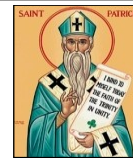


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~4th July 2021 ~ **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time** ~ Year B

Ezek 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in 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'*



The 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 year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Heal Country. **In Laudato Si', Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.**

Today's Gospel is very fitting because Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his **'native place'** – Nazareth – to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home?

"Is he not the carpenter?" the crowd called because they saw him as **"without honour"** and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eyes.

In Australia, our own First Nations people have suffered a similar rejection to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today. This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for **'country'**, grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, a respected Ngangiwumirr Elder, artist and 2021 Senior Australian of the year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence:

"My people today, recognise and experience in this quietness, the great Life-Giving Spirit, the Father of us all. It is easy for me to experience God's presence. When I am out hunting, when I am in the bush, among the trees, on a hill or by a billabong; these are the times when I can simply be in God's presence. My people have been so aware of Nature. It is natural that we will feel close to the Creator."

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are inextricably connected to country in Australia and its waters. This connection to country and all of God's creation is core to their spirituality as a people and that of their ancestors. The term itself – Country – encompasses far more than the physical land. **"For us, Country is a word for all the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features. It describes the entirety of our ancestral domains."** explains Professor Mick Dodson.

Deacon Boniface Perdjert, who was both Australia's first permanent Deacon and first Aboriginal Deacon clearly expressed the translational role that 'country' or nature plays bringing together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture and Catholic faith:

"We like the way he uses the things of nature to teach, and the important part nature plays in the Sacraments"

Deacon Boniface specifically mentions sacraments, because to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, all elements of life are sacramental. The gifts of God are evident and intertwined into every aspect of life, not just on Sundays, or when convenient. *[see over page]*

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

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

ORDINARY TIME ~ Year B

Monday 05/07

Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday 06/07

Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday 07/07

Gen 41:55-57, 42:5-7, 17-24;
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday 08/07

Gen 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5;
Mt 10:7-15

Friday 09/07

Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday 10/07

Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26;
Mt 10:24-33

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Matthew
Hughes, John Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: Dr Ken Gray,
Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson,
Marta Granecka, Maree Hayden,
Uwe Haag, Leo Vila

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
For those suffering around the world
from Covid-19 - that this disease will be
successfully brought under control and
eliminated as a health risk for all

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Peter Todd,
Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman,
Angela Smith, Patrick O'Donoghue,
David Chee, Roger Okell, Elaine
Longmuir, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary
Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip OSH,
Tom Dawson, Sr Tincy Thomas,
John Gallagher, Marie Haag, Felicity
Fone, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks,
Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Dan
Leavy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady,
Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen,
Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



COVID-19 Update - closing of churches in Broken Bay

Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Saturday 26 June 2021.

"The current COVID outbreak in Sydney has intensified significantly overnight which has lead the Premier to place a stay at home order for the Greater Sydney Area, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Wollongong, effective from 6pm Saturday 26 June 2021, through to at least 11:59pm 9 July 2021.

In light of this, and in order that our people be kept as safe as possible, I ask that **all our churches in Diocese of Broken Bay be closed from 6pm, 26 June 2021.** Since this is at my request, the obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) is lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this stay at home order. I will review the situation as we approach 9 July or if the stay at home order is lifted earlier. ...

I am particularly mindful of the disruption in people's lives and plans that this development will occasion, cause distress once again for our people. I hold you all in my prayer, asking that the Lord may keep us all safe during this time."

Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30am as well as weekdays at 7am.



ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT - new vision, new energy, new life -
to be the community that Christ calls us to be.

This innovative online conference, from **8 to 10 July 2021**, is designed to enliven and inspire church communities through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences.

You still have time to join the conference as an individual at a cost of \$40.

Further information can be found at <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au>
Sadly, due to the lockdown, we are no longer able to gather together to view the live keynote speaker sessions, however, we are working on a way to facilitate the variety of workshops when we are safely out of lockdown.

[from page 1] First Australian's are called to be stewards of creation, to care for and watch over their gift, and this responsibility is intrinsic to their belief systems. Many Language groups assign a Totem (a natural object, plant or animal) to a child at birth. This totem defines the responsibility of care between individuals and with creation itself. It is intrinsic and it is core to their survival and relationships.

For Catholics, the Eucharist itself is a foundational sacramental reality in which natural elements—grain and grapes—symbolize not only our lives but also Jesus' farewell meal and his presence today. In those natural elements and through the Eucharistic prayer, Christ is truly present to us. These elements display the abundance provided by the Creator to sustain us, both physically and spiritually. It is a very natural and familiar 'ritual' to First Nations Peoples because it combines the elements of life with a greater being. It brings all aspects of life together.

Because of the connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people recognise between country, faith and the wellbeing, it is no surprise that when the world is in pain, Australia's First Peoples are in pain. During the COVID 19 Pandemic, many of the trappings of Western life became impossible. The rivers were calm and clear from the absence of boats, the cities were quiet and still as restrictions took hold. We saw images of animals returning to previous habitats, and the smog clearing from above cities across the world as our common home took a 'breath' from our constant consumerism and drive for development.

On this special Sunday, a day where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous Catholics come together and sit side by side (adhering to COVID restrictions of course!), we should acknowledge that we are united in a fight to save God's creation. It is one we cannot fight alone. We must combine the knowledge of First Australians with the technology borne of Western culture to ensure that future generations shall have the opportunity to experience the gifts of God's creation as intended.

Again, today's Gospel also speaks of the need for faith and acceptance to enable gifts to be shared. Mark says "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." Without faith, Jesus knew his miracles would not be accepted as such. This teaches us that we must have trust and faith to truly accept the wonders of God.

To sit, talk, and listen is the first step towards acceptance and understanding. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have longed to share their knowledge and wisdom about the seasons, animals, and flora, but until we, as a society and a country are receptive, their contribution goes unappreciated and unutilised. The more we share with each other, the more we realise that as humans, we have more similarities than differences. The differences between our cultures should not be seen as weaknesses, for they can also be where our strengths lie. Embracing these differences is an aspect of inculturation. Christian faith must find appropriate expression in each culture—that is what is meant by inculturation. Pope Francis, in his exhortation Beloved Amazonia says:

"Inculturation elevates and fulfills. Certainly, we should esteem the indigenous mysticism that sees the interconnection and interdependence of the whole of creation, the mysticism of gratuitousness that loves life as a gift, the mysticism of a sacred wonder before nature and all its forms of life."

Let us move forwards as a united people in Christ, committed to embracing the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge to not only Heal Country, but to Heal our relationships with one another, and in doing so our creators' gifts to us all – this world.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"



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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
for July: Social friendship

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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

'What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?' *Mark 6:1-6*

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ Many Catholics realise that the integrity of both Church and society in Australia is intimately connected to the wellbeing and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. There is a great need for listening and dialogue between Aboriginal cultures and the various churches and religions in this country. We are challenged to:

... recognise the wisdom of Aboriginal people is needed for the health of our nation, that we can learn so much from Indigenous culture and knowledge. Church leaders must call forth this wisdom and create spaces for it to be heard. (*Instrumentum Laboris #179*)

Reflection Question ~ What can we do to express respectful and cooperative attitudes with others in Australian society, focusing on opportunities to witness to God's grace at work in the world?

Humble, Healing & Merciful

It is proposed the Church recognise the wisdom of the Aboriginal people is needed for the health of our nation; that from an ecological point of view, we can learn so much from Indigenous culture and knowledge; that Church leaders call forth this wisdom and create spaces for it to be heard.

It is proposed that Listening Groups particularly cater to the needs of Aboriginal Australians for genuine engagement and sharing of wisdom.

Please pray for the Plenary Council

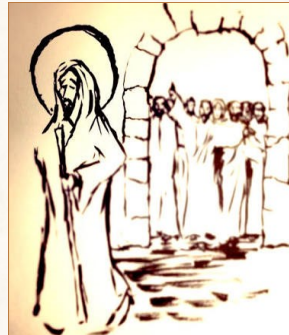
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Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

© Fr Michael Tate

Anyone who has seen the film or show 'Billy Elliott' will understand this incident in the Gospels.

Billy was a young boy who was brought up in a drab, decaying coal mining town in the north of England. The plan of his father and brother was to keep him in the box they knew – coal mining and boxing. But he had a passionate desire to dance. As he said, his whole body 'went electric' when he tap danced through those grim streets. When dancing he created a different world and eventually his imagining of a different future won through – the last scene has him dancing in Swan Lake. I have seen the film twice. I have cried twice.



It was a somewhat similar situation for Jesus. He returned to Nazareth, having performed 'mighty works' of divine power around the countryside. But the home town crowd knew better what to expect from his hands. After all, they were the hands of a carpenter. He could do exquisite woodwork. That's who he was. That was the limit of who he was. They knew his family and network of relatives. In other words, they thought they had him taped. They knew what box he fitted into. Woe betide if he got too big for his sandals! They wanted to trap him in an identity, constraining him in a role which would leave them undisturbed.

But, like Billy Elliott, only to the nth degree, Jesus had a deeper sense of identity. There was a dimension to his life of which he was aware: a special relationship to his heavenly Father, and a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was, and it had to find expression. And he imagined a different future, a future of a healed and companionable human family within which was what he called 'the Reign of God'. There was no way he was going to be put down and circumscribed by the home crowd. He could not do any 'mighty works' given their scepticism and failure to support his boundless sense of identity. He left Nazareth and went on to try to create that future he imagined, and never returned to Nazareth.

Family and networks of friends can be very supportive. They can also be stifling, suffocating. They know what school one went to, what your first job was. They think they have you taped. Those of us who are older need to guard against taking on the features of the Nazarenes who stereotyped Jesus. But it is to the younger members of the congregation that I would like to really address this Gospel.

Only God knows your true identity, who you are and who you are meant to be. Why were you born in the 20th century and not the 15th or the 4th or the 24th century? Why were you loved into existence by God and your parents 20 years ago, 14 years ago, 18 years ago?

Each of us has a unique identity without which the cosmos would be incomplete and each of us has a unique role to play in salvation history.

It may take a lifetime to really cotton on to God's sense of one's identity and role, or one may be fortunate enough to find out relatively early. But like Billy Elliott and Jesus it is essential to break out of the expectations of the home crowd. It may even be necessary to disappoint those who love us dearly, family, teachers and friends. So one should pray for gifts of the Holy Spirit: of understanding so that one might be enlightened about one's identity and role, and then of courage to take risks and persevere against the odds.

Each of you has been given a divine dynamism at baptism. You are no ordinary human being. Your heart pulses to a different beat than that which simply repeats the monotonous rhythms of the expected. You share the heartbeat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe. When you allow your heart to beat with His, your body, your personality will 'go electric' as Billy Elliott would say.

When that happens you will really know your true identity, your true role and you will be able to go on and perform His *mighty works*.

What a beautiful and unexpected donation!

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Our parish is in the process of purchasing not one,



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Please know that all current and future parishioners thank you most sincerely for your generosity and pray that God will always bless you and your family abundantly.



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TAX RECEIPTS for the **2020 / 2021 financial year** will be available very shortly.

Parishioners with a known email address will receive theirs electronically.

Those for whom we do not have email addresses, but have given to a tax deductible cause will have theirs posted.

Any questions, please call the parish office on 94562450 after 12 July 2021.

At KCCP we take Safeguarding Seriously and

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Ensuring a safe parish community involves its people understanding and respecting the strengths, needs and experiences of all from diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally diverse and

linguistically diverse backgrounds and those who are homeless.

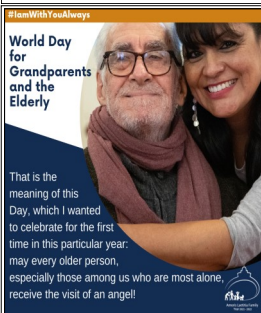


ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 10th/11th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	David Massa	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Justin Berry	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Paul Maher	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Susie Gates	Volunteer needed
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Chichi Dato (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		July: Grace Milen, Milen Kurishingal, Patrick Dias - additional help always appreciated			
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Michelle Chahine	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Ellen Downey	Christophorus House	Vicente Sanchez

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*.



ADVANCED NOTICE:

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July 2021

As part of the celebrations for the Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family,

Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This year the **first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday 25 July**.

This is a significant new addition to the church calendar where Pope Francis is asking the Church to set aside time to recognise the great contribution grandparents make to the life of the family and the importance of the elderly to the mission of the Church. It is the elderly who have suffered particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic through illness and loss of life as well as loneliness during times of lockdown.

Speaking as an elderly person himself, Pope Francis encourages the older members of the community to take up a "renewed vocation", the foundational pillars of which are dreams, memory and prayer. This new mission is crucial to the rebuilding of our troubled societies.



Information Seminar Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers Of Attorney

A free seminar for the Catholic community of Broken Bay, featuring an expert legal adviser to answer your questions about Wills and Elder Law topics.

Date: Saturday 17 July 2021
Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Venue: The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Avenue, Waitara, 2077
Catering: Light refreshments provided
Register: www.trybooking.com/BPNJ
 Or contact David Armstrong to register on **02 8379 1664** or david.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au

Presenter:
Cecilia Castle,
 Solicitor, Castle Lawyers

Cecilia Castle, principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 30 years. Cecilia is regular speaker and writer on legal topics, a resident of Hornsby Shire and parishioner in our Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

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