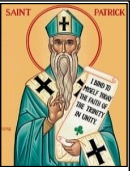


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 4th April 2021 ~ Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ Year B

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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'

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

Fire, light, water and oil, bread and wine, a common table - these are the elemental symbols which thrill our hearts on this night of nights, the Easter Vigil.

"This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld".

This is the night of life, of light, of love. This is the night on which light blazes in the darkness, the night on which we wait and watch and listen, the night we bathe in the waters of life, the night we break bread at table with the risen Lord.

Six weeks ago we set out as a community together—the already baptised and the would-be baptised. Tonight our companionship comes to completion: we are one in Christ Jesus. In joy and peace we exclaim, "Alleluia!" To pave the way for this shout of praise we retell the story of our salvation, guided by the light of the paschal candle, symbol of the risen Lord.

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The tide of joy released by Easter Vigil flows over into Easter Day. During the night the church glowed with the light from within. Now light floods the world. The flame of the Easter Candle is matched by the fire of the sun that brings light and warmth and life to all. Christ is risen indeed!

So wonderful is this mystery that it can't be taken in all at once, even with a liturgy as rich in word and symbol as the Easter Vigil. We need time to marvel at what it all means. Easter Day is the springboard for our revelling in the mystery. The Mass of Easter Sunday glances back to the vigil service and looks ahead to the Easter season. For fifty days the Church keeps company with the Risen Lord. Day by day we will enjoy the peace of his presence and will delight in the Spirit he has breathed upon us.

With the newly baptised we will explore the unlimited possibilities that life in Christ offers us. Augustine understood: Easter was no time for kneeling; it was for standing upright and singing "Alleluia!"

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Dawn has Broken - The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: *'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'*

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was *'Apostle to the Apostles'* because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death.

Alleluia!

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SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 202 persons

at St Bernard's: 122 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 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.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

Easter Time Year B

Monday 05/04

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 06/04

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 07/04

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 08/04

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 09/04

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 10/04

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joaquim Victor D'Souza,
Marie Napoli, Jose Morales

ANNIVERSARIES: Bronia &

Wladek Pieprzyk,
Karen Fitzgerald,
Winifred & William Colman

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

David Chee, Roger Okell,
Patrick Dorahy, Elaine Longmuir,
Sr Mary Treacy, John Gallagher,
Fr Thomas Philip OSH,
Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag,
Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone,
Barbara Jones, Jean Cook,
Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy,
Dan Leavy, Terry Treacy,
Stephen C C, Anne Brady,
Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen,
Nemia Camille Asiong,
Rodney Porter

The 250 Club!



Week 7: 29/03/2021
Winning number: 021
Winner: *Chris & Pat Smith*
Amount: \$25.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights



We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Tap n Go donation points Available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10.

Thank you for your ongoing support through these devices.

From Monday 5 April 2021 to Friday 9 April 2021 (inclusive) there will only be ONE Mass celebrated in our Parish and will be at ... 9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday-Tuesday-Thursday and 9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday-Friday

From Monday 12 April 2021 to Friday 23 April 2021 (inclusive) there will be no weekday morning Masses at St Patrick's

This allows for restoration work inside the church to be achieved in a way which provides maximum safety for both parishioners and workers. **During this period all weekday morning masses will be celebrated at 9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.**



Congratulations to our newest Catholic Luca Baracsi

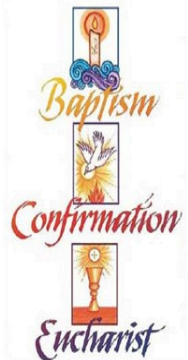
Luca, our Parish Priest and RCIA team; your Godmother and Sponsor; have borne witness to your individual journey and your committed preparation over many months. The Bishop accepted your request to become a Catholic and now all that remains is for our Faith Community of

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish to say ... *Welcome!!*

Having been Baptised, Confirmed and having received First Eucharist, it is with joy we welcome you fully into our worshipping community with light and Word and water and Eucharist! We are delighted you are now able to join with us fully in our love of Christ and the Catholic Faith.

Congratulations and may

the Risen Lord bless you and guide you, today and always.



Divine Mercy Celebrations ~ Easter marks the salvation won by Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross and His victory over death. The Feast of Divine Mercy celebrates God's loving forgiveness and is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter Sunday (11 April). Here are 3 nearby opportunities for you to join with others to mark this Feast.

- **Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer & Worship Service, Chatswood** ~ Join in the celebration of the feast of Mercy at Our Lady of Dolours Church, corner Archer and Kirk Streets, Chatswood on Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 April. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2pm with the praying and singing of the Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy images etc. Benediction at around 4pm. Reconciliation is available from 2- 4pm.

• **Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby**

9th-11th April: Divine Mercy Retreat (Live-in) with Fr Roni & Fr Joby. Friday 6pm-Sunday 4pm. Bookings: 0468 486 782; or drcretreatreg@gmail.com

11th April: Divine Mercy Sunday 9am-4pm. Praise & Worship; Preaching The Word; Eucharistic Adoration; Way of the Cross; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Holy Mass. Bookings required—Limited numbers. Contact: 02 4372 1598 or email as above.

- **Divine Mercy Celebration, Pennant Hills** ~ St Agatha's will be hosting an afternoon for the Feast of Divine Mercy starting at 1.30pm with prayers, 2pm Mass, 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and blessings, followed by Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Reconciliation available.



St Patrick's Asquith Restoration Work

Things are progressing nicely and will pick up pace between April 12th to 23rd. (see above "Attention" piece). Contributions continue to *trickle in* for the restoration for which we are most grateful. As we said last week, **Little fish are sweet!** and even the tiniest of contributions will help pay for these repairs. Please know that whatever you give will have helped maintain your church and it will be appreciated by parishioners for years to come.

Ways to contribute ...→

Our thanks to those who have already given so generously to this appeal.

Please consider donating to any of the below as ... we still have quite a way to go to achieve our "TO DO LIST" and "WISH LIST" for KCCP in 2021...

To contribute your options are:

1. Your contribution to restore St Patrick's can go directly into the collection box at back of SPA Church.
2. Place an envelope on the plate marked with "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST"
3. Use BPoint via our website—select the drop down option "Others (Including 1st Collection) and use "TO DO LIST" OR "WISH LIST" in the 'Purpose of Payment' area.
4. You may call the office to make payment over phone with a credit card.

Our "TO DO LIST"

- ◆ Restoration of St Patrick's Church - est. cost \$42,000 - **Working towards**
- ◆ New telephones in the office \$4,691.16

[these will be bought outright to avoid exorbitant leasing fee's under the current contract expiring in May]

Our "WISH LIST"

- ◆ New computer/projection combo in St Bernard's Church - **a bit over 50% there**
- [it turns out we may not need to replace the computer, so we are investigating a way to keep the it and replace the projector with a big screen TV instead and.... it will potentially cost less, yay!]*

Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Easter Message 2021

For Catholics all around Australia, Easter 2021 is a special time. There is no more important celebration than the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the community of the Church is looking forward to gathering together to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

This time last year our churches were closed as the pandemic began to change our lives. Our parish communities adapted to connect in different ways. Masses were live streamed, families prayed at home together and Catholics marked Palm Sunday at home by placing palms on their front doors.

Our parish communities on the Northern Beaches also faced the closure of churches at Christmas, and the locking down of the Peninsula into the New Year.

After such an incredible time, with change forced upon us on so many levels, many hope that our lives will quickly return to normal. Or rather we might adapt to what is being called 'the new normal'.

My sisters and brothers, what does this actually mean?

We've shown that as a people of God and as a community, we can adapt to change. Change is not always welcomed but comes nonetheless, with the passage of time and the different seasons of life.

In the whirlwind of change we carry with us this enduring fact, given to us by St Paul in the letter to the Hebrews - *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."*

This does not mean the person of Jesus Christ is a static, undynamic character, an historical figure only for our observation. Jesus is unchanging in his identity as the Son of God, unchanging in his immense love for each of us, unchanging in his passion to see the Good News of his Gospel brought to every woman and man. Jesus is the unchanging God for an ever-changing world.

The question for us is, where are we in relation to Jesus Christ? How much are we invited to change in order to encounter the never-ending love of God?

To ask these questions and to be prepared for the answer will change our lives. We cannot go on as 'normal' if we truly seek to discover and live these answers.

For people of faith and for all those who are searching, we might ask:

- What does it mean to believe **what Jesus said**?
- What does it mean to believe **what he did**?
- And what does it mean to believe **who Jesus is**?

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us in every celebration of the Mass and in a special way is revealed in the Paschal Mystery through the Easter narrative.

Easter is the journey of Christ from death to life, and from darkness to light.

Jesus died for us so that we might not suffer death for our sins but be offered redemption and eternal life with him. Jesus faced the depths of darkness for us so that we could open the shadow part of our lives to his power and allow his light to dispel our darkness.

This is an invitation to change. When we change we grow, and our concern must be that we are always growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to celebrate the Easter liturgies, it is another to contemplate the moment of embrace, encounter and heavenly life that the Risen Lord reveals to us through his Resurrected Body. For some, this might be a return to Jesus as the centre of our lives as it was when we first encountered him. For others it might be the very first time we have personally encountered Jesus in his human and divine presence.

This Easter, let us contemplate the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, with us yesterday, today, and forever, who draws us into relationship with him in a way that is life-giving and new. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus and allow our imagination and our hearts to be captured by that sacred and intimate encounter.

This Easter, let our **'new normal'** be determined by our meeting with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit given to us. May the blessing of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones and remain with you forever. + *Anthony*



Our 2021 Paschal Candles depicting the Patron Saint of each of our Churches **ARE AMAZING!** and were made by our very own parishioners **Mervyn & Liz Soares!**

We cannot thank you both enough for the gift of your time and talent. Be sure to check out their website www.40fied.com.au

SAVE the DATE

CONFIRMATION 2021 AT KCCP

Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at 11.30am at St Bernard's ~ 2pm at St Patrick's ~ 4pm at St Patrick's

[These Masses are for candidates and incorporate ~ 1 child + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only]

You are reminded that during 2020, Bishop Anthony took the opportunity make an adjustment to the age at which children in the Diocese of Broken Bay are eligible to make Confirmation. The Bishop advised that from 2021 Confirmation will be... *"celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are typically in Year 3."* and that *"Reconciliation and Eucharist will ... be celebrated with those who are 9 and in Year 4."*

In a nutshell, if you have a child who is in Year 3 this year and has turned 8 years old, they are eligible to make their Confirmation this year and then proceed to make Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2022. More information will follow later in the year.

BBNews eNewsletter ~ On Friday 19 March, a new eNewsletter for the Diocese of Broken Bay was launched. BBNews is a fortnightly newsletter with news stories from across the Diocese. Complementing the quarterly Broken Bay News magazine, BBNews will highlight the activity and stories of the Church in Broken Bay and beyond. Today we share with you the subscription details. To subscribe go to the website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/bbnews/bbnews-subscription> Read the first issue here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/bbnews>

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2021

You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

If you still have your Project Compassion box at home, please return next week.

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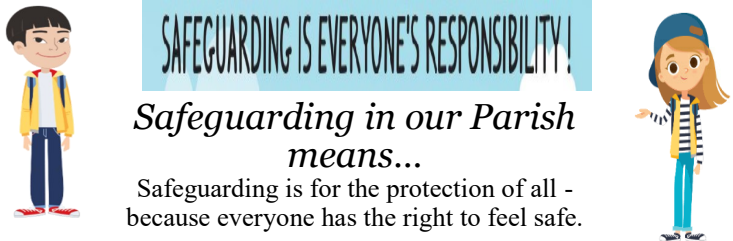
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ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 10th/11th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 4:32-35; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Sub requested	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	Michael Halliday	Sub requested	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Jeanette Neary	Penny Loughland	Sub requested	Sub requested	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Moauli Griffiths	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Sue & Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Marcia Wood, Helen Johnson, Gwen Wood, Elaine & Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Annette Shapter (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		April: Binoy Ponnachan, Ronnie Tan - additional help always 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*.



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Safeguarding in our Parish means...

Safeguarding is for the protection of all - because everyone has the right to feel safe.

At KCCP we strive to be pro-active in the protection of all parishioners, volunteers, clergy but most especially we are vigilant towards the protection of the children and vulnerable adults of our community. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep you safe including implementing measures, principles, and practices promoting transparency in all ministries.

Safeguarding is another way of saying:
We are looking out for you ~ we care about you ~ we will go the distance to protect you.

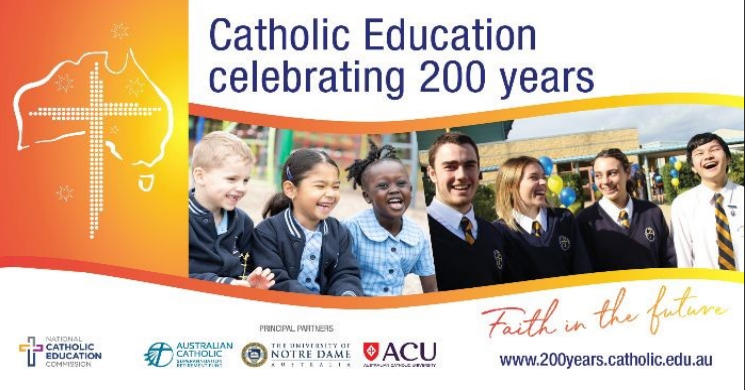
If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.

These people in our Parish can help:
Margaret Cooper, Parish Secretary, 9456 2450 (M-F 9am-3.30pm);
Michelle Chahine, Youth Coordinator, 0424 191 449.
Or contact the Office for Safeguarding (**Chancery**) on 8379 1605 or by emailing: safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au

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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith
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122 ~ St Bernard's

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