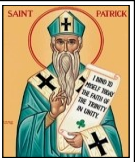


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 5th September 2021 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. 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.

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'



Ephphatha © Fr Michael Tate

We Catholics love little rituals. We are very physical. We splash ourselves with Holy water coming into the Church, we go down on one knee in front of the tabernacle, we use oil and water and bread and wine, we use colour (green or red or white or purple) to express the significance of a particular day. We even use incense on occasion.

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts.

It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: **'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.'**

For a Catholic, it wouldn't be enough to think and mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

We especially use rituals which Jesus used and thereby implore him to continue His presence and His ministry in the same way for our time. Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He does surprising things to this man who must have felt very isolated and lonely – being unable to hear or speak plainly.

Jesus sticks his fingers in the man's ears and touches the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'be opened'. Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer.

[continues inside]

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day © Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all. We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:

those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; and those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.

We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.

We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.

For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.

For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father. Bless them in their strength and in their weakness. Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow. Bless them in their work and in their play. And bless them, Father, for being fathers. **Amen.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

May God bless all the wonderful and varied fathers and father-figures of our parish and beyond, today, tomorrow and always.



COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay remain CLOSED ~ Sunday Mass is live-streamed as follows: Saturday Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith and Sunday Mass - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.

[Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am]

As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:

With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed**. The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order."

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

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches
CLOSED
for the duration
of the
LOCKDOWN**

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 06/09

Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 07/09

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 08/09 ~ Feast

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday 09/09

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

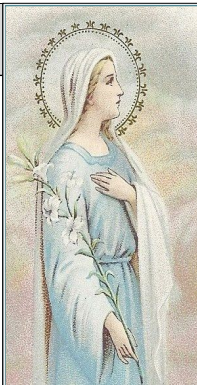
Friday 10/09

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 11/09

1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

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



Feast of the Nativity of Mary ~ Wednesday 8 September, 2021
Happy Birthday to our Blessed Mother, Mary

If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. He said,
"She is the flower of the field
from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley"



Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 31 August 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, I have heard and seen some of the struggles and worries that are being shouldered in our community of the Church. I have been asked why I don't speak out more and defend the Church, especially with reference to the closure of our church buildings.

I understand the burden and would simply ask that at all times when we engage in this conversation, that we maintain a sense of respect and charity towards each other. There is never any need to vent publicly on social media, nor is there justification to mail anonymous and abusive letters. This is the behaviour of uneducated, uncharitable, and pusillanimous people. It is directly opposed to the teaching of Jesus who said, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Sledging and sniping is certainly undignified behaviour from someone who professes to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of His Church.

It is rather naïve to think that angry public demonstrations and rude letter writing campaigns are the best way to have a voice in our society today. By all means, as citizens, each one of us has the right and the duty to make known our concerns about our community and society, but always in charity and with respect. Our civic leaders are dealing with a once in a century pandemic. No one has the perfect road map to navigate our way through this time. Mistakes will be made, but much good will also be achieved. Certainly, communication between Church and State can be improved, but to presume that no conversation is happening is simply false and misleading.

I am very mindful that the negative impact of this situation is not only physical and emotional, but also spiritual. As your bishop my greatest concern is your spiritual wellbeing. A small number of people have demanded that I reopen our church buildings. To do so at this time would place vulnerable people at risk. I am not prepared to do that. Mass is being celebrated throughout the Diocese on a daily basis by myself and the priests. They are not private Masses, as Mass is never a private affair. When the Mass is celebrated, the whole Church celebrates, and every member of the Body of Christ is present at the altar of sacrifice through the communion of saints. To argue otherwise is to misunderstand the very nature of the Church and the mystery of the Mass. In the ritual offering of the bread and wine, the priest gathers up and offers the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of every member of the community of the Church.

My brothers and sisters, I urge you to remain strong in these challenging times. As soon as is reasonably possible, I will reopen the churches throughout the Diocese, however, in the meantime, I would entreat you to ensure that you have done everything reasonably possible to ensure that you are fortified against the COVID virus. Each member of the community must take responsibility for his or her own actions in caring for the whole community of the Church and of society.

As the community of the Church, it is important that we focus on our spiritual life by creating meaningful engagement with God and with each other, despite the lockdown limitations. I encourage you to continue to pray, to make spiritual communion, to read the Scriptures, and to sanctify each day through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My words this week may seem rather direct. I mean no offence. My prayer is for your wellbeing and that of your families and loved ones. Together we must endure the sufferings of this time and unite them with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross. In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are one in the Body of Christ. + Anthony

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joyce Dimmock, Alejandro Maniego, Monica Kavanagh, Angela Smith, Crisanta Colis, June Maher, Henry Sylvester, Agnes Montgomery, Matthew Hughes, John Wright.

ANNIVERSARIES: K P Thomas, Ted Newnham, Reg Cooper, Marie Nicholson, Margaret Hinton, Shirley Gray, Lynette Maguire, Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson.

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: Alex John, Bindu Alex, Joseph Alex, Antonia Alvarado, Chris Enright, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach Uchman, Tom Dawson, David Chee, Roger Okell, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Jean Cook John Gallagher, Felicity Fone, Peter Todd, Peter Brooks, Dan Leavy, Brian Treacy, Barbara Jones, 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 - 30/08/2021
Winning number: 506
Winner: C J Fone (Macavity)
Amount: \$25.00

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September:

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle
~ We pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay
Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

I have called you to renew and rebuild.

August Appeal ~ Still Happening !

At this time, we appreciate any support which can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. Donations can be made via our parish website www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp or via www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Be Sure To Nominate Our Parish so your donation is credited towards our Quota.

- + All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.
- + Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.
- + Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.
- + Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

OUR BANK DETAILS

KCCP has a NEW Bank Account Number: If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible by calling 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish. Fr Shaju.

[continued from front page] But he acknowledges the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing. I find this myself with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which carries on a tradition noted in the Epistle of St James. It would be one thing to say a prayer for a sick person. It adds a wonderful dimension to anoint their forehead with the sacred oil. For some, it is the only touch they will feel apart from that of the nursing staff.

Accompanied by the words: **‘Through this holy anointing, may the Lord help you with his grace and mercy’**, the anointing often has an immediate soothing effect on the person. Even in their illness or frailty, they feel more human because someone has related to them as a human being, i.e. embodied.

But it is in the sacrament of Baptism that we really imitate the incident in today’s Gospel. Many are surprised to find that the Baptism ritual is not confined to a water-rite.

At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised saying: **‘The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His Word and your mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.’**

The Risen Lord Jesus Christ acts in that moment in the same way as he did centuries ago. The baptised person is now enabled to hear meaningful words in the Gospel and to speak meaningful words of their Christian faith. And this brings them into a community formed by that hearing and speaking.

In Confirmation we confirm that baptismal situation. As we mature we can listen to the Gospels with a more discerning ear and with courage we promise to give evidence of the Gospel in our words and lives.

So, I am now going to invite you to renew that part of your baptism which we call the ‘Ephphatha’ ritual.

If you are old enough you can do it for yourself. A parent could do it for an infant.

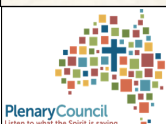
Just take your thumb and lightly touch your ears and repeat after me:

‘May our Lord touch my ears to receive His word.’

Then take your thumb and lightly touch your mouth and repeat after me:

‘May our Lord touch my lips to proclaim His faith.’

‘To the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.’



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

‘He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ Mark 7:31-37

NOTA BENE:
First Plenary Council Assembly
Moving Fully Online
- see back page for details

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

Reflection ~ The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth. (Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, “A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002”, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.)

Prayer Petition ~ We pray that like a good shepherd we will strive to be a humble, healing, and merciful community as we immerse ourselves in the journey of the Plenary Council.

Instrumentum Laboris ~ A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community

24. It is now the task and the privilege of all the Plenary Council delegates to open themselves to the Holy Spirit as together they seek to hear the Spirit’s voice sounding through every dimension of the Plenary Council Journey.

Please pray for the Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



The Diocese of Broken Bay introduce BAY CONNECT

To support Bishop Anthony’s wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team has launched **BAY CONNECT** is an initiative of the Office for Evangelisation (DBB) of regular activities to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with communities of our Diocese and beyond.

The **Bay Connect** page can be found at, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and is featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

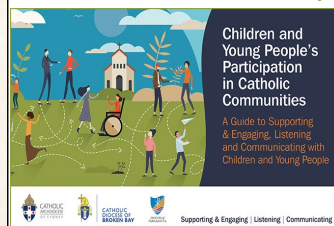
The programme offers:

- **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- **HUMPDAY HANGOUT with BR BERNARD** - Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, ‘Banger’ of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.
 - ✦ To find out more and to register online, visit the BAY CONNECT page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

If you need more information, please contact us at evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au.

“Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way.”

September is Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay.



This year the Safeguarding Offices of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Archdiocese of Sydney and Diocese of Parramatta have collaborated on the development of a significant resource for all Catholic communities.

The resource is a publication which addresses Children and Young Peoples Participation in Catholic Communities: A guide to supporting and engaging, listening, and communicating with Children and Young People.

To show our support for National Child Protection Week our resource will be launched online **Wednesday 8 September.**

To access the guide go to www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021

For more information contact: safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or phone 8379 1651

Separated as we are during lockdown, we all need to find ways to re-connect with each other.




Prego is a way of reflecting on and praying with the Sunday Gospel in small groups, that was developed by a Jesuit spirituality centre in the UK.

Our parish is running this programme via zoom on Sunday evenings from 6pm-7pm,. You are warmly invited to come and join us.

To join the Zoom Meeting on August 29, 2021 6pm go to [https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252?](https://redlands.zoom.us/j/99375430252?pwd=TXZBNnIhXNzlkNmNCUksvaDh6RFRg1QT09#success) **pwd=TXZBNnIhXNzlkNmNCUksvaDh6RFRg1QT09#success**

**ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND - 11th/12th September 2021 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year
Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm


Until restrictions lift:

Rostering for essential ministries during the live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately - if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

Maintenance	Teams A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>	September: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>
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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*.

 **First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online**

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved from a large gathering, to smaller hubs and now to a fully online gathering with one person per device. While not ideal, and not what we had hoped, the national team will continue to assist and support the members and delegates so that they may participate as effectively as possible.

While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfill their role in the coming months.

You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

 **The Parenting Children Course**

As part of the Bay Connect series of on-line events, the Life, Marriage and Family team will be running The Parenting Children Course. The Parenting Children Course is for parents of young children seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills.

It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent.

To find out more watch this short <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSXagXPEr1U&t=1s>

Starts 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom.

Go to: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/prayer-resources/bay-connect> for more information and registration details.

HOPE OUT OF HORROR

In the wake of the tremendous difficulties currently being faced by those in Afghanistan and by Afghans currently in Australia on temporary visas.

SJAB (Social Justice Around the Bay), St. Vincent de Paul, Northern Sydney / Central Coast Regional Social Justice Committee and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia (JRS) are holding a Webinar titled:

Hope Out of Horror – Seeking Refuge in Australia

Thursday, 23 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm

This is a chance to hear the stories of those seeking Refuge and Asylum in Australia and to join a cry to Canberra to:

- Offer Permanent Protection to all Refugees**
- Enable access to Family Reunions for Refugees**
- Offer a Safety Net, including Medical and Financial Assistance to those in need of refuge**

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS ESSENTIAL

To register click on the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-of-hope-and-courage-seeking-refugee-in-australia-tickets-166888717647>

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