a pair of Earrings which were found inside St Bernard's Berowra Heights. If you think they might be yours please call the office on 9456 2450 and describe them.



Pope's intention

for August: Abolition of the Death Penalty; We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



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

STOP PRESS: Latest news just to hand ...

We get to keep Fr Biju as Parish Administrator a bit longer...yay!

As promised, it is now September and Bishop Anthony has reviewed the situation around clergy placement in KCCP.

From next weekend (10/11 Sept) Fr Biju will be supported by Fr Martins Aloga who supplied for us in April this year.

Fr Martins will assist primarily with weekend Masses whilst he undertakes study in Sydney .

He will remain with us until the return of Fr Joy in November when once again the situation will be reviewed.

To that end, stay tuned to see ... what will happen next !

Hello again and thank you to Fr Sunny Peackal OCD, Prior of the Carmelite Priory, St Ives for supplying for us at the 8am & 10am Masses at Asquith this weekend and to Fr Martins Aloga for supplying at the 6pm Vigil, Asquith.

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We often think we could never live without most of the things to which we have become accustomed or attached. But we can. We know from people who have lived through some of the worst events of last century that there are very few things that are essential to a happy life: human dignity; meaning and purpose; love of others; a sense of security. These are the essentials.

Each person has a right to them and we have obligations to do our bit to see that they enjoy them.

Everything else, as good as it might be, is icing on the cake. The problem is that we 'want our cake and eat it too!'



As Christians we cannot have it both ways. We cannot say we are baptised into the life and death of Christ and not be prepared to sacrifice anything. If material riches come our way, with them come an even greater obligation to share with the poor. If we have talents and energy we are called to put them at the service of improving the world in any way we can. If we want the hope of the resurrection, we have to first carry the cross. So riches, a better world and hope come with a price.

Many of us, however, do not need to be reminded about all this because we carry crosses every day. For some it comes through mental, physical or spiritual ill health. For others it can be in our homes where we have to deal with illness, dysfunction or violence. It can be in our places of employment where we are overworked, undervalued or bullied. Whatever our particular crosses may be we are one with all those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith' and who found Christ in the midst of their suffering. This Gospel promises us that Christ walks beside us bearing the burden of the struggle.

May this Eucharist give us eyes to see Christ present in our most difficult moments and make us more compassionate so we never add to the weight of another person's burden, but help carry it as best we can.

Vox Populi - 1 September 2022

The safeguarding of all people in our communities and beyond is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus.

We all share the responsibility of fostering a safe and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to thrive but none more so than our children and the vulnerable.

That means a day to day priority, and ongoing commitment.

However one month every year we actively do all we can to promote raising awareness around safeguarding. That month is September.

The past has taught us how and when things have gone wrong, and that urges us to constantly refocus.

This year, our Diocese is focusing on the family and the theme this year is **Safeguarding in Families**.

Most people's life involves connection to family, immediate or extended. Our Safeguarding Office, along with Catholic Schools Broken Bay and CatholicCare, have combined to create a range of activities. All families are encouraged to share with us your experiences of how you connect in a positive way as a family and how you connect with your children, in the form of a story, a video or a photo during the Safeguarding Month of September. The most creative and inspirational stories will be showcased on our [Safeguarding Month 2022 webpage](#)

See how you can get involved by visiting <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2022>



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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 Biju.

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian Youth's Rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him, and leaves him alone.

He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shines through it.

He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises.

Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm.

The wind blew the grass and earth and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold.

It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.

It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him.

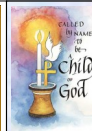
He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story:

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Cameron Tran

who is to be baptised this weekend.

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



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's is always happy to welcome new members

Ages: Year 3 up to Year 12.

Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (except January).

Choir practises: Every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

Final practice term 3: 23 Sept.

Practice resumes: 14 October

September Guest Conductors: who will lead us in new and exciting musical pathways, Claire Dalton, Sarah Massa, Adrian Gomez and Naomi Massa.

All welcome!

Like more info? Contact: Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Bernie's Ladies are back !! Bernie's Ladies is a social group for women of any age who attend St Bernard's Church. The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church. You're invited to an

Afternoon Tea on Saturday 17th September

at 2pm at 9 Barnett's Rd, Berowra Heights.

Please bring a plate to share.

Please RSVP to Gen by Wednesday, September 14.

Email: david@barnettsroad.com or Mobile: 0418 866 250.

As always, please feel free to invite along your friends from our St Bernard's community.



Holy Hour & Discernment Evening ~ 6pm Friday 23 September

**Holy Name Parish Wahoonga
35 Billyard Ave, Wahoonga**

Invitation for all young adults to:

Pray, Discern and Act

with us as we seek God's guidance in our lives!

We will be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning their own vocation.

This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.

RSVP to: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or call 0418 522 449

World Youth Day 2023 is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away!

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

Register at <https://bbwyd.org.au>

Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October 2022

1 September is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by Pope Francis in 2015. This day begins the 'Season of Creation' which runs until 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, and is an ecumenical season calling all Christians around the world to pray and take action for our common home. The

theme for 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." In his message for World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis says, "If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home."



**Listen to the Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**



**Paddy's Kids Playgroup
Every Monday of School Terms
9am - 10.30am**

in the **Parish Meeting Room** in the grounds of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith for **preschool children and their parents**. It will be a fun time with structured activities, craft and time for unstructured play where the children can socialise and use their imagination while they play with their new friends.

For more information email spa@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Youth Broken Bay ~ Lectio Divina evenings of prayer and the warmth of fellowship!

When: First Monday each month

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Who: 18-35 year olds

Where: **Men's Sessions |** Joseph House, Willoughby

Women's Sessions |

KCCP Office, Berowra Heights

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/1myPBBeMUZ3gT5vHG7>

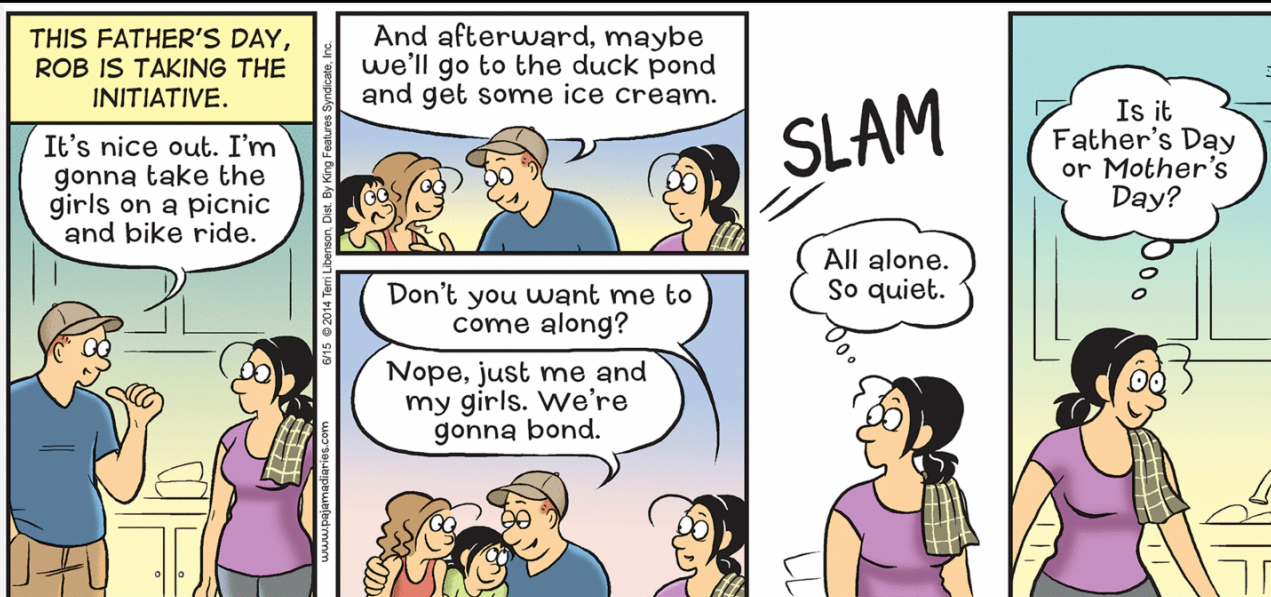
or see the Facebook Event for more details!



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 10th September / 11th September 2022 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Archie Tod, Harry Tod	Max Jarominek, Bronte Tonkin	Conor Collins Niall Collins	Volunteers needed	Rebecca Clarke, Thomas Clarke	<i>Want to be an Altar Server? Call 9456</i>
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Peter Collins	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Sue Newnham	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Freya Tonkin	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Chris Newnham	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Gisela Muschal (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Patrick Dias — 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*.



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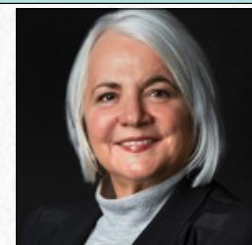
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