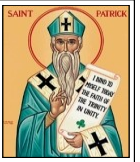


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 6th June 2021 ~ **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** ~ Year B
Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

- Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
 Alleluia.
Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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'



HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

In years gone by the major focus of this feast of Corpus Christi was a procession that usually concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Many of us have fond memories of Benediction: a bejewelled cope and monstrance, the flickering candles, the Divine Praises and Latin hymns. It all worked to create a magical atmosphere. As richly theatrical as it was, the magical side of it was part of the problem.

In medieval times Catholics rarely received Holy Communion. So much so it was in this context that the Church ruled that we have to communicate at least once a year. In the absence of communion, veneration of the Blessed Sacrament took on a great significance. Seeing the host was thought to impart an intense power. Although in the last 100 years we have been encouraged to receive communion more frequently, the magical properties ascribed to the host persist in some people's devotional thinking. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is really and personally present to us in the broken bread and shared cup of the Eucharist. And although we believe that Christ is present in the Scriptures, the assembly and the ministers of the Church, we hold that Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine is one filled with the greatest intimacy and uniqueness.

The Eucharist is not intimate and unique because it is magic. It's not intimate and unique because we gaze upon the elements. The Eucharist is intimate and unique because earthly signs are transformed by God's love, and are consumed in faith. As we eat and drink these elements Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ.

In the fifth century Saint Augustine taught his people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. The same is true for us today. **By receiving into our hands the bread** – blessed and broken, the cup – poured and shared, we say 'Amen' to becoming the same in Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We commune with God and God with us in the Eucharist so that just as earthly gifts are transformed into Christ so through us will be the entire world, and all things in it.

There is a huge and important difference between grace and magic. One is a trick for show. The other is the power of love, which expresses itself in faith, hope and service. In a profound poem French Jesuit Didier Rimaud challenges those of us who love the Eucharist to see it linked to the liberation begun in the Exodus, consummated in the Resurrection and working in our world today.

In remembrance of you, **We take the bread of Easter in our hands,**
 This Bread do we consume:

It does no longer taste of bitter herbs, nor of unleavened bread.
 It is the bread of a land promised us where we shall be set free.

In remembrance of you, **We take the wine of Easter at our feast,**
 This wine do we hold dear:

It does no longer taste of bitter springs, nor of dark salty pools.
 It is the wine of land promised us where we shall be made whole.

In remembrance of you, **From exile we return.**

In remembrance of you, **We walk across the sea!**



No wonder the early Christians called the Body and Blood of Christ, 'food for the journey'. May this Eucharist strengthen and embolden us to help God liberate and transform the world through how we spend our lives.

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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 07/06

2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 08/06

2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 09/06

2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 10/06

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

Friday 11/06 ~ Solemnity

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday 12/06 ~ Memorial

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

(Is 61:9-11); Lk 2:41-51

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mathew Franklin, Michael Gan Ai Lau, Ilureza Wong, Iggy Castillon, Terry Treacy, Josephine Sugirtham

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo Vila, Helena Noske, Mary Ann Weir, Judy Huntley, Geoffrey Warren, Andrzej Maciejewski, Andrea Daria, Elde Daria, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Eliza Daria, Filomena & Vicente Banaga, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father), Peter O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann

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

The 250 Club!

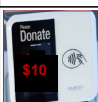


Week 16 – 31/05/2021
Winning number: 623
Winner: Alison Henson
Amount: \$25.00



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:
The beauty of Marriage**

~ Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!

Catechists are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to inspire, to grow and learn. We need more Catechists to teach in our public schools. All training and class materials are provided.



INTERESTED?
CATECHIST COORDINATOR
MOBILE 0407 650 208
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CATECHIST NEWS...

*You can Make a Difference,
but You won't Know
if You Don't have a Go!*

**For the children's sake – please don't let our plea fall upon deaf ears.
Without Catechists to teach them,
some children won't know that God exists.**

The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God, is given to every child in the public school system, by Catechists in our Parish,
but sadly we do not have enough Catechists.

Can you help us to help them??

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided, but really just follow the script and watch the children's faces come to life hearing the **"greatest story ever told."**

Did you know that Catechists form the largest volunteer team within the Church?!

Needed (apart from You!): A Working with Children Check which is compulsory but **NO BIG DEAL**, in fact it's quite simple. Catechists will be at the back of the Church today to answer any questions.

Please: call Cynthia Gilbertson, our Catechist Coordinator on 0407 650 208 or the Parish Office.

Testimonies from our Catechists:

Coral Thaddeus: I joined the Catechist ministry **17 years** ago firstly at my local school, Hornsby Heights. Then about 6 years ago I extended to Wideview at Berowra Heights. At both schools I teach years 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, a half hour session for each class on a Tuesday & Wednesday. I have been blessed with lovely children, great teachers in the classrooms and lots of support from the other catechists. Nothing can compare to the joy you feel to see the children's smiling faces and it certainly lifts your spirit. If you are thinking of joining, my advice is to give it a go, step out in faith and let the Lord work His magic on you.

Glenn Shapter: I have been teaching scripture for **seven years**. I live at Berowra and I teach scripture to years 3 & 4 at Berowra public and Hornsby North. The lessons are easy to teach and the students work along with you. After a few courses you will be ready to teach. There is always a school teacher in the class room.

Annette Shapter: I have been a catechist for **seven years**. I live in Berowra and teach scripture to years 1-2 at Berowra Public School on Wednesday morning 9-30 to 10 am. I started as a helper and now I am teaching the class by myself. If I can so can you. Come and join us.

Paul Worthington: I have been involved in catechetical teaching in both catholic schools and scripture in state schools for **over 40 years**. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching in both systems but my involvement in scripture lessons has been a real highlight with the students who seek to know more about Christ. The students in our state schools across our parish are a real treasure who have a real sense of being the "hands, eyes and ears" for the mission of Jesus.

Mary Stokes: I have been a Catechist for **many years off and on**. Now I no longer have to go to work I can enjoy it more. Lessons laid out in our manuals are very easy to follow and don't require any complicated knowledge of our faith, just let your light shine as the song says. I once went to a hairdresser and she remembered I taught her Scripture in 4th Class at Hornsby North Public. If you don't feel confident about it come as a helper to one of the Catechists. You have no idea what influence our small input can have on the children's lives.



Left to right:

Cynthia Gilbertson: I have been a Catechist for **seventeen and a half years** and I have enjoyed every minute of teaching about the precious gift of faith and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. The children's little hearts and minds are pure and loving and I encourage them to keep these very special gifts forever. Sometimes I ask the children to say a prayer, in their own words - the honesty and simplicity of their thoughts, usually brings a tear to my eyes. This is truly a rewarding Ministry. Please join us, now. These children need you.

Mary McAleer: In August 2016 I was assisting my daughter in preparing my grandsons for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was approached by our Catechist Co-ordinator and asked if I would like to be a Catechist. My immediate response was that I didn't feel I had the ability to teach children in our local Primary Schools, but I agreed to be a catechist helper. I attended the training at CCD Pennant Hills and became a class helper in October 2016. In January 2017 I was asked if I would take a class as one of the Catechists had retired. I said I would 'give it a go' and here I am **5 years** on. Being a Catechist is a very rewarding ministry and I find teaching the children enlightens my faith and we grow together. Please consider joining our ministry. You will be given a teacher's manual that sets out each lesson for you and books for the students.

Greta Wickham: I have been a catechist for **more than thirty years**. I have been given the great gift of faith and if I can pass that gift onto others, I feel God will be very pleased with me. Please join our Ministry now.

Please, help 

We are now in **DIRE STRAITS** having lost 6 out of 10 volunteers recently.

Please Volunteer NOW

To take Holy Communion to our Housebound in **Christophorous House and Regis**

We are in desperate need of more Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to Parishioners in:

* **Ku-ring-gai Gardens (Regis) Asquith** * **Christophorous House Asquith**

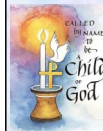
Volunteers are so low in this ministry that we have just drawn up and distributed **a roster to visit these Aged Care Facilities only once per fortnight because we only have four parishioners willing to meet this need.**

NB: There are a couple of requirements:

1. **You need to be a EM**, if not one already, you will need some training - our priests will help you.
2. **You will need a cleared National Police History Check**, the parish office will help you and pay.
3. **You will need a Flu Vaccination** from 1.6.21 it is law that all volunteers going to Aged Care Facilities must have this vaccination.

This is such an important ministry ~ the taking of our Lord in the Eucharist to fellow parishioners who are unable to join us physically at Mass. The rewards are great and they just love to see you.

For more information please speak to Father or the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, thank you .



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to

Evan James Sainsbury

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep Evan, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

RCIA FOR OLDER CHILDREN



Crossroads ~ A pathway for older children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation

There may be a number of children in upper primary classes, or early secondary school, who have missed out on the sacramental programmes which younger children complete in about Year 3 and 4. If you would like your older child to be Baptised and/or complete their Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion, please make contact with the Pastoral Centre and arrangements can be made to meet with you and your child to plan for this.



Confirmation 2021 will be celebrated within Masses on Sunday 5th September 2021 at

~ 11.30am St Bernard's ~ 2pm St Patrick's ~ 4pm St Patrick's

These Masses are for candidates only and incorporate ~ 1 candidate + 1 sponsor + 2 parents/caregivers only

ENROLMENT FORMS are now available for download from the Parish Website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/sacraments/confirmation>

Together with full details of the **Enrolment weekend - June 19/20, Workshops and practices and most importantly, the**

Mandatory Parents Information Evening July 14th at 7.30pm

This is an essential requirement for your child to proceed to the Sacrament of Confirmation.



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly

One October 2021 ~ www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many' Mark 14:12-16,22-26

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter. *(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)*

Reflection Question ~ How can the Church deepen the identity of all the baptised as missionary disciples, sharing in the mission of Jesus to prepare the way of God's kingdom?



Plenary Council – National Prayer Campaign

People across Australia have been invited to participate in the **fan the flame** national prayer campaign towards the first Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The prayer campaign was launched on the feast of Pentecost Sunday and provides the chance for us to support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. **Please pray for the Plenary Council.**



Putting Rungs on the Ladder Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening



Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening

Every year people from the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta, gather to reflect on the Social Justice Statement issued by the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference.

The **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening**, to be held at **6.00pm** on the **30 June** at **Pennant Hills Bowling Club**, is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the work of social justice ministries across the dioceses and to consider how we as a church can respond to the issues addressed in the statement. This year's

topic is mental health in Australia. If you would like more information about the event or would like to attend, please contact Emma Baker on 8379 1630 or email at emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au. **RSVP by 16 June 2021 is essential due to catering and COVID-19 requirements.**

At KCCP we take Safeguarding Seriously and

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY !



Safeguarding involves a culture which promotes an attitude that prioritises the safety and best interests of

children, young people and adults at risk.



Save our Graves Campaign ~ The Catholic Church has been operating cemeteries in NSW for more than 150 years, doing the merciful work of burying the dead, keeping their graves and giving comfort to grieving families.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a petition to reverse a NSW Government decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery Management.

Please consider signing the petition at: <https://saveourgraves.com.au>

For more information from Archbishop Anthony Fisher's newsletter go to:

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ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 12th/13th June – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Alex Jarominek	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Reader (1)	Mark Dunkley	Barbara McMullen	Celia Cox	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Isaac Tonkin	Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber	Deborah de Voss	Simone Noel
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favalaro	Volunteer needed	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Chris & Sue Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Annette Shapter (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Mervyn Soares, Liz Soares, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		June: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow - additional help always appreciated			
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Barbara McMullen	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Volunteers NEEDED!	Christophorus House	Volunteers 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*.

Lectionary Art and Reflection © Jenny Close



One of the most wonderful things about Eucharist is that bread and wine (the ordinary fruits of the earth and the work of human hands) are understood to have many layers of meaning.

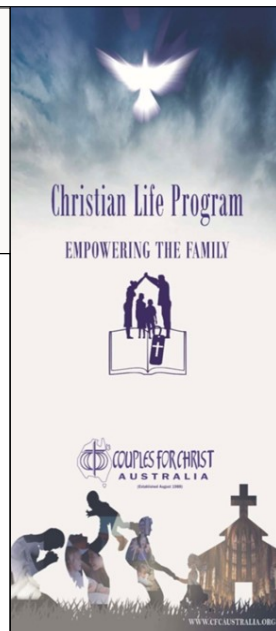
Their relationship to the earth is not broken at the consecration – on the contrary the earthiness of the elements is valorised and blessed.

BBN ~ The June 2021 issue of Broken Bay News is available from the back of our churches this weekend. Please take a copy home with you today!

The June issue features BB35 celebrations, Joseph House opening, stories from the amazing works of CatholicCare, 200 years of the Catholic education in Australia Celebration Mass, and lots more!

Click on (or copy and paste) the link below to read the online version.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_june_2021_issue_210



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All are welcome!

For more details call/message:
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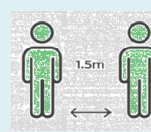
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Sanitise your hands



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