



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

8 September 2024 ~ Year B

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



*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**

**0468 341 841**

## HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

*Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.*

## PARISH OFFICE

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*"Every conversation matters"*

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY  
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



I take this opportunity to thank our Safeguarding officers **Michelle Chahine, Margaret Cooper and all members of the PPC** for their hard work and commitment. Keeping everyone and others safe is an essential characteristic of our identity as Christ's followers. Let us all play our best part in ensuring that every single individual feels respected, safe, and loved just as our Lord teaches us, **"If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us"** (1 John 4,12). May God protect us all.



"We have a Law, and according to the Law he ought to die, because he has claimed to be the son of God."  
John 19:7

On Saturday 14 September, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**.

In one respect, this day commemorates the **discovery of the relics of Christ's crucifixion by St Helena**, in the fourth century and the **dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher Jerusalem**. But in another respect this feast celebrates the **event of Christ's Paschal Mystery**.

Our first reading for this day (Num21:4-9) focuses the power of the cross to effect healing. Moses was commanded to create the image of a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. Those who looked upon this image were healed from the effects of snake venom. This strange story is presented by the Fathers of the Church as a **foreshadowing of the cross**. What the cross effects is our healing—from the power of sin and death.

God wants to enter a **relationship of love with everyone**. This is offered in Jesus Christ, lifted upon the cross. Lifting our gaze should not enkindle **fear**, but **gratitude**, because that elevation is the measure of the love with which God, the Father loves His children in His Only Son, Jesus Christ.

**"Do not forget the marvelous works of the Lord"** (Cf. Psalm 77).

**SOCIAL SENIORS**

**Introducing Something Special arranged by your parish of KCCP**  
(but apologies for the late notice!).

Having heard your requests at our recent parish discernment evenings, a new group programme has been designed especially for Seniors of our parish and those from our neighbouring ecumenical faith communities. Students and staff of Excelsia College were recently engaged by KCCP to develop a social programme for seniors in the Ku-ring-gai region. Social Seniors will be led by a group of students from the School of Social Work at Excelsia College and they are looking forward to you joining them for a series of engaging and enriching events. The programme is open to all seniors and it's free!

Currently we do not have a space large enough to facilitate this programme, so our good friends at St John's Anglican, Asquith have come to our aid and are allowing the programme to be run from their church hall.

**Details: SOCIAL SENIORS will meet**

**each Wednesday 11am ~ from 11 Sept. 2024 ~ in St John's Church Hall, ~ 6 Royston Pde Asquith.**

**Week 1:** Please 'bring a plate', (of course with something on it!) to share for morning tea and find out more about the programme.

**Upcoming Events Include:**

Spring gardening workshop; Becoming tech savvy; Arts and crafts; Life Story Work.

Please join in for a series of engaging and enriching events designed just for you!

***I wish you all a blessed and lovely weekend. Fr Biju OSH, PP.***

'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.'

**LIMITED PARKING!**  
**Sundays only**  
 in SPA school grounds



• **Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde ONLY.**

 **Pope's intention for September:**  
**For the cry of the Earth** ~ We pray that each of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**Ordinary Time ~ Year B**  
**Monday 09/09**  
 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday 10/09**  
 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday 11/09**  
 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday 12/09**  
 1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday 13/09 ~ Memorial**  
**St John Chrysostom**  
 bishop, doctor  
 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday 14/09 ~ Feast**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joseph Ng, Brian Martin, Fiona Loughland, Grace Italiano  
**ANNIVERSARY:** Kerrin Enright, Reg Cooper, Shirley Gray, Patrick & Dennise Labay, Anita Perilla,  
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Ian Upton, Gina Ku, Nora Carrigan, Sue Lum, Paul Lam, Ruth Carlos, Leanne Scott, Ann Leslie, Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Pat Bowden, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Bill Holmes, Mary Burns, Chris Enright, Isabel Henson, Mary Mathew, Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

**Joseph Ng**  
 Our parishioner Joseph Ng (father of Bernadette Or) passed away peacefully on Friday August 23rd. Requiem Mass for Joseph will be celebrated at 11am on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery.  
 Please keep Joseph and his family in your prayers.

**Readings**  
**First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7**  
 Say to all faint hearts,  
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'  
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
 for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

**The Word of the Lord** **All: Thanks be to God**  
**Responsorial Psalm**

- (R) Praise the Lord, my soul!**
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**
  2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R)**
  3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**


**Second Reading James 2:1-5**  
 My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and

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**The 250 Club!** Wk 7 ~ 2/09/24  
 **Winning #: 535**  
**Amt: \$25.00;**  
**Winner:**  
**Paul & Kerri O'Neill**

**CONFIRMATION 2024 IS NEXT SUNDAY — 15 SEPTEMBER!**  
 Our young candidates will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from **Most Rev Robert McGuckin DD, MCL, JCL** Bishop Emeritus of Toowoomba  
 Please keep our aspiring candidates in your prayers.  
**Confirmation Masses at KCCP on 15 September 2024 are:**  
**During 10am Parish Mass: St Patrick's and 2pm at St Bernard's.**



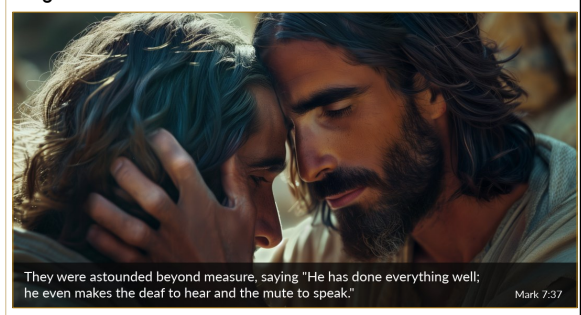
 **Bernie's Ladies Term 3 catch-up will be Lunch at King Tide Café, Hawkesbury River Marina, 9 Dangar Rd Brooklyn.**  
**DATE: Sunday 15 September TIME: 12 noon**  
 Parking at Brooklyn can be challenging, so it is strongly recommended that car pooling is arranged or you might prefer to catch a train to Hawkesbury River Station which is right next to the marina. A possible train would be the 11.35am from Berowra, **but**, it's best to check this closer to the date. As always please feel free to invite your friends from our KCCP parish community. **RSVP to Gen on 0418 866 250 by Mon. Sept. 9th.**

**Something to ponder:** A father advising his son said: "Son, make sure you never forget to do these 3 things: **1.** Eat the most delicious food; **2.** Sleep in the most comfortable bed; **3.** Live in the best accommodation." After hearing this, the son replied: "You know we are poor, so how can I do all this?" The father replied: "**1.** If you eat only when you are really hungry, it will be the most delicious food; **2.** If you honestly, sincerely, worked hard, and lie down tired, you will sleep in the most comfortable bed; **3.** If you are polite to everyone, treat them with decency and respect, you will live in their hears; that is the best residence."

say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?  
 Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

**The Word of the Lord** **All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!



**Gospel Mark 7:31-37**  
 Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'  
**The Gospel of the Lord**  
**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**





## Bi-Annual OSH Appeal ~ THIS WEEKEND.

Dear Parishioners,

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in 1921 our religious society was founded in Kerala, India and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At present our members are working in different parts of the world and since 2004, the Oblates have been representing our ministry in the diocese of Broken Bay. Since 2020, to support the missionary activities of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH), the Diocese of Broken Bay, has graciously granted the members of OSH to hold two special appeals each year in the parishes they are serving. The second of our two annual appeals for 2024 is being held this weekend.

**Envelopes are in the pews for placing on either collection plate during Mass this weekend or next.**

We are so grateful to you for your valuable and generous support in the past years.

Your support has greatly helped our mission ministry. To fulfill the mission and charism of our Society we do many pastoral works in Kerala. In tune with the Universal Church, we have recently initiated our mission ministry in two states of India—Punjab and Maharashtra. As we see in the Acts of the Apostles, they are all only in the preliminary stages and must be fulfilled. So, fulfilling the mission works in these centres we humbly request your generous contributions in your own ways and means. Your priests, *Fr Biju & Fr Joy OSH*

### **URGENT Important Notice ~ St Patrick's Church/School Grounds safety & security concern.**

I have been informed that last Sunday (1 Sept) after the 10am mass a small group of high school aged children were observed upon St Patrick's School grounds without permission. They were near the bottom classrooms and were seen to be testing door handles attempting to gain access to the construction site area.

This same group of children have been observed on another occasion attempting to climb over one of the fences at the church to gain access to the school grounds.

May I ask all parishioners to remain vigilant to any unauthorised persons who are seen to be upon school or church grounds without permission and if necessary contact the police. *Fr Biju.*



**'The Search'** This programme has begun but it isn't too late to

**come along and join in ~ in fact ~ we would love you to join us:**

**7:30pm on Thursday evenings** in the Fr Pat McMaugh Hall, (within St Pat's school grounds), Royston Pde Asquith. All enquiries please contact Sue on 0400 300 598.

Save the Date:

**29 Sept. '24  
St Bernard's**

**KCCP: MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL 29 September 2024**

**Following 9am Mass at SBB**

**on the grassed area at the front of St Bernard's Church.**

Your PPC is organising a

**multicultural day to celebrate all the different ethnic cultures here in our community.**

A day of celebrating different backgrounds through food/dance/costume.

**If you would like to help us by getting your group together to prepare your favourite dish, I would love to meet with you all to answer any questions and to plan together.**

I would like to touch base with as many cultures as possible so this event will increase the community spirit within our



parish by celebrating diversity in faith across the globe and as a bonus, we also hope to raise some much needed funds for our youth activities.

**I look forward to your help and cooperation, Moauli Griffiths (PPC Vice Chair) 0451 664 592.**



**"May the God of hope fill you with joy." (Romans 15:13).**

It is truly uplifting to see how each student has interpreted and brought this theme to life through their creative work.



Their enthusiasm and dedication are evident in every piece.

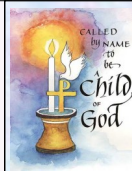
Well done to each of you.

*Fr Biju.*



Congratulations to all students of our parish schools who entered the **2024 Religious Creative ARTS Competition** being run by the Diocese.

The year the theme of the artworks was **JOY.**



**Welcome to our Faith Family**

**Baptism congratulations to Alex Cameron White**

who is to be baptised this weekend.  
Please keep him, his parents & Godparents in your prayers.

**Berowra parishioners we need your help to bring this ministry come back to life!**



We have secured 2 groups of 2 parishioners to lead this ministry at St Patrick's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the

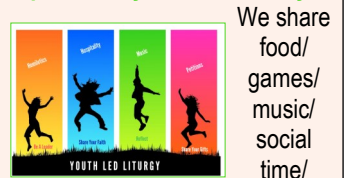
month commencing in October and we would love the children at St Bernard's to have the same opportunity, but we can't do it without YOU!

**Planning to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word in our parish, to help please:** Contact the office by Ph: 9456 2450 or E: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP:**

**Sunday 15th September after 6pm Mass till 8.30pm @ St Pat's Asquith**

**Open to all youth Yr 9 to 23yo.**



We share food/ games/ music/ social time/

a short video/discussion and finish with a prayer.

All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend!

F or more info. E: [DnAdrian@dbb.org.au](mailto:DnAdrian@dbb.org.au)



**Children's Choir @ St Patrick's**

If your child is in Year 3 or above, why not come and join the Choir? **Not a great singer?**

Not a problem, none of us are but we're learning all the time. Come along and see - you'll never know if you don't try.

The Choir practises every Friday after school from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.



# Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 14th/15th September 2024 – 24th Sunday in Ord. Time - Year B - Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	David Massa / Dn Kevin Hale	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Annie Tod Harry Tod	Verity Hartmann Sub requested	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Thomas Clarke Mia Nguyen	Anamaria De-Fina Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Peta Tonkin	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	Confirmation	Volunteer now
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Sarah Rumble	Miguel Do Rego	Cris Tolentino	Confirmation	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cora Marques (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		September - Malcolm Cross, David Chui - (help always needed & appreciated) (exception: 22/9 when John & Sue O'Malley do maintenance)			

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*.



## Ignite 2024 | Thursday, 26th September – Saturday, 28th September

Broken Bay is again delighted to host the Ignite Sydney Conference, a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all children, 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 are still open for Ignite 2024!!! ~ Head to the ...

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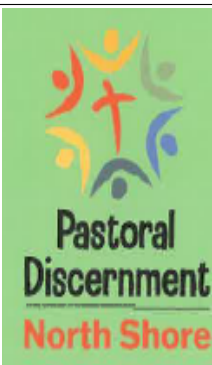
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If you have a question or need help with the app, please email Ignite at

[info@igniteconference.com.au](mailto:info@igniteconference.com.au).



## Pastoral Discernment North Shore (PDNS) Listening to One Another Guided by the Holy Spirit

Booklets are available today from the back of our churches, explaining the aim of the PDNS project, which is, to understand the unique challenges and opportunities distinct to the North Shore Deanery in order to develop a Pastoral Mission that enables all in the community the opportunity to participate more fully in the Mission of Jesus Christ.

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