



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

7 April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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

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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Dear parishioners,

This is the second Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, because it is a day when the flood-gates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for.

Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for years as a private devotion. But on 30 April 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, declared the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. As a mystic she was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord which she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy.

She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

After his resurrection, Jesus showed his disciples the wounds of his passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. His scars are the evidence of his love and mercy. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. Let us turn our eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

Jesus, I trust in You

Fr Biju Jose OSH, PP



*You are cordially invited
to a very special parish event*

**The Installation of Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH
as Parish Priest of
Ku-ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish**

When: Sunday 28 April 2024

Where: St Patrick's,

Asquith Time: 10am Mass

Presider: Bishop Anthony Randazzo

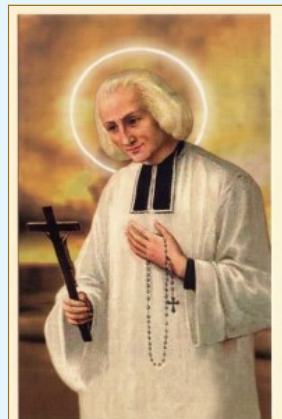
Very Important Person: Our very own Parish Priest, Fr Biju !

This Mass of Installation will be followed by a celebratory morning tea and you are asked to bring along a plate to share please.

Fr Biju is very much looking forward to greeting you all on the day and to have you celebrate this milestone in his priestly life with him.

On the day, Fr Biju would love to have as many parishioners as possible attend this important celebration of unity and thanksgiving in our parish and to facilitate this ... please note that:

The usual 8am Mass at St Patrick's on 28 April 2024 will be cancelled on the 28th April only.



*Receive, O my God,
all my thoughts and
all I am going to do today,
in union with all You bore
out of love for me
during Your life on earth."*

St John Maria Vianney

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Pope's intention for April: For the role of women.

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2nd week of Easter ~ Year B
Monday 08/04 ~ Solemnity
The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 09/04

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday 10/04

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 11/04 ~ Memorial

St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 12/04

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 13/04

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lily Rego, Luzviminda "Minda" Carrancho, Phillip Broughton, Brian Gallagher,
ANNIVERSARY: Ligia Bueno, Alfred De Ramos, Analizade De Ramos, Bernard De Ramos, Mary Pereira, Gregory Cooper, Carol Pereira, Michael Capozzi, Rosemary Contreras, Esmie Braganza,
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, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson, Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club!

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Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Renovating our Parish:

Thank you to everyone who came along to our pastoral discernment session in Asquith last Thursday. We had a good attendance and plenty of helpful comments and ideas about our parish were received. Our next discernment session will be held at ...

Berowra on: Friday 12 April, 7pm-8.30pm in the Fr Denis Callaghan Hall (St Bernard's School, Berowra Hts).

Once again, we'll be inviting everyone to listen and to share their thoughts, hopes and ideas for our parish. Refreshments will be served. And finally, the information gathered at these two consultations will be shared with everyone at a **whole-parish gathering on 7pm-9pm on Tuesday 23 April in the Fr McMaugh Hall at Asquith.**

Please join us. Your comments and ideas will help us develop our new Parish Pastoral Plan. *Fr Biju Jose OSH, PP.*



Easter is a New Beginning!

Fr Joy and myself wish to reconnect more personally with you, so again this year, we have decided to offer a Catholic tradition (from many countries) to bless homes between now through to Pentecost. This is a beautiful tradition and we would like very much to visit with you all ~ the housebound and those we see at Mass alike. Not only will we bless your homes but we will also administer additional Sacraments upon request. Various days, dates and times have been put aside in the parish calendar, so to make an appointment, please contact the parish office. *Fr Biju.*

~ Just like we did for Palm Sunday ... when words are not enough ~
 we share here in images our beautiful celebration of Easter Sunday last weekend



What a wonderful celebration! ~ Congratulations to Ben Edwards as he was received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil! Ben was confirmed and received the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time. Thanks to all those who have prayed with and accompanied Ben, including the many people involved in the Rosary group, those who attend daily Mass and those hosting coffee corner as well as all those contributing to the beautiful liturgical ministries and environment. I especially thank those who helped with the Sycamore and Lenten sessions and accompanied Ben in his journey of faith so far. In these ways we have shown that "the people of God understand and show their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptised" rcia #9 ~ **Thank you all! – Sue Newnham (RCIA Coordinator, KCCP)**



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
Eva Jane Vandenberg

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep her, her parents & Godparents in your prayers.

The Risen Lord has certainly blessed KCCP

Each year things seem to become busier and busier and the lead up to Easter was no exception, however, we have been blessed with many volunteers who made time in their own busy schedules to step up, and for that, **we sincerely thank each one of you ...**

✚ **Our congregation**, who came together so full of hope and faith to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord in Ku-ring-gai Parish, many of whom came and celebrated with families and friends.

As we don't want to inadvertently miss out a name, we instead **offer gratitude and thanks in general terms to ...**

- ✚ Our Lenten programme facilitators and Stations of the Cross leaders for preparing us so well ,
- ✚ Our Readers, Senior Servers & Thurifers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers for their service on the Altar,
- ✚ Our liturgy team decorators, prayers of the faithful writers, collectors, flower arrangers, church cleaners and maintenance teams, all of whom worked so hard to beautify our liturgies, churches and the church grounds,
- ✚ Our musicians and choirs across all services and Masses during Lent & Easter,
- ✚ Those who brought along a plate to share after the Easter Vigil Masses at both churches for the many to enjoy.

What a list! & what a wealth of talent has been given by God to these wonderful parishioners, who in their turn, willingly share their gifts with us, thank you!

✚ Heartfelt thanks go to our priests, Fr Biju and Fr Joy, who with humility and sincere reverence, led our liturgies and instilled the very real and tangible meaning of Easter in all of us. They continue to show us the hope of the Risen Lord in all they say and do always. **Let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia, alleluia!**

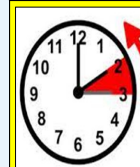
Jesus shows his love for us Through people just like you!

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

will be practising as usual this Friday, 12th April, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and then there will be a two-week break for school holidays. Please note that Children's Choir will continue to sing at 10am Mass throughout the holidays, on 2nd and 4th Sundays as usual. Don't forget to mark Sunday 28th April in your diaries: the Choir will be leading the music for Fr Biju's special celebration!



The new screens in St Patrick's Church had their first major workout over Easter. The feedback has been very positive and we hope this new way of viewing things is of benefit to all who attend Mass at Asquith. We do, however, still have to pay for the installation of the screens. So far **\$2,050.00** has been donated but there is still a way to go. It would be greatly appreciated if you could see your way clear to making a **donation of any size to meet this expense.** If you can help, please contact the office via: E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9456 2450.



Daylight Savings Ends April 7th. Turn your clocks back 1 hour at 3am on 7 April '24.

Rosters & Readings for W/end – 13th/14th - 3rd Sunday of Easter Year B - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Sub requested	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Sub requested	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Volunteer needed	Penny Loughland	Russell Schreiber	Christine Vila	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Chichi Datoc (s)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Bernadette Or, Ellen Downey (f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B -(help always needed & appreciated)		April: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow–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*.

Autumn Garden Extravaganza !

Clare Bell, a parishioner of the parish and avid gardener, has again kindly offered to open her one acre garden for all to visit as a Parish activity! Clare's garden was once part of Open Gardens Australia, and is coming into full Autumn splendor which she is happy to share will all parishioners of KCCP. Sturdy shoes are recommended, or you may prefer to simply sit and view the garden. **Please note:** The garden has gravel paths so it really isn't suitable for wheelchairs or similar. **The garden will be open between 10am & 1pm on Monday April 8th.** Early birds, please 'bring a plate to share' for 10am morning tea - Clare will provide the cuppa. RSVP to **Clare asap please on 0416 094 396. We hope this kind offer is of interest to many!**



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Fr Aldrin Valdehueza, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on **Thursday 18th April 2024.** There's plenty of parking in the Parish car park. Commencing with Mass at **6pm** followed by a light meal and short meeting. **Following the meeting Fr Aldrin will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "What is a Church". Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations.** If you are planning to attend, please call Terry on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com. For catering purposes kindly call Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au

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