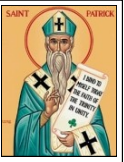


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

7th August 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C
Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;
Lk 12:32-48

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

Until further notice there will be ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays

St Patrick's 9am:
Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri
(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.



Monday August 8th ~ Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Please join us for 9am Mass at St Patrick's Asquith to celebrate the life and works of Australia's first Saint, a true advocate for the poor and marginalised in society.



Advance Notice of Mass Times for the SOLEMNITY of the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(There will be 3 Masses only in the parish this year as we have but one priest).

MONDAY 15th August ~ A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 12 midday (Parish and whole school Mass)
Masses at St Patricks, Asquith: 9am (Parish and whole school Mass) and **7pm**



The Gospel and the Commonwealth

The Jewish Jesus of Nazareth lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire under the rule of a political and religious elite collaborating with the oppressors.

The majority were peasants or fishermen eking out an existence, or day labourers.

Their plea was from the stomach: **'Give us this day our daily bread.'**

One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. Jesus inherited the Jewish tradition which was especially concerned with the fate of widows and orphans, those without a male breadwinner to protect them.

It is in that sort of society that Jesus instructs his followers: **'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'**

We live in a very different society. The full title of this nation is: **'The Commonwealth of Australia'**. The Common-wealth, a rather extraordinary and wonderful title. No doubt it has various levels of meaning, but one must surely be that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good. We are a common-wealth.

We are indeed fortunate. We do not live under the boot of an occupying army. We live in a democracy which is itself a shared privilege and common responsibility. I was talking to someone the other night who, as a new citizen, had taken the Pledge of Allegiance. I told her that in a *'previous existence'* I had actually written it. It commences:

'From this day forward [under God] I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people Whose democratic values I share'

And so it goes on. For Australians at least, it seems that democracy, sharing and common-wealth are inextricably linked. And so, when working out how we might respond to our Lord's command: **'Sell your possessions and give to the poor'**, we can do so in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system. We are forced to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. To distribute that wealth the political parties put forward various policies in the fields of social security, medical and hospital care, education and so on.

Bringing these two together, taxation and social justice policies, helps fulfil Our Lord's command to give up some of our possessions to create a society more humane, more civilized, more decent than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire.

And that would please Our Lord. Why?

Of course, in part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us different people, larger hearted people: If your treasure is self centred, that is how you may end up for eternity: a hellish existence.

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PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 / P.O. Box 335, Berowra Hts 2082

Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



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

Parish Administrator: Fr Biju Jose, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price
Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill
Sacramental Team Email: 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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

19th Sunday Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Monday 8/08 ~ Solemnity
St Mary of the Cross, virgin,
1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17;
Mt 6:25-34

Tuesday 9/08
Ezek 2:8-3:4;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 10/08 ~ Feast
St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26,

Thursday 11/08 ~ Memorial
St Clare, virgin
Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday 12/08
Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63;
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 13/08
Ezek 18:1-10, 13, 30-32;
Mt 19:13-15

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nicholas Pugh, Tony Yap,
George Macri, Wilford Long,
Alison Avery (nee) Burns,
Anne Davie, Rosa Ng, Teresa
Melissari, Sr Gabrielle Flood
(past Principal of St Bernard's
Berowra Hts)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gary
Simpson, Christin Simpson,
John (Jack) McEnaney

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE

SICK: For those suffering from
Covid-19 - that it will brought
under control and eliminated as
a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Judy Farrell, Carla Medeiros,
Chris Enright, Ann Leslie,
Modesta Borromeo Laroco,
Georgina Hughes, Jeanette
Bakker, Mary Burns, 'Roy', Rey
Hilario, Patrick Dorahy,
Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger,
Roger Okell, Barbara Jones,
Jean Cook, Patrick O'Donoghue,
Brian Treacy, Fr Thomas Philip
OSH, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine
Longmuir, Sally Agnew.

Pope's intention for August:

Small Businesses;

We pray for small and
medium sized businesses; in
the midst of economic and
social crisis, may they find ways
to continue operating and serve
their communities.



The 250 Club!

Week 3 01/08/22;
Winning #: 041;
Amt: \$25.00



Winner: Unsubscribed

Call the office for more details

Welcome Fr Biju Jose OSH, (our temporary) Parish Administrator

Not only is our new Parish Administrator a really nice bloke, he's a Doctor of Theology and has recently been published in the Catholic Weekly

(Beginning the works of Light, 9 July 2022 ~ <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/beginning-the-works-of-light/>)

Fr Biju hails from Kerala in India and is a Priest of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart Congregation. Ordained in 1998, he will celebrate his Silver Jubilee on Dec. 27 2023, and what he has packed into 24 years as a Priest is worth noting ! Once Ordained, Fr Biju was Assistant Priest in a parish for 2 years before being sent to Rome for 7 years for Higher Studies. It was during his time in Rome that he met a number of times with, THREE Popes, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis. After this he returned to India as a Parish Priest for 7 years and concurrently held the position of teacher in the Seminary. Following on from this, the next 7 years he held the position of Vice Rector of the Major Seminary. Then, Fr Biju in the true missionary spirit of the OSH, answered the call to come to Australia to assist in the Diocese of Broken Bay in November 2021 and was appointed Assistant Priest at Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish. As of 1 August 2022 he has been appointed to our parish KCPP, as Parish Administrator and we couldn't be happier or more grateful. **Welcome Fr Biju, we hope you feel at home in our parish.**



[from previous page] Our Lord wants us to be people whose hearts are expanded and have room for others. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious, so spacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence. And Our Lord says that one indication of our being prepared is:

'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

Where you want your taxes to go can ready you for Heaven!! So, today's Gospel has something to say to us as voters. And also, more threateningly, about politicians.

We may regard the Commonwealth as a household in which politicians are the stewards. The second part of today's Gospel contains a warning for politicians. The stewards of God's household are not there for their own benefit: *'eating and drinking'*. They are there to ensure that all in the household get *'their allowance of food at the proper time'*.

Let us pray during this Mass for whoever is entrusted with the offices of political leadership, that they will carry out their mandate with the words of Our Lord reverberating:

'Everyone to whom God has given much, God will demand much from them; the one to whom God has entrusted much, God will demand much more from them.'



August 7-14 is National Vocations Awareness Week.

This week we are called to pray for those who are searching for their vocation in life. Let us ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. We are all called to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service). May we have the strength to follow His will.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.

In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.

May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning;

and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

IMPRIMATUR: X Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020



The Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner ~

You are cordially invited to the Broken Bay Seminarian Benefit Dinner!

Join us for an evening of good food and company as we support our Broken Bay seminarians and raise awareness of the importance of vocations within our diocese.

Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Harrington Hall (94 Archer St, Chatswood). Tickets are \$15 per person.

Please follow the link below to secure your tickets, <https://www.trybooking.com/CBBGF>

More info: the parish office on 9410 9000

Email: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

or the Vocations Office at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au



Toukley Parish & the Vocations Office invite you:

On August 7th, the Catholic Church will be celebrating the start of National Vocations Awareness Week. To help celebrate, we will be having a special Vocations Youth Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Toukley Parish. This Mass is open to all. After the Mass, we will be having a BBQ dinner. We hope that you can join us!



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



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkcpp@bbcatholic.org.au
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services

Donate to help those in need in the Broken Bay community

Marking Homelessness Week 1 August & Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8 August

THIS weekend a new appeal launched by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held in our parish. This appeal will raise funds for the **CatholicCare's homelessness services** and will mark Homelessness Week, 1st August & Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8th August. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes can be found in the pews of our churches this weekend, and placed on either collection plate.

CatholicCare is the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Since 1987 they have served the communities of Northern Sydney, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast, providing services and supports to more than 26,000 people every year.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 4/8/22

This week the Australian bishops released their annual Social Justice Statement. It is called *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*. Sadly, domestic and family violence is still a scourge on our communities and although it affects people of all ages and backgrounds the Statement data clearly identifies women and children as those who are particularly vulnerable. We also know domestic violence and abuse often results in homelessness. A person is homeless when they don't have a fixed, regular or adequate night time residence. They don't have the security, stability, privacy and safety of their own space. Perceptions of the homeless and poor are often inaccurate and don't reflect reality.

Two out of every five people experiencing homelessness are under 25, and there has been an increase in people aged 55 and over who have no regular place to sleep. We might not see many people sleeping rough in our Diocese – only 7% sleep on the streets, but people are couch surfing, sleeping in shelters, or in cars, especially women and children. Housing is a basic and fundamental human need, the lack of which can have cascading social and health complications. And if the vulnerable and disadvantaged are doing it tough now, basic cost of living increases must be fuelling their financial stress.



This week across Australia is Homelessness Week. In our Diocese, CatholicCare Broken Bay has launched a new annual initiative focusing on homelessness services.

You will hear more about this initiative in your parishes and we encourage your support where possible. This campaign will culminate next Monday 8 August, the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who devoted her life to the poor, established schools and places of refuge for the working class and disadvantaged. **Perhaps we can remember this weekend some words of Australia's first saint:**

“Be a gift of love and compassion for one another.”



Catholic Youth Broken Bay is offering a space to come together, as men and women, to pray by **Lectio Divina** while enjoying the warmth of fellowship!

Lectio Divina is a popular spirituality exercise and an easy form of prayer to do with others or by oneself. It's a practice of reading the Scriptures and letting God speak to you through the Word. The men's lectio group will kick off this month on August 8th, and then both men's and women's groups will start to meet regularly on the 1st Monday of each month, starting in September.

When: First Monday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm (men start 8 August, then men and women meet at separate venues on 1st Monday of the month from September)
Who: 18-35 year olds
Where: **Men's Sessions** | **Joseph House, Willoughby**
Where: **Women's Sessions** | **Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Office**, 1-19 Woodcourt Rd **Berowra Heights** (next to St Bernard's Church).
RSVP: <https://forms.gle/1myPBBeMUZ3gT5vHG7> or see the Facebook Event for more details!

Celebrating 50 years (plus one)

St Bernard's School
Golden Jubilee

Friday 19 August, 2022
 11:30am Mass in Church
 12:30pm Open classrooms and memorabilia display in hall
 1:30pm BYO picnic
 2:15pm Choir Performance

St Bernard's School invites you to its Golden Jubilee ~ Celebrating 50 years (+1)
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CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS CONTINUE THIS WEEK:

Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hello! ~ Someone out there has Planned Giving Envelope Number 74.

We know you're out there as you place your envelope on the collection plate each week!

Please could the holder of

Planned Giving Envelope Number 74

contact the office, **asap**, thank you.

Taxation receipts for Contributions to Pastoral Works Broken Bay & Caritas are now available.

Please note:

- * Many receipts were emailed this week. (Pls check Junk box)
- * Those without an email are at the back of the churches for collection.
- * If not in either place, please contact the office on 9456 2450.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

would like to

thank all our parents and carers for a great Anniversary Party last Friday afternoon. The food was fantastic, the company was brilliant, and everyone had a wonderful time.

We also managed to raise over \$280 for Caritas Australia through our Caritas Kitchen efforts. Thanks, everyone!

Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. New singers always welcome, from Year 3 and above, from any school in the parish area.

For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935.



PraiseFest:

Welcome to Mercy Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites youth and young adults across the Diocese to

'Praisefest: Welcome to Mercy.' It will be held on **Friday, 19th August** from 7-9pm at **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish at The Entrance**. The evening will involve a variety of fun, engaging & prayerful segments with youth invited to delve into Christ's "fountain of life" through a contemporary dance followed by an opportunity for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. Priests from around the Diocese will be coming to offer the sacrament of Confession. The evening will finish with a Praise party to give God praise & glory!

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND – 13th August / 14th August 2022 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Sub requested	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr, Archie Tod	Verity Hartmann, Sub requested	God is calling YOU! Can you hear Him?	Sub requested Sub requested	Rebecca Clarke, Thomas Clarke	Want to be an Altar Server? Call 9456 450.
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Jeanette Neary	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Freya Tonkin	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Simone Noel	Sue Lum
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Marcia Wood, Helen Johnson, Gwen Wood, Elaine and Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f) Brenda Brooks (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray			
Maintenance	Team A & B - <i>additional help always appreciated</i>		Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow — HELP PLEASE - —volunteer today			

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*.



Exemplary Teacher Incentive Programme ~ Are you studying to be a teacher or do you know someone who is? Catholic Schools Broken Bay has a range of scholarship and internship opportunities for *teacher education students* at

various stages in their degree. We are offering paid employment while gaining valuable classroom experience in one of our 44 Catholic schools located across Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast. Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities and find out more about our incentives for teacher education students at <https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/careers/scholarships-and-internships/>

Fertility Clinic

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IH1>



Community News:

The Office of the Children's Guardian is holding a statutory review of the [Children's Guardian Act 2019](#).

The focus of the statutory review is on areas that have not had recent review or consultation.

- Reportable Conduct Scheme
- Deputy Children's Guardian role
- Official Community Visitors Scheme

Our Safeguarding Office will be contributing to this review. If anyone has any feedback, questions, or comments that they would like to provide, please email safeguarding@bbatholic.org.au

Training Hub: The 55th Annual Conference of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand will be held from 5 to 8 September 2022. To register, please go to: https://formerministers.dss.gov.au/7361/round_table_people/

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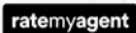
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