



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

5 May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.



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

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

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| 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 Patrick's, Asquith

8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am Thursday
9.15am Wednesday and Friday
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

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

Emergency sick calls

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HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.*

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Dear parishioners, I am thankful to God first and foremost, for the gift of being a priest. It is only because of the priesthood of Christ that I am here as a parish priest serving at this community.

25 years ago, when I was ordained as a priest in a small village in India, I did not think that I would be here as your parish priest. However, now I am here as your pastor. So, my dear friends, I truly believe that God has a definite purpose and reason for each one of us and it will be revealed in proper time.

I thank Bishop Anthony because of the great trust that he has placed on me as well as for giving me this opportunity to lead the community of Kuring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish. I am also grateful to him for his spirit of understanding, his fraternal companionship, and his support.

Dear parishioners, I am not a stranger at all, because I have been here for one and half years as your parish administrator. The way you are smiling, loving, caring and all these things, makes me more confident. Thank you for your love, thank you for your support, and thank you for your acceptance. Moreover, I would say here we have efficient parish pastoral and finance councils, different voluntary services, beautiful choirs especially children's choir, and a good team of office staff. Above all, we have a committed and joyful assistant parish priest, Fr Joy.

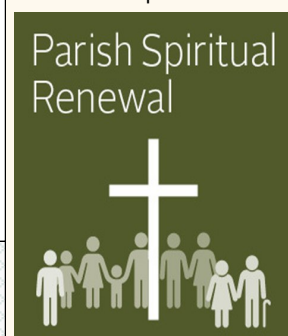
We shall all work together like a family. Silver and gold I don't have but what I have I give you: **a good will to serve you.** You can count on that. With that and with your support I am sure we will be able to do wonderful things for Him, for Jesus. **Together we seek Him and find Him.**

Thank you very much for your blessings and prayers.

I wish you all a blessed and joyful Sunday. *Fr Biju OSH, PP*

An overview from your Parish Pastoral Council on the recent Parish Renovation Gatherings.

This notice is provided to give all parishioners some brief feedback on the three Parish Renovation Gatherings held over the past month.



- † Firstly, the meetings were held at both ends of the parish ~ St Patrick's Asquith and St Bernard's Berowra Heights.
- † Each of our gatherings was very helpfully lead and guided by Deacon Peter McCulloch from the Cathedral Parish.
- † At these gatherings, the opportunity was given to everyone to express what they considered to be strengths and areas for the improvement of our particular expression of parish community life guided as we are by Christ's great commandment to love.
- † This was then followed by some very helpful group discussions on the challenges and opportunities that our parish faces at this present time in its history.

† Importantly everyone had a chance to speak freely, and our gatherings were marked by a sincere spirit of respectful listening.

† All the essentials of the discussions were recorded by an appointed scribe and, at our final gathering, last Tuesday evening, we had a chance to review and or amend the record of our deliberations.

Deacon Peter is now compiling an ordered report of our deliberations which he will present to Fr Biju and the Parish Pastoral Council at our meeting in May. It is at this point that we will begin to sift through and prioritise the many suggestions which formed our shared vision for the future.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will develop a new Parish Plan for the foreseeable future. We will be reporting back to you regularly on this Parish Plan as it develops.

Dear Parishioner's, this is a significant moment of opportunity for us as a parish to be renewed and re-oriented by God's own Holy Spirit. It is important to stress that this is a work of the WHOLE parish not just Fr Biju and the Parish Pastoral Council. As we the Parish Pastoral Council engage with developing a Parish Plan we ask for your ongoing prayers, support and encouragement. Let us pray earnestly for this our blessed, believing and faithful community, that in all its great variety, we may move together in the Spirit of our Lord into our future as Ku-Ring-Chase Catholic Parish. *Michael Halliday, PPC Chair.*

LIMITED PARKING!
Sundays only
 in SPA school grounds

• Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde **ONLY**.

Pope's intention for May:
For the formation of religious and seminarians.

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

6th week of Easter ~ Year B

Monday 06/05

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 07/05

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 08/05

Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 09/05

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 10/05

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday 11/05

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham AM DD, Peter Barker, Lily Rego

ANNIVERSARY: Salvatore Giuffre, Josephine Sugirtham, Mary Ann Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Antonietta Errico, Donna O'Donohue,

Peter O'Donohue, Peter O'Halloran, Mary Pereira, Ligia Bueno

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Barry Cox, Margaret Browne, Millie Wong, Vince Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, Margaret Patterson, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

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Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation **(R)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's Commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in You and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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Over the next four weekends the ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT will take place across our Diocese.
 Every year a count of all parishioners is taken across all weekend Masses in May and a report is then returned to the Diocese of Broken Bay. The count will commence next weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*

Fr Joy will be jetting off home for his annual leave on Monday 13th May, 2024.
 So for our weekday Mass goes, it is time to mark your calendar with the changes to a weekday Masses

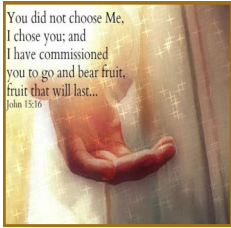
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there will be **ONE WEEKDAY Morning Mass ONLY** in our parish from
Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 14 June 2024 ~ being,
9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday // Tuesday // Thursday // Saturday
9.15am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday // Friday.
Please Note: There will be **no change to weekend Masses** because
 Fr Sunny Peackal, of St Ives Priory has again agreed to supply for us during Fr Joy's annual leave.

All are welcome to come along to a Pentecost Praise evening filled with **'Spirit and Soup'.**
 Please join us, Sarah & Adrian, and our WYD pilgrims, Becky, Rachel, Sophia and Michael at **St Patrick's chapel on Saturday 18th May 2024 from 7.30pm** for some spiritual praise to feed your soul, and we'll even provide a hot cup of soup to feed your body afterwards. Any queries Sarah can be contacted on sarahfoleymassa@gmail.com
No RSVP necessary, just come along, bring a friend, your voice and an open heart.

Reflection ~ Choosing and being chosen

The experience of being chosen by someone can be a welcome one. It might be as simple as someone choosing us to be on their team; or, some years later, to be their referee, when applying for a job; they trust us to give them a good reference. But being chosen can be even more significant still. At the root of every happy marriage is the fact that two people once chose and then kept on choosing each other. At the heart of every true friendship is a similar choice. Two people choose to be friends with each other; they valued their relationship as special and worthwhile. As in marriage, the choice must be mutual if the friendship is to last. When the choice is one-sided, there can be heartbreak for the one not chosen in return. One of life's really painful experiences is unrequited love.



In the gospel today Jesus uses this language of choice and friendship. He tells them (and us), **"I chose you," "I call you friends."** We can each hear those words as addressed to us. The disciples here represent us all. He has handed over his life for us all. Like St. Paul we can each say that the Son of God **loved me and gave himself for me.** In giving his life for us, Jesus chose us, personally, called each of us his friend. His words are to us, **"You are my friends."** The Mass makes present the self-giving death of Jesus in every generation, to every community that gathers for the Breaking of Bread. Right here and now he continues to speak those same words from the last supper, **"You are my friends," "I chose you."** But here's a thing: In our personal lives, choosing one means not choosing another. This is not the case with the good Lord, who is able to choose each of us equally. As Peter says in the first reading, **"God does not have favourites."**

If I choose someone as a friend, I want that person to make a similar choice of me. Similarly, the Lord's choice of us seeks and desires our choice of him. Having chosen us, he wants us to reciprocate that choice. Earlier in the gospel, at a time when many people stopped following him, he turned to his disciples and said to them, **"Do you also wish to go away?"** Jesus was inviting them to respond to the choice he had made of them. At that highly-charged moment, Peter said on behalf of them all, **"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the message of eternal life."** In this way he publicly declared his choice of Jesus. At Mass we both celebrate the Lord's choice of us and we renew our choice of him. When we respond to his invitation to **'take and eat'**, we take Him to heart and renew our choice of him as our way, our truth and our life. (<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/05-may-2024-6th-sunday-of-easter-b/>)



Bernie's Ladies
is celebrating
"Mother's Day"
on

Friday May 10, 2024, 7pm
@ Absolute Thai Berowra
(on the veranda, Berowra Village shopping centre, on Turner Rd)

Come & celebrate all mothers, grannies, aunts, daughters & women in general.

RSVP:
Tuesday May 7th by calling Gen on 0418 866 250 or
Emailing her at:
david@barnettsroad.com

All Ladies from St Patrick's ~ please come along, you're most welcome.

'The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church'.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

will be singing at 10am Mass next Sunday, Mother's Day. What a lovely way to celebrate and show our love for all our mothers and mother figures! Come and share the joy!

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 -5pm in St Patrick's church. All singers from Year 3 and up and welcome to join at any time. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Rosters & Readings for W/nd – 11th/12th May 2024– The Ascension of the Lord Year B - Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

| | St Bernard's Church | | St Patrick's Church | | | |
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| | 5.00pm | 9.00am | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 10.00am | 6.00pm |
| Acolyte / Snr Server | Justin Berry | Paul Dryden | Mani Subramany | Francis Lizardo | Sue Lum | Robert Pesavento |
| Altar Servers Altar Servers | Martha Askew Piper Thompson | Sophia Cottrell Bronte Tonkin | Volunteer needed Volunteer needed | Volunteer needed Volunteer needed | Noah Daly Liam Daly | Volunteer needed Volunteer needed |
| Reader (1) | Sophia Smith | Denise Harant | Miguel Do Rego | Michael Halliday | Christine Vila | Les Fogden |
| Reader (2) | Celia Cox | Peta Tonkin | Edwina Subramany | Maria (Cris) Tolentino | Susie Gates | Mary Stokes |
| Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers | Marcia Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Gwen Wood (s) | | Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f) | | | |
| Maintenance | Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated) | | May: Luke Massa, David Mooney, (John & Sue O'Malley-5th May)–help always needed | | | |

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*.

Jason Evert
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Mark your Diary ~ Pentecost Sunday Rite of Confirmation for Adults
19 May 2024 | 9.30am | OLOR, Waitara

The Rite of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony on Pentecost Sunday for Adults at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. All parishioners across the Diocese are welcome to attend this special occasion.

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