

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH - Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 6th August 2023 ~

Transfiguration of the Lord ~ Year A Dan 7:9-10; 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Entrance: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Communion Acclamation: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



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

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 9.30am St Patrick's
Friday After 9am Mass St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841

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

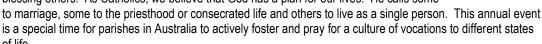
HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

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.

Today ~ Sunday 6 August ~ marks the beginning of 'Vocations Awareness Week'

This year the Church of Australia celebrates the National Vocations Awareness Week from August 6-13. It is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. It was first observed in Australia in 1980. The First Sunday (06 August) of this week is devoted to praying for Single life and Married life. The Second Sunday (13 August) focuses on Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

A vocation is both a gift from God as well as a great privilege. By answering this call, we commit to bringing God's message into the world and spreading His grace and love, in turn blessing others. As Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some



During this week, I invite you all to pray earnestly for more vocations to single life, married life, the priestly life and consecrated life, so that the Church may have a committed and faithful people in all vocations in accordance with the will of Christ and the plan of his Eternal Father. Here I share with you some vocation stories from around the Diocese, you might even recognise a couple of them. *Father Biju*.



Fr Carmello Sciberras (Retired Priest of DBB) - Vocation: Holy Orders (Priesthood)

I desired to be a priest as far back as I can remember. Soon after I made my First Communion, I told a priest of my desire and he said to me, say the "Hail Mary" three times before you go to bed. When I told mum and dad, mum was elated and dad said, "we'll see." I became an altar boy when I was around ten years old and continued to serve daily Mass until we migrated to Australia from Malta in 1956 when I was about 17 years old. I had entered the junior seminary in Malta when I began my secondary schooling and I completed

that at St Columba's College Springwood, by sitting for the Leaving School certificate (HSC) in 1957 being the last student to sit for the last paper (Italian) when the junior seminary closed. I was ordained at St Mary's Cathedral by His Eminence Sir Norman Cardinal Gilroy on 18th July 1964 after completing my theological studies at St Patrick's College Manly.

I have served in 22 parishes, one being Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish, my last appointment, from where I retired from full time ministry in 2009. I ministered as full-time chaplain at Concord Repatriation Hospital and at the First Training Battalion at Kapooka, near Wagga Wagga. I was parish priest at St Joseph's Narrabeen, now The Lakes' Parish, and at Holy Name Wahroonga. I was chaplain in the Army Reserve for 17 years, chaplain to the NSW Police Service, chaplain to the National Servicemen's Association and secretary to the National Council of Priests.

In my retirement, though I have ministered there for 27 years, I am chaplain and crewmen at Hawkesbury Marine Rescue, based at Mooney Mooney. I served the Diocese of Broken Bay by being called to be a Diocesan Consultor by Bishop Patrick Murphy and Bishop David Walker and elected to the Senate of Priests by my confrers. I also attended to work on behalf of the Maltese Community, broadcasting on Radio 2EA, now SBS, every week for 17 years.

I thank God for choosing me, blunt instrument and vessel of clay that I am, to serve him and his Chosen People for so many years hoping to complete 60 years of priesthood next year. My joys and sorrows will shortly go to print in my memoirs that I wrote as an act of thanksgiving to God and to let my nieces and nephews know where our family story in Australia all started.

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

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill (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.'



intention
For August:
For World
Youth Day:
We pray the
World Youth Day

in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 07/08 Num 11:4-15, Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 08/08 ~ Solemnity

St Mary of the Cross, virgin 1 Kg 17:8-16, Col 3:12-17, Mt 6:25-34

Wednesday 09/08

Num 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 10/08 ~ Feast St Lawrence, deacon, martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26 **Friday 11/08 ~ Memorial**

St Clare, virgin Deut 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 12/08 Deut 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tomas Thrum, Marcello (Marky) Marando, Cristofaro Biviano, Emil Wong, Cath West,

Anniversary: Lyn Maguire, Marie Mickleson, Margaret Hinton

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Cita Del Rio, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Judith Ryan, Won Lee, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Maria Park, Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir

Fr Robert Borg (ActivePriest of DBB) - Vocation: Holy Orders (Priesthood)

I was born 3 June 1955 and grew up in The Rocks part of Sydney in Church Hill Parish.
I was educated at St Brigid's Primary School, Millers Point, Fort Street Public School,
Observatory Hill, and St Marys' Cathedral College, Sydney. I worked for the State Government in the Public Transport Commission in the Property Branch.

I had always thought about a vocation to the Priesthood. My involvement with the Marist Fathers at St Patrick's and the Diocesan Priests at the Cathedral made a deep impression on me.

I opted for the Diocesan Priesthood and attended St Columba's College Springwood and St Patrick's College at Manly. I was ordained a deacon in December 1982 for the Archdiocese of Sydney and appointed to Epping Parish. On 20 August 1983 I was ordained as a presbyter and appointed to the Pennant Hills Parish.

Over the past 40 years I have served in Pymble, Terrigal, Chatswood, Kur-ring-gai Chase, Hornsby Cathedral and The Lakes Parishes. I have been involved in the liturgical life of the Diocese as The Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and giving talks in parishes to liturgy groups. At one stage I was asked to join the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See but diplomatically declined to serve now what became the Diocese of Broken Bay. I was Vocations Director at the time and had that ministry for sixteen years.

Each day, I believe, should be as if it is the first day of Priesthood and every Mass should be if it is first Mass I have celebrated. This means that the Priesthood is not a burden but with the Lord's help and prayer, a joyful life lived for God' People. (Fr Borg celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on 20 August this year and our best wishes and prayers are extended to him on this blessed occasion!)

Sr Jo Brady RSJ - Vocation: Holy Orders (Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart)

My call to religious life came while I was a secondary school student in Tasmania. I had grown up in a Catholic family where religious practice was important. I was fortunate to receive all the benefits that came after the Second Vatican Council. In my religious education classes I was inspired by a charismatic teacher who opened to us the documents of Vatican Council and encouraged us to attend adult education classes on scripture.

I realised that being a Christian required much more than just attending Mass. It needed to be part of my whole life. At end of secondary schooling I responded to a call to commit myself to religious life as a Sister of Saint Joseph. I was inspired by the charism of Sisters and their response to the co-founders' call to "Never see a need without doing something about it."

I joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph and completed my novitiate in Hobart and then studied teaching in Canberra. On returning to Tasmania I taught in secondary schools and was also a principal. After completing my doctorate I moved into teacher education at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne and Canberra. Following in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop, I have always been motivated to minister through education. This led to working in East Timor with the Jesuits in establishing a secondary teachers' college, then as Head of Mission for Caritas and as liaison officer for the Plenary Council and for the Sydney Archdiocese.

I am now on the NSW Regional Leadership Team for the Sisters of Saint Joseph, serving my own sisters. My life has been enriched by my vocation and I have been truly blessed.

Mr Scott Smith - Vocation: Marriage

My vocation to marriage came to fruition in 2006, when I wed my lovely High School sweetheart Mariko, and committed to a life of growing together in love.

Being very young, we didn't really know what the future would hold, but were confident that with God's Grace we could learn from each other how to become the people Christ was calling us to be. Now many years later, and with two daughters to teach and be taught by, it feels it really is an inexhaustible calling.

National Vocation Awareness Week which will take place from August 6-13, 2023. During this time, may we implore the Lord for more committed and dedicated people, who take courage in Jesus Christ, gain strength from our shared beliefs, and graciously accept the generous gift of a vocation as presented to them by God.

Let us pray, Lord, open our hearts and minds to the call of vocations - marriage, single life, the ordained ministry and religious life. Amen.

The 250 Club!



Week 2~ 31/07/2023; Winning #: 459 Amt: \$25.00

Winner: Margaret Cadger



8 August every-year ~ Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint and beloved patron

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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.



Tuesday 15 August ~ Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Mass times

St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ 9.15am Parish and Whole School Mass ~ all welcome

St Patrick's Asquith ~ 9am Parish and Whole School Mass ~ all welcome

St Patrick's Asquith ~ 7pm Parish Mass ~ all welcome

Our Clergy and Parish Pastoral Council would like to "Claim these Dates" so please mark your diaries now!							
DAY / DATE	EVENT						
Sunday 20 August 2023	St Bernard's Feast Celebration 9am Mass at SBB Church We will be having a Parish Picnic on the lawn area around St Bernard's church on this day following the 9am mass. Please bring your picnic rugs and picnic lunch and spend the day with your fellow parishioners. There will be a sausage sizzle and games organised for all. If you have any questions please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au who will forward your enquiry to Jerome, Freda or Moauli from the PPC.						
Thursday 7 September 2023	Day Outing to 'The Abbey' at Jamberoo						
Friday 22 September 2023	Multicultural Event – grassed area outside SBB Church	THE PARTY OF THE P					
Thursday 28 September 2023	Beginning of 10 Days of the Rosary (concludes Sat. 7.10.23)	Jamberoo Abbey					
Friday 3 November 2023	Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving 'Do' – 6pm	THANK YOU					
Wednesday 20 December 2023	Whole Parish Carols evening 7.30pm	VOLUNTEERS	# # #####				

Details of each event will be provided in the parish bulletin, however, please mark your diaries now!



Our WYD pilgrims have been going non-stop!

They are travelling well and have finished their time visiting many sacred sites throughout Italy. Last week's journey included visits to the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi and finished in Rome with an awe-inspiring visit to the Vatican museums, through the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica (the largest Church in the world). On their last day in Rome they visited the Colosseum which was declared a sacred site by Pope Benedict XIV.

They have now made their way to Portugal where the World Youth Day festivities are in full swing. Think of them this weekend as they have a sleep out with millions of other young people from all over the world



preparing for the visit from the Pope and culminating with Mass with the Holy Father on Sunday

This time next week our pilgrims should be back home. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, that God will enlighten them on their journey and keep them safe.



Each weekend, first-time attendees come to our Masses. Their experience of welcome can be a deciding factor as to whether they will return.

I have arranged to hold a formation day for all volunteers involved in any form of welcoming or hospitality in our parish, such as (but not limited to), those who make others a cuppa after Mass. This formation is also open to folk who would simply like to come along and see what it is all about and

A Welcome and Workshop

perhaps go on to join our existing volunteers. You will be made very welcome if you join us! "You're Welcome Here!" is a new workshop from the Parish Renewal and Discipleship Team of the Diocese. The workshop will be held on: Date: Thursday 10 August ~ Time: 6pm to 8pm ~ Venue: Fr McMaugh Hall, (in St Patrick's School grounds) ~ RSVP: Tuesday 8 August by email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or calling 9456 2450. Presenter: Ms Pina Bernard, Team Leader Parish Renewal and Discipleship, DBB. I hope to see many of our loval and valued volunteers at this workshop ~ and some new ones :) Fr Biju.

Later this year there an Australia wide referendum on a proposal popularly called 'The Voice' will be held and voting is compulsory.

The proposal is about recognition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution through the establishment of a body called The Voice. The only way to change the Australian Constitution is by the nationwide vote. All legislation for The Voice will be written and developed by the Australian Parliament.

An Information Session is being held on Sunday August 13th at Hornsby RSL from 3pm to 5pm. There will be 4 speakers, Julian Leeser MP, Tom Bathurst QC, Prof Tom Calna AO, Kate Carnell AO It's a great opportunity to listen, learn and ask guestions about the proposal upon which you will be voting. This QR code can also be used for Information & Registration.



DIOCESAN FUNDRAISER THIS **WEEKEND!**

like home - but for many having a

There is no place

home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness. Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place this weekend across all parishes in the Diocese. Thank you for supporting this important Diocesan initiative. (Envelopes can be found in the pews and can be placed on either collection plate at any mass).



Please keep in your daily prayers our pilgrims and all youth from across the world



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's continues to grow week by week, with

young people of all ages coming to join us. The help of parents/ carers is essential for keeping the Choir running and we welcome volunteers (with current WWCC numbers). Currently we are seeking volunteers to train as assistant directors for the Choir. There is one essential prerequisite for this role: you must love children! All other training and experience is provided on the job, by the children and the current Choir director. If you would like to give it a try, or volunteer in another role, please contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or come along to one of our regular practices on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. All welcome, from Year 3 and up. NB You're also invited to bring your knitting or current craft project and join our Knit'n'Chat group outside the church from 4 to 5pm while practices are going on.

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church				
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm	
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	Bill Martin	David Massa	Vincente Sanchez	
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Paul Maher	Miguel Do Rego	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Fiona Fone	
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Freya Tonkin	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Volunteer needed	
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Tina Manti (s)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Ellen Downey (F)				
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (help always needed & 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.



Annual Seminarian Benefit Dinner

Calling all Broken Bay faithful! Come join us for an amazing evening

Saturday, 2 September 2023.

Enjoy delicious food, friendly company and musical performances put on by our very own seminarians. Most importantly, support our diocese's commitment to inspiring vocations! Seats are limited.

Secure yours now at https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1082143? mc cid=d0ae0b083b&mc eid=86ca9b7376

Date: Saturday, 2 September Time: 6:30pm (after 5pm Mass) ~ Tickets: \$60 per person

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Parish - Harrington Hall, 94 Archer Street,

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E: lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



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