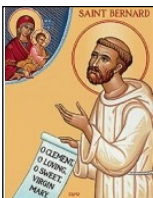


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 6th September 2020 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



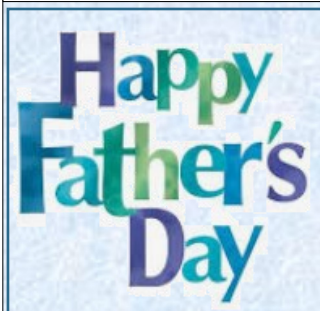
Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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'



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.

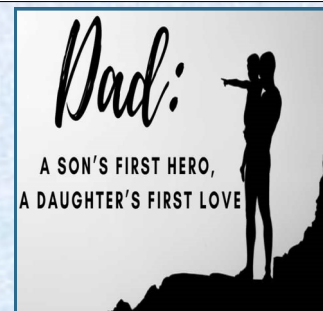
We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for those whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men, especially the priests and monks, who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

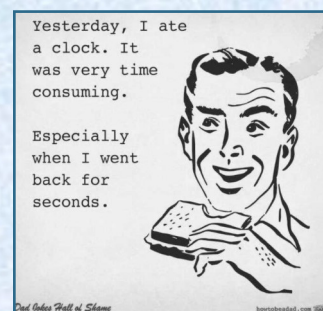
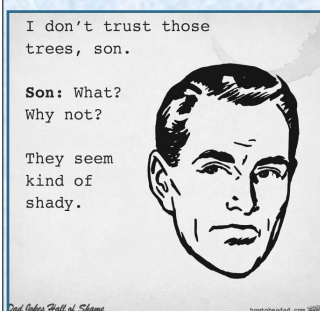
We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



He is a mender of toys, a leader of boys.
He is a changer of fuses, a healer of bruises.
He's a mover of couches, a healer of ouches.
He's a hanger of screens, a counsellor of teens.
He's a pounder of nails, a teller of tales.
He's a dryer of dishes, a fulfiller of wishes.

Bless Him, O Lord.



Annual Clergy Retreat: 7th ~ 11th September 2020

Fr Shaju and Fr Joy will be away from the parish for their annual retreat during this time.

NO MASSES OR COMMUNION SERVICES

will be held in our parish on

Tuesday 8th ~ Wednesday 9th ~ Thursday 10th September 2020



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Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH
Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons
at St Bernard's: 60 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 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

Monday 7/09

Mass *ad libitum*
1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 8/09 ~ Feast

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1-11
Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday 9/09

Mass *ad libitum*
1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 10/09

Mass *ad libitum*
1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 11/09

Mass *ad libitum*
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Lk 6:39-42

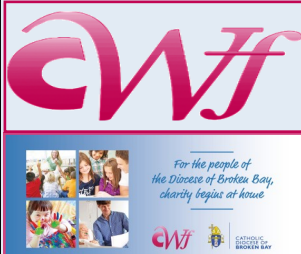
Saturday 12/09

Mass *ad libitum*
1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody, Margaret Hinton, Cresencia De La Torre-Mendoza, Daisy Hughes, Joo Loke (Peter) Wee, Raymond Hughes, Dolores Garcia, Mia Donnelly, Joan Gates (Richards), Maureen Casey, Marie Mickelson, Mary Ann Weir,
ANNIVERSARIES: Chrissie Butterworth, Pam Spooner, Shirley Gray, Phyllis Newnham, Charles & Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosley, Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill Davies, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Josie & Max Buie, Arthur Marsh, Luz Turqueza, Mel Sheldon, Jovencia Ferrer,
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Anne Brady, Anna Schiavo, Sr Tincy Thomas, Stephen C C, Nemia Camille Asiong, Ann Cochrane, Rodney Porter, Marie O'Hare, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy) Mustey, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynnack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Margaret Hinton, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGauley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakoz, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Arlene Josen, Kath Lock, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, John Macy, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

Thank You
My thanks to the priests and members of KC Parish for your prayers and manifest care, while I was sick. Your thoughts and prayers ensured that I was not alone in hospital or in recovery.
Barbara McMullen.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal
THIS WEEKEND

This financial year's quota: **\$34,872**
(1st appeal ~ \$11,624)

First Appeal for the 2020/2021 Financial Year
The CWF Appeal is 100% tax deductible

Families across Broken Bay need your help. Your generous donation will support five catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Diocese. Every Parish is set a CWF fundraising target. This ensures that the charities that receive funding, can plan and budget accordingly: CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral care Practitioner Programme, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine [CCD (Catechists)], St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre for people with deafness or hearing impairment. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted many areas of our lives. Donations for this appeal can be made from our parish in the following ways:

- Donating in the traditional way (via the plate) - You will need to collect a CWF envelope from the back of our churches and place on either of the plates as they are passed around.
THERE WILL NOT be a special plate passed for the CWF alone this year.
- Donate in person at the parish office using a credit card (cash can be taken but c/card is safer and much preferred).
- Donate over the phone by calling the parish office on 9456 2450 and using your credit card.
- Donate online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund. **Please be sure to nominate our parish so that your gift is applied to KCCP's fundraising target.**



Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have anointed us to bring your Good News to our Broken Bay community.

Pour out abundant blessing on all in our Diocese who will benefit from the Charitable Works Fund, including the communities of

the sick ministered to by our Hospital Chaplains and pastoral care workers; our volunteer Catechists and students;

St Lucy's School;

St Edmund's College;

and the Ephpheta Centre

Through Christ our Lord.



Come On Join The Club! The 250 Club!

Did you know? Our parish has a long running and very easy fundraiser.
Not a member? Not a problem!

We can help you, and it's really easy to do ☺

You simply invest \$20 for 20 chances over 20 weeks.

Your \$1 per week investment buys you 4 consecutive numbers and could return:

\$25.00 during Weeks 1 – 4 and \$500 !!! each 5th week

Draws then continue in this pattern to the end of the 20 week series.

Payment can be taken via the plate, over the phone or on the website via BPoint.

It's no different to buying chocolates for the kids netball or soccer clubs except you're helping your parish, it's better for your health and on your waistline and you might just win the big \$500 drawer!

Numbers available, so please get on board this parish initiative.

For more information call the parish office on 9456 2450.

The 250 Club!

Week 21: 01/09/2020 ~ Winning No.: 722~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ **WINNER Lyn Beacom**



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

Thank you for your generosity. Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.

OUR BANK DETAILS

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account
Please specify how to split your donation between 1st / 2nd collections.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Ushers Needed



We need more Ushers ~ please help!!

Sadly, we had **NO response** to our call for Ushers last week.

If you have returned to Mass physically, then you know the vital ministry our volunteer Ushers have undertaken. They have been doing a superb job but the time has come to share the load.

A new roster is about to be completed so please, call the parish office 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to come on board.

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 1 September 2020] ~

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, This week marks the beginning of the Safeguarding Month of September for the Diocese of Broken Bay. Our theme this year is 'Focusing on the Rights of the Child'. We dedicate September to this theme as an ongoing reminder for us to build and value the culture of safety and well-being for all people in the community of the Church. It is something that we are committed to, every day, all year round. We begin this month with a Liturgy of Lament, an opportunity to gather and pray to God and to acknowledge the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The theme of the Liturgy this year is 'Listening to the Past: Caring for the Future'. Safeguarding month in 2020 will be marked by a number of 'firsts':



- It is the first time as your Bishop that I will release my message on the priority of safeguarding in our mission and ministry. I have done this through a video that you can watch here [*see below] which communicates that safeguarding is not simply a tick-the-box exercise, but an important priority that needs to be acknowledged and embraced throughout the whole life of our Diocese and upheld on multiple levels.
- It is the first time we welcome a person who is a survivor of sexual abuse to be with us and share her story at the Liturgy of Lament. She will be present to give voice to her experience and bear witness to her journey of survival. To listen to her story is a privileged moment. I am personally grateful for her trust, her dignity, her courage, and for giving us this opportunity to hear her voice.
- As a community of the Church, we need to defend and promote the spiritual rights of our children. It is the first time the spiritual rights of the child will be articulated along with the human rights of the child in our newly released Diocesan Rights of the Child Framework. This is an initiative about which I feel very strongly. This year observes 30 years since Australia ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. That is an important milestone. Our Diocesan Framework will be released during the month and will be an excellent resource for catechesis, education, and ministry.

I am thankful for the work being done in our parishes and communities, our Catholic Schools and by our Catechists in the Public Schools. I am particularly aware of the ministry and mission of CatholicCare, the merciful arm of our Church. So many good people in our community of the Church are committed to ensure that children and vulnerable people have a safe environment in which to live and grow, to pray and worship. I encourage all people in our Diocese of Broken Bay to reflect on your contribution to Safeguarding in our communities and consider how you can engage throughout September with initiatives that raise awareness and build a culture of safety and care. + Anthony [*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8gE8I-zC0k&feature=youtu.be>]

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child.

It has been 30 years since Australia ratified the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. During September the Diocese will post a number of significant messages via online platforms. Please follow the Diocese of Broken Bay social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with the release of resources and events.



Learning Hub: A recent resource published by the Office of the Children's Guardian – *Engaging sensitively with survivors of abuse - A guide for faith organisations* – can be found here: https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/802/Engaging_sensitively_with_survivors.pdf.aspx?Embed=Y. "This guide is a powerful tool that will support people working in this sensitive and challenging environment." – Janet Schorer PSM, NSW Children's Guardian

Free Online Learning Opportunities:

Putting Children First: A Panel Discussion: Tues 8 September @ 2.30pm-4.00pm.

Registration: via this link **Putting children first webinar series:** Mon 7 September to Fri 11 September 2020
The amazing line-up of speakers for the National Child Protection Week Putting Children First webinar series promises something for everyone who has an interest in the wellbeing of children.

Go to - <https://www.napcan.org.au/event/putting-children-first-webinar-series/>

Esafety's parent guide to popular apps: Tue 8 September @ 12.30pm (recurring event).

Go to - <https://www.napcan.org.au/event/esafetys-parent-guide-to-popular-apps/2020-09-08/>

Teen Life: Transitions and Connections: Tue 8 September @ 7.30pm – 8.30pm (recurring event).

Go to - <https://www.napcan.org.au/event/teen-life-transitions-and-connections/2020-09-08/>

Advocating for your child with a Disability: Tues 8 September @ 1.00pm – 2.30pm.

Go to - <https://www.myforeverfamily.org.au/events/169/online->



Congratulations to our First Communicants

who received the Most Holy Body of Christ over the last two weekends. We congratulate each of you and ask God to abundantly bless you now and always.

We extend our sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation to Deborah Wing, Louise Cosgrove, Peta Tonkin, Grace Milen, Phill Clarke and all facilitators and families for their thorough preparation of the children under the most unusual and difficult of circumstances.

We also thank our Senior Servers, Musicians and Cantors who were good enough to step-up and make each Mass so special.

Fr Shaju and Fr Joy.

Plenary Council 2020:

In light of the postponement of the Plenary Council assemblies by 12 months, Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB is encouraging people across Australia to reflect more deeply on the practice of discernment. In his paper, entitled "A Journey of Discernment", Archbishop Costelloe begins by examining the genesis of the Plenary Council, retraces the journey so far and offers insights into the period leading up to the assemblies in 2021 and 2022, as well as the implementation phase beyond. Download the "A Journey of Discernment" paper View the latest Plenary Council timeline leading up to the assemblies in 2021 and 2022. Archbishop Costelloe has also recorded a short video to introduce the paper, which can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/94CI5NxoDzw>



ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 12th/13th September– 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Sirach 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	David Massa	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Kerrin Enright	Nuria Gonsalves	(sub requested)	Chris Newnham	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	John Ryan	(sub requested)	Rionah Gonsalves	Michael Halliday	Sue Newnham	Paul O'Neill
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Michael Halliday/Sean Doyle	Help needed please
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood(s), Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)		Lyn Vila, Leila Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		September: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			

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*.



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land

This collection normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic,

Pope Francis moved the **date for this collection to Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living.

This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers.

REFLECTION ~ 'Get behind me, Satan' © Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death.

Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.'

What can this mean?

I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it *was* the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.



Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other

MOST IMPORTANT
and
No. 1 Rule
follow
ALL DIRECTIONS
of
the
USHER/s

Capacity of
our churches
100 in
St Patricks,
60 in
St Bernard's
If unwell ~
DO NOT
come to mass ~
please
see your doctor

Stand
1.5m
apart

Wear
a mask

Volunteer to
disinfect
pews after
Mass, OR
leave
immediately
and DO NOT
congregate
outside the
church

Covid-19
symptoms
*Fever
(37.5 or higher)
*Sore/scratchy
throat
*Shortness of
breath
*Loss of smell
*Loss of taste
*Cough