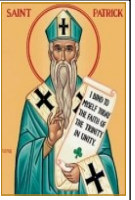


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 7th May 2023 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~ Year A  
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**Entrance:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;  
In the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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

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.*

*Humbly we pray, that through the intercession of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and of us,  
together with the Communion of Saints,  
that all peoples will learn to live together in peace.  
Mary our Mother, Pray for us.*



## Reflection

If only our Christian faith could spare us from all the hardships,  
tensions, uncertainties and confusions of everyday life. If it did you  
would not be able to get a seat in Church each Sunday.

For an early snapshot of Christian believers and some of the  
tensions in their community, we only need to glimpse into the upper  
room on that last supper night. Having witnessed endless clashes  
with the Jewish authorities the disciples are gathered together to be told by Jesus that there is a traitor amongst  
them and that this traitor will hand him over to those who will eventually kill him. Some years later in Jerusalem  
we have the early Christian community fighting among themselves. The Hellenists, the Greek speaking Jews  
who had become Christians, were squabbling with the Hebrew speaking Jews who had converted to  
Christianity. On the surface the issue seems to be about something rather basic, pious Greek speaking widows  
were missing out on provisions. But you do wonder if the cause of this oversight was founded on a clash of  
cultures and long-standing suspicions. Perhaps one group saw themselves as more important or more  
deserving than the other. A practical solution had to be found.

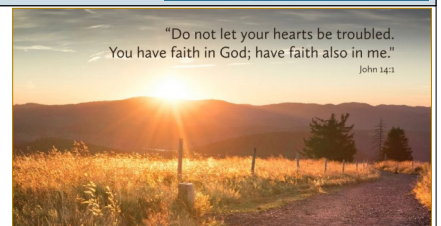
So many troubles even from the very beginnings of the Christian faith. Those words of Jesus must have given  
comfort to the disciples in the upper room. How many generations of believers have returned to those soothing  
words in time of strife and sorrow. **'Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me.'**  
No wonder it is an often chosen text for a funeral mass. The words calm the unsettled heart. Of course, we  
need to see the challenging events of life that cause pain and confusion through the eyes of faith but if we  
struggle to do so we should not get discouraged. It is a hard call. St. Thomas, the doubting apostle, should give  
us consolation. He is the realist, the sceptic, the one who is always direct and looking at life from a concrete  
perspective. You cannot help but warm to him. Remember when Jesus decided to return to Judea to visit  
Lazarus who was gravely ill. Thomas remarks: **'what are you going back there for, they nearly stoned you  
last time.'**

In today's gospel when Jesus says **'you know the way'** the ever-practical Thomas seems to be wanting a map  
or at least some verbal travel instructions. Jesus must explain to Thomas: **'I am the Way, the Truth and the  
Life.'** It is the same Thomas after the resurrection of Christ who states that he will not believe that the Lord is  
risen until he can place his fingers into the wounds of Christ's hands and his hand into the side of Christ that was  
pierced by the lance. Despite his doubts and misunderstandings, Thomas leaves us a simple prayer we can  
often repeat with confidence; **'My Lord and my God.'**

So it should be no surprise that just like the disciples and the members of the early Christian community we will  
not be spared disappointments, disagreements, some confusion and difficult times. It is part of the whole calling  
to follow Christ, to take up the cross in the following. We are reassured in the second reading of the day that if  
we trust in the keystone, Christ, we will not be disappointed. As the psalmist says:

**'For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his ways are to be trusted'.**

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

**Parish Administrator:** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper / **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price

**Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill

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*'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.'*



**Pope's intention for May:**

**For church movements and groups:**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS**

**Easter tide Year A**

**Monday 8/05**

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday 9/05**

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

**Wednesday 10/05**

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday 11/05**

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday 12/05**

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday 13/05**

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Lilas Roche, Ann Wynn, Carol Pereira, Joe Alphonso, Esmie Braganza

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Donna O'Donohue, Peter O'Donohue, Josephine Fugitham, Tom Dawson, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran, Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Fiona Loughland, Cyril Thomas (Fr Joy's brother), Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Dato, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue,

**The 250 Club** Week 11 - 1/5/23; Amt: \$25.00; Winning Number: 610; Winner: *Jerome Gomez!* 🤗



**Make sure your hair is combed ... it's time for the ... ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT**

Every year in May a count of all parishioners is taken at all weekend Masses and a report returned to the Diocese of BB. The count will commence next weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*



**Our WYD pilgrims are inviting all parishioners to a Pentecost reflection evening.**

**Where:** St Patrick's Church, Asquith

**When:** Saturday 27 May ~ 7pm after Vigil Mass

**What it includes:** Taizé, praise songs, bible reading, reflections, and pizza!

**RSVP:** Let the parish office know if you're coming for pizza (by calling 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) so we have a rough idea of numbers.

**See you there!**



**World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle**

[Drawn Sunday May 14 after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith]

**Tickets NOW ON SALE !!**

**Tickets prices:**

**1 for \$5 ~ 3 for \$10 ~ 8 for \$20**



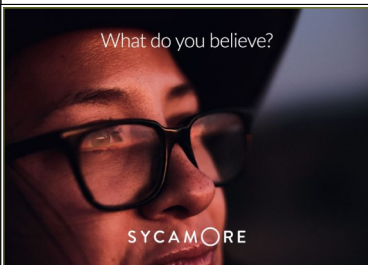
*Just one example of the 3 fabulous hampers you could win !!!*

We have tried our best to get to at least every mass time at least once over the last few weeks and we thank you for your support in buying tickets for the Mothers Day raffle.

The prizes are amazing, filled with beautiful items including: hand creams, scented candles, jewellery items, mugs, embodied hand towels, the list goes on.

If you have not seen us but still would like to buy some tickets in the raffle, all is not lost, you can email Karen Price, the parish bookkeeper, on

[karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au) and arrange payment via credit card via the parish website and she will issue you some tickets. Once again we thank you for your continued support and look forward to announcing the winners at the 10am mass on Mother's Day. If you are not there but are one of our three lucky winners we will call you.



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Enjoy delving into some of the big issues of life and faith!

Coming soon -- Wednesdays 7:30 pm — St Patricks' Meeting Room — Register today on sign-up sheets  
Enquiries: Sue 0400 300 59



**WARNING**, there is another more dangerous **'PHISH'** circling in parishioners inboxes !!!  
*This time the 'phishers' are emailing parishioners purporting to be the parish secretary, Margaret Cooper.*

**PLEASE** be very careful as this scam has a link embedded in the email and it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you **DO NOT CLICK** on the link.

One parishioner is receiving this email up to 2 times a week !

The body of the email reads:

*"I'm assuming you might recall 2 out of those 5 pictures"*

*This message is immediately followed by a link, which is not included here for obvious reasons.*

**Please do not respond to this email and most especially please do not click on the link.**

This scammer has most recently used the following email address [11790711325@cdmadero.tecnm.mx](mailto:11790711325@cdmadero.tecnm.mx) however this apparently changes periodically, so please, be very alert to this type of email and immediately block the sender.

Any email you receive from Margaret, Karen, Fr Joy or myself, will be sent from the email service provider @bbcatholic.org.au **only**, please be careful, Fr Biju.



**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 bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au  
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.



# Ministry to the Sick & Housebound

## URGENT APPEAL:

**For Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Housebound / in Aged Care at Christophorous House & Regis Hornsby / in Mt Wilga Rehab.**

This parish has been blessed with a very dedicated group of volunteers in this ministry for many years, but recently our numbers have fallen with 2 volunteers stepping down from the roster in as many weeks.

Those volunteers who remain on the roster for all these facilities

**NEED YOUR HELP.**

**In particular, we currently need urgent help with taking Communion to Mt Wilga Rehab., which has traditionally been supported by parishioners from St Bernard's Church.**

**Job description:** Taking Our Lord in Communion to our faith community who are housebound, in Mt Wilga Rehabilitation Hospital, Christophorous House and Regis Aged Care Hornsby, and occasionally in private homes.

**Requirements:** Yes, there are some, but isn't that typical of most places these days? You will require a Working With Children Clearance (which also covers the vulnerable) and this protects you every bit as much as it protects those you visit with. If you choose to visit at Regis you will need a Workers Screening Clearance also, but the office staff can, and are happy to, assist you every step of the way to meet these requirements.

**Reward:** The look on residents faces of undisguised appreciation because **YOU**, have taken the time to bring them **CHRIST in Communion**, when they cannot physically worship with us in person.

Please get involved and be part of this very rewarding Ministry by contacting the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or by emailing [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)

*With thanks for your consideration, I pray God will bless us with new volunteers very soon, Fr Biju.*



### Bishop Anthony Randazzo's latest appointment!

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has recently appointed Bishop Anthony to the role of Apostolic Administrator to the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Australia in addition to current responsibilities.

A video message from Bishop Anthony is now available on the Diocese website at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bishop](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bishop)



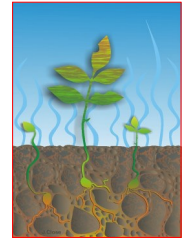
**IGNITE 2023** ~ As announced towards the end of last year, the 2023 Ignite Sydney Conference will be hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, between 28 Sept – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all; kids, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically

parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference. **Registrations** for this significant gathering are **now open**.

Go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/> to learn more about the conference and how to register.

Please see back page for details of a **temporary position of Project Officer** with the Diocese of Broken Bay Evangelisation Office, with the successful candidate engaged to project manage a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite.

## Reflection by Artist



When a seed grows it doesn't need to be taught how to grow: the new shoot 'knows' how to find the light and the roots 'know' where to go for moisture. This kind of knowing is somehow built into the genetic structure of the plant. Our relationship with God is like that too, it is part of the fabric of our being. Built into our human structure is the knowledge of God, but in the coming and going of life we lose the ability to access that knowledge easily. In the Gospel, Jesus names himself 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. To us he says 'you know the way' and this is our challenge, to rediscover our organic knowledge of God by looking at Jesus.

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**Young Adult Event:** Join us on Friday May 12 for a special holy hour and discernment event for young adults!



Fr Sam French, Director of Vocations for Broken Bay,

will be speaking on the sacrament of reconciliation, and you know dinner will be included!

Come out and enjoy a night of prayer, reflection, and growth in the Catholic faith.

#HolyHour #Discernment #FrSamFrench #Sacrament #Reconciliation #YoungAdults

#CatholicFaith

**Date: Friday May 12 Time: 6pm – 8:30pm Venue: Holy Name Parish Wahroonga.**

**Please rsvp for catering purposes, on 0418 522 449 or**

**email Michelle at [vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au)**



### Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

Children's Choir is pleased to support our four parish WYD

pilgrims. Rachel, Rebecca, Sophia and Michael, have been members of the Choir forever, and we're sure they will bring back new insights and ideas to share with the parish from Lisbon.

### Children's Choir practices:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's Church.

### Children's Choir is open to:

Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish are welcome to join this choir at any time.

### Children's Choir sings at:

10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

### Children's Choir practises:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.

**If interested in joining:** Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



### You're invited by Frenchs Forest Parish to a 'Film and Soup Night' ~ "The Letter, A Message for our Earth"

This movie night is being held as part of *Laudato Si'* Week.

"The Letter" tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis.

**Date:** Friday 19 May

**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:00pm

**Venue:** St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills

**Bookings via:** [www.trybooking.com/CHQTA](http://www.trybooking.com/CHQTA)



### Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage, many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry will be visited.

Sr Annie Bond, *Mission & Ministries Manager*, is happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 8912 4818.

**Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 13th / 14th May 2023 - 6th Sunday of Easter—Year A - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21**

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	John Messina	David Massa	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Sub requested Robyn Orr	Annalise Cottrell Sophia Cottrell	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Catherine Mooney	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Jeanette Neary	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Sub requested	Edwina Subramany	Mary Stokes	Elizabeth Fernandes	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Marissa Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Chichi Datoc(s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		May: Luke Massa, David Mooney (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*.

**Position to be filled ~ Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator ~ looking for the ideal candidate ~** The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will: act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**. This is a **full-time position for a maximum term of two years**. The role requires with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information. With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area. For more info. please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply. **Applications close Thursday, 18 May 2023.**

**Project Officer – Evangelisation Broken Bay:** The Chancery is seeking to recruit a temporary Project Officer to undertake the project management of a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite. This is a specialised role, for a fixed term of six months, with flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate. The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of, and experience with Catholic organisations and events, be results-orientated, with a demonstrated commitment to service and willingness to be accountable for performance. For more information, a copy of the position description and details on how to apply, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) Applications close **Wednesday, 17 May 2023**

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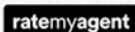
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