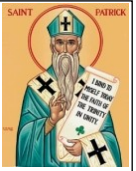


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ Word of God Sunday 2021 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

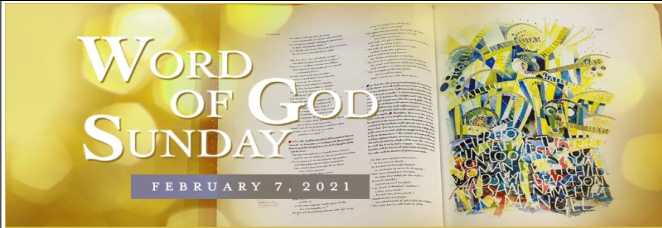
Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things

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 ~ Fr Brendan Byrne SJ ©

The opening words, *Aperuit illis*, of the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting the Sunday of the Word of God are taken from the 24th chapter of St Luke's Gospel, where the risen Lord "opens the minds" of the disciples to understand the Scriptures — here the Old Testament — in the light of his suffering, death, and resurrection. Like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, as described earlier in the same chapter, their hopes for the future had been dashed by what had so suddenly happened to Jesus.

Here, on the first Easter Sunday evening, he meets them exactly where they are emotionally and helps them to understand the Scriptures in a way that incorporates the reality of what they had so recently experienced. As in the case of the disciples on the Emmaus road, the vast gap between their previous hopes and what had happened disappears as Jesus expounded the Scriptures in a new way. Doubtless, they too could say, "Were not our hearts burning within us ... while he was opening the Scriptures to us?" (24:32).

This, presumably, is exactly what Pope Francis hopes might be the experience of the faithful of our own time as they listen to a life-giving exposition of the Word of God, Sunday by Sunday. In line with the teaching of Vatican II, he speaks of the proclamation of the Word as "inseparable" from the Sacraments (§8). In note 2, he speaks of the sacramentality of the Word as analogous to the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine, recalling the Apostolic Exhortation of Benedict XVI *Verbum Domini* (§ 56).

We can relate this to the Scripture readings for today (5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B). The First Reading (Job 7:1-6, 6-7) and the Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) complement each other.

Job — admittedly in rather extreme degree — gives utterance to the experience of so many human beings: Life is short, and much of it is misery and pain. The Gospel describes a typical "day" in the healing ministry of Jesus. After the more "domestic" healing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus addresses the mass of human suffering and affliction that gathers outside the house in the evening following as the Sabbath ends.

This is the Word in action, rather than in teaching, as earlier in the day in the synagogue (1:21-28). It is, in a sense, the sacramental counterpart to the proclamation of the Word of which Pope Francis speaks in his Letter.

The prominence of exorcisms in the account raises for homilists the problem of how to explain this kind of activity to hearers of the Gospel today. The Gospel attributes to demonic possession many conditions that modern medicine would ascribe to various psycho-physical pathologies. It does so out of a desire to portray all Jesus' activity — whether teaching, healing or exorcising — as a life-and-death struggle with the powers opposed to God for the freedom and enhancement of human life. The demonic is ultimately about all the things that hold us captive in various ways and separate us from God.

Finally, the Gospel describes Jesus "escaping" to a lonely place to commune with his heavenly Father in prayer. He taps into the ultimate source of his ministry, which is the will of the Creator to give life to the world. Wherever Jesus speaks or acts, it is always God's creative Word saying in our darkness, "Let there be life. Let there be light" (John 1:1-5; see Gen 1:3).

In this way, the Gospel and the First Reading can come together in a fruitful "opening up" of the Word.

No single figure experienced that opening up more dramatically than the Apostle Paul. So counter was the proclamation of the Crucified to his understanding of the hopes of Israel that, for a time, he vigorously persecuted the Church of God.

On the Damascus road the face of the Crucified was revealed to him as none other than the Son of God (Gal 1:16; 2 Cor 4:4-6).

In the Second Reading (1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23), Paul gives powerful utterance to the commission he then received to proclaim that discovery worldwide at any cost. He needs no remuneration other than the privilege of being enlisted in such service. Pope Francis clearly wants all believers to catch something of Paul's enthusiasm for sharing the Good News contained in the living Word of God.

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

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 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

Monday 08/02

Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 09/02

Gen 1:20-2:4; Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday 10/02~ Memorial

St Scholastica, virgin

Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 11/02

Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 12/02

Gen 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 13/02

Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

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

Word of God Sunday ~

This Sunday marks Sunday of the Word of God, a new observance to be celebrated in Australia on the 1st Sunday of February each year. Pope Francis reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers." (Aperuit Illis, 8)



We are encouraged to see this day of the Word of God as a year-long event, where we grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures. Consider taking some steps to read or study the Scriptures more this year.

Read the Bible in A Year Reading the Bible has now been made easy with a new podcast from Ascension featuring Fr Mike Schmitz called 'The Bible in a Year'. With the touch of a button, hear passages of Scripture and a short commentary each day. Each session is about 20 minutes. Download the App, and make listening to God's transforming word a part of your life in 2021.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Irene Berry, Carmelita Avcilla Evangelista, Arlene Joson, Kevin Henderson, Rocco Castelnuovo

ANNIVERSARIES: Neville Nicholson, Mary Treacy, Kevin Harrant, Jan Seage, Stach Romanowski, Pauline Bass, Maria

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Elaine Longmuir, Sister Mary Treacy, John Gallagher, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Marie Haag, Tom Dawson, Felicity Fone, Brian Neary, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Dan Leavy, Terry Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne Brady, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie O'Hare, Antonia Alvarado, Margaret Acret, Peter Nguyen, Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: Violence Against Women ~

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

The 250 Club!



250 Club draw results as promised and instructions for the upcoming series

Week 17 - 21/12/2020

Winner: Justin Berry

Amount: \$25

Number: 037

Week 18 - 28/12/2020

Winner: Mary O'Malley

Amount: \$25

Number: 886

Week 19 - 4/1/2021

Winner: Unsubscribed

Amount: \$25

Number: 617

Week 20 - 11/1/2021

Winner: Ronnie Tan

Amount: \$500

Number: 088

Next 250 Club series will start 15th February 2021. Membership fees are due over the next two weeks.

KCCP ~ 2021 LENTEN PROGRAMMES

OPTION 1: Within our parish ~ "The question "how well do you know Jesus?", now and again arises in discussions. To help us prepare for Easter this Lent, our Parish is offering all parishioners, family and friends a series of dynamic talks on our Lord Jesus Christ. The creator of the successful 'The Mass' series - Bishop Robert Barron, has created a series called '**Priest, Prophet, King**'.

Priest, Prophet, King will be held at **Saint Patrick's Parish Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm from 18th February to 25th March inclusive**. A short 25 minute video will be shown, followed by a short discussion. If you have room in your car, bring a friend or volunteer to take a parishioner who doesn't like driving at night."

18th Feb	Lesson 1 - Adoration	11th Mar	Lesson 4 - The Word Made Flesh
25th Feb	Lesson 2 - The High Priest	18th Mar	Lesson 5 - Ordering the Kingdom
4th Mar	Lesson 3 - Challenging False Worship	25th Mar	Lesson 6 - King of Kings

OPTION 2: From the Diocese ~ "Our 2021 Diocesan Lenten Programme will explore Bishop Anthony's six priorities for our Diocese, and will feature reflections and personal testimonies from our Diocese's clergy and parishioners. The resource will comprise of a printed booklet, accompanied by audio recordings and will be available in parishes and for download in time for Ash Wednesday. We encourage you to gather in small groups in your homes or other meeting places, and use this resource to reflect and unpack the themes as we prepare for Easter."

AND FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS we present ...

OPTION 3: Altaration ~ Starting February 21 2021, there will be 5 sessions during Lent
Why do we have to go to mass? The mystery of the mass revealed.

At the St Patrick's Asquith Parish Hall, 1 Royston Parade Asquith

For more details or to book your spot please contact the office on 9456 2450 or email Michelle at michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au **Places are Restricted, bookings are essential.**



Rite of Acceptance Congratulations Luca Baracsi

Today we welcome to our 10am Mass,

Luca (said Lutza) Baracsi for the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate.

Luca is originally from Hungary and came to Australia with her family in January 2019. She is currently studying in Year 12 at St Ives High School and is a delightful young lady. Luca began her journey to discover Jesus during 2019/2020 and reached out to Fr Shaju in August last year. Since then she has undertaken tuition with Fr Shaju on a regular basis and has decided through a period of discernment to continue her journey towards becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. In the usual fashion of Ku-ring-gai Chase parishioners, I know you will give Luca the warmest of welcomes.



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go'.

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 greatly help in covering the ever increasing and ongoing maintenance costs of both our churches.

Please join us tonight for our Youth Mass. @ 6pm at St Patrick's Church Asquith.

If you would like to be part of the liturgy or join the musicians for future Youth masses, please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or email Michelle at Michelle.chahine@bbcatholic.org.au.

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [2nd February 2021]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope that my first vox episcopi message for 2021 finds you well rested after a somewhat hectic year and that, notwithstanding the COVID restrictions over the Christmas and New Years periods, you have been able to connect with family, loved ones, and friends. I am deeply grateful for the many kind messages of condolence that I received when my mother, Caterina, passed away on 29 December 2020. I found your kindness and thoughtfulness at that moment of sorrow to be most consoling. I am also grateful to our clergy who offered Masses for the repose of my mother's soul. The distress of not being able to attend my mother's funeral, which was held in Queensland where the border was closed, was lightened by the solidarity of you, the people and clergy of our Diocese. I thank God for you and pray the Lord's blessing will come to you in abundance throughout 2021. My 2020-2021 Pastoral Letter to the Diocese, "Jesus Christ, our beginning and end," which I issued on 29 November 2020, is proving to be very well received. I have been told by priests and people from around our community of the Church that it has been thought provoking and engaging. That is what I was hoping to achieve. In some instances, groups of the faithful have gathered to read, reflect, and discuss the Pastoral Letter and then spend some time in prayer. I am delighted that it has been of use and that sisters and brothers from our community are finding creative ways to treat the Pastoral Letter. To this end, I hope that you will appreciate the soon-to-be released Diocese of Broken Bay Lenten Program 2021 titled, "Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega." I have asked Evangelisation Broken Bay (EBB) to draw upon my six priorities outlined in my Pastoral Letter and prepare a Lenten method for us to probe the mystery of faith during Lent 2021. I hope that you will find it of benefit. I am thankful to our EBB Team for their work and commitment to the project. With COVID restrictions having been eased by the NSW Government in recent days, I have issued a COVID-19 Restrictions Update for our community of the Church. While we will have greater access and movement for various celebrations and functions in our churches and halls, I would still call upon you to exercise prudence and charity when we gather. The Government has asked that mask wearing indoors be mandatory. Please respect this Government requirement, especially in our churches when we gather for prayer and worship. Above all, let's encourage one another by showing respect and care for every member of the community, in church or beyond. I appeal to you as my sisters and brothers in Christ, and as good, responsible, and praiseworthy citizens. May the week ahead be one of grace and peace for you and your families.

+ *Anthony*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ~ Our parish Atrium, located behind the Pastoral Centre in the grounds of St Bernard's school, offers sessions for children aged 3-12 years during school terms. **Session times are:**



3-6 years: Tuesdays 10.30am to 12.00pm
6-9 years: Tuesdays 4.15-5.45pm
9-12 years: Mondays 4.15-6pm

For more information about what happens in the Atrium and this wonderful method of faith formation for children see the parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd

If interested for your child, please contact Natasha Steele on 0409 621 817 or natashasteel@iinet.net.au. Places are available for adults too! We would dearly love more adult helpers so that we can offer places to more children! Why not come and see this hidden treasure for yourself—who knows whose life you could change?



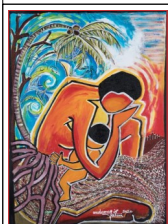
THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9.00am and a public Mass at 10:00am.

The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email

vocations@sydneycatholic.org or alternatively contact the Vocations Office Broken Bay on 0418 522 449. Please RSVP by Friday 5 February 2021. Online registration for this event is available now and can be accessed via our website, Facebook event page.



World Day of Prayer 2021 is for Vanuatu - Friday 5 March 2021, 7pm at St Bernard's Berowra. The local World Day is to be hosted by us this year. Please mark your calendar so we have a great turn-out from KCCP as we gather together to pray for Vanuatu with members from our local Anglican, Baptist and Uniting Faiths.

This year's theme is **Build on a Strong Foundation**, and has been prepared by the faithful Christians in Vanuatu. This global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in prayer and action, for justice and peace. The movement aims to bring together people of all races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer.



Sample only

**WE ARE NOW USING
QR CODES
TO ENTER OUR
CHURCHES**

**BOOKINGS NO LONGER
BEING TAKEN**

so please consider coming early to Mass to ensure admittance to Church.

QR Codes are not only a directive of the NSW State Govt, but they also make entry into our Churches quicker and quieter and Mass will not be delayed or disrupted.

USHERS/WARDENS have a vital role to play to ensure we remain compliant with regulations, THEREFORE YOU MUST

◆ Show the Usher/Warden the QR Registration on your phone prior to entering the church, which will allow them to keep an accurate record of the total number of persons inside the church (*)

◆ Sign in with the Usher/Warden if you do not have a mobile phone or yours does not have QR ability

◆ Wear a Face Mask - this is now mandatory when inside the Church (for exceptions goto www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)



(*) The current **upper limit rule** within a Place of Worship/Church is **4 square metres per person**
We can officially accommodate **101 people at Asquith and 61 people at Berowra.**

**YEAR of
SAINT JOSEPH**

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021
catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph



An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established in our parish to build upon the existing community feeling and make it even better!

This group will be known as "RECONNECT"

It's motto is ... **"We are here for you!"**

It's aim is ... **to listen, to talk, to care, to share.**

So one of these days you may receive a call just to say 'G' day'.

What we want to know is ...

"Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?" eg ...

* Assistance with meals * A lift to Mass * A regular chat etc,
To quickly get in touch with "Reconnect" just call the office on 9456 2450.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 13th/ 14th Feb – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

	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	Alex Jarominek	Sue Lum	John Messina	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schreiber	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Jerome Gomez	Isaac Tonkin	Helen Chui	Vivienne Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Simone Noel
Usher / s	Jan & Joseph Favaloro	Freda Alaalatoa	Chris Smith	Michael Halliday	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning/	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		February: Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy - additional help appreciated please			

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*.



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MEMORY? UNSURE WHERE TO TURN?

CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre improves

quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community. Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. The programs combine science and social activity and are run by experienced facilitators to ensure you get the best outcomes for your health and wellness. Our programs are simple, enabling people to use the strategies at home. A cozy, warm and welcoming environment awaits you at our centre in Waitara, with a team who are always on hand for a cuppa and a chat. Alternatively you can access our programs from the comfort of your own home. Programs in art, mindfulness and relaxation, dance, exercise, navigating technology, cooking and brain training available. For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic or call (02) 9481 2659.

Safer Internet Day 2021 ~ Tuesday 9 February

Safer internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the role we can all play in creating a safe online spaces.

We can all start the chat about online safety. Visit www.esafety.gov.au/SID to find out how to start the chat at work, at home and in your community. Safeguarding children and young people online requires adults to know what they are accessing and any risks associated.

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