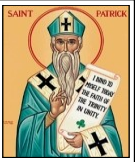


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 8th August 2021 ~ **Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** ~ Year B
1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34

- Entrance Antiphon:** Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.
- Responsorial Psalm:** **My soul clings to you, your right hand holds me fast.**
- Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!
- Communion Antiphon:** This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.
- 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'*



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

Mary MacKillop © Fr Michael Tate

Imagine this passage sounding in the ears of someone starving without warm clothing or shelter. I don't think it could be piously proclaimed at a refuge for the homeless. It could sound callously indifferent to the suffering of those there. **'Don't Worry, Be Happy'** is a great song but not in that context.

But this Gospel is directed to you and me as disciples of Jesus, so we have to check what does it actually say? Rather, what does it *not* say? It does not say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact, we know that Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw hungry crowds and told his disciples: **'Give them something to eat'**. And won't we be judged on whether we gave **'the Least'** food, shelter, companionship, in short, the necessities of life? (Mt 25) *We* should be *very* anxious that we do so, otherwise we will not hear: **'good and faithful servant'**.

In mid-late nineteenth century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later federated as the Commonwealth of

Australia. What were the necessities of life that so many were lacking? Perhaps the most obvious was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was **'never see a need without trying to do something about it'**, set about remedying that situation. Mary MacKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart as bands of women who took the traditional vows but who broke out of the confines of enclosed convent life to educate the poor.

She ignored colonial boundaries and set up a network of schools (and much else such as orphanages) throughout the colonies. She exhausted herself and her Sisters in this task, not anxious about food or clothing she or they might have, totally devoted to relieving the legitimate anxieties of others for the necessities of life.

This is well known. What is less well-known is a key factor in her excommunication from the Catholic Church.

Why did Bishop Sheil of Adelaide in 1871 move so drastically against this woman now recognised as a Saint? It was because she reported that a priest, Father Keating, was molesting children at a local church school. The response to his paedophilia led to his being disciplined by the local church authorities (although sent back to Ireland to minister as a priest!). This infuriated the mafia of Irish priests who were bent on the destruction of Mary MacKillop and her Order. Bishop Sheil was like putty in their hands.

Despite all of this, and with the full personal backing of Pope Pius IX for her Order, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters went on to educate hundreds of thousands of children in the colonies and the later federation of the Commonwealth of Australia. She and they lived this Gospel passage in their personal and community lives. She and they set their hearts on building the kingdom of God.

Bishop Sheil revoked the excommunicated five months later, but the fact remains that Australia's saint was dealt the most severe blow which a Catholic can suffer (at least in the institutional sense).

Mary MacKillop's education provision is itself a fantastic achievement and legacy. But more should be made of Mary MacKillop's response to clerical sexual abuse of children. She suffered grievously because of her courage in doing so in the face of a clerical culture which could not abide such revelations.

May it be presumed that as St Mary MacKillop entered the celestial Kingdom of Heaven she was surrounded by the thousands of those who as youngsters living in poverty or as subject to abuse, benefited so greatly from the Josephites setting their hearts on [the Father's] Kingdom first, and on God's saving justice.

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

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

**Both churches
CLOSED
for the duration
of the
LOCKDOWN**

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 ~ Year B

Monday 02/08

Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 03/08 ~ Memorial
St Dominic

Num 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday 04/08 ~ Memorial
St John Vianney

Num 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26-29,
34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 05/08

Num 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23

Friday 06/08 ~ Feast

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or 2 Pet 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10

Saturday 07/08

Deut 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angela Smith, Barry Thomas,
Crisanta Colis, June Maher,
Henry Sylvester, Agnes Montgomery,
Matthew Hughes, John Wright

ANNIVERSARIES: Lynette Maguire,
Dr Ken Gray, Gary Simpson, Christin
Simpson, Marta Granecka,

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

For those suffering around the world
from Covid-19 - that this disease will be
successfully brought under control and
eliminated as a health risk for all.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Chris Enright, Sally Agnew, Jola & Stach
Uchman, Tom Dawson, David Chee,
Roger Okell, Elaine Longmuir, Patrick
O'Donoghue, Patrick Dorahy, Sr Mary
Treacy, Marie Haag, Fr Thomas Philip
OSH, Sr Tincy Thomas, Jean Cook John
Gallagher, Felicity Fone, Peter Todd,
Peter Brooks, Dan Leavy, Barbara
Jones, Brian Treacy, Stephen C C, Anne
Brady, Marie O'Hare, John Cosgrove
(Snr), Antonia Alvarado, Peter Nguyen,
Nemia Camille Asiong, Rodney Porter



It is with
deep
sadness
we advise
of the
passing of Angela Smith.

A much valued part of the
parish over many years and a
regular at 8am Mass, Angela
was very active in parish
ministries including
Social Justice, RCIA, RCIC,
Catechist, Family Group, and
Baptism preparation.
She was a friend to all and
much loved by many of our
parishioners. Our deepest
sympathies and prayers are
extended to the Smith family.

Angela will be sorely missed.
May she rest in peace.

The 250 Club!



Week 3 - 02/08/2021
Winning number: 355
Winner: Michael Halliday
Amount: \$25.00

Maintenance Volunteers are getting a bit
tired of carrying the petrol can and need
some new whipper-snippers to help out.

We need volunteers now!

We will come out of lockdown
and when we do we need to be ready
for the hot growing months!

The Maintenance Roster for SPA will be
drafted this week. It begins in October and
we NEED (at the very least) 3 new
volunteers to join the ranks, and to
maintain our 6 Groups of 3 volunteers.

Please, email: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au
and provide your name, phone number to
express your willingness to join this ministry.



We don't want current volunteers to end up like this bloke now do we?

OUR BANK
DETAILS

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER

KCCP has a NEW
Bank Account Number:

The Catholic Development Fund (with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes,
which means we have a new account number.

In the past, we would provide the details here, however, as at last November we were directed by the Diocese that,
due to fraud attempts, parishes are no longer allowed to publish their BSB and Acct No's. in parish bulletins or websites.

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account
number and so we are asking that you contact the parish office as soon as possible via parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au or
on 9456 2450. Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish. Fr Shaju.



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES!

'Set your hearts on His kingdom first, and on His righteousness, and all these other
things will be given you as well..' Matthew 6:25-34

Fan the Flame ~ Towards Plenary Assembly ~ 01 / 10 / 2021

Reflection ~ The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all
members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a
willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2). (Instrumentum Laboris # 83)

Reflection Question ~ How can the Church deepen the identity of all the baptised as missionary
disciples, sharing in the mission of Jesus to prepare the way of God's kingdom?

Instrumentum Laboris ~ Jesus Christ, who is himself the Good News (euangélion) and the
"greatest Evangeliser", 43 draws into his mission all those who respond in faith to his Gospel and its
proclamation of the presence of the kingdom or reign of God within creation. "The time is fulfilled, and
the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). This conversion of
disciples' lives toward the person of Christ and the ways of his Gospel becomes a joyful witness that
continues Jesus' proclamation of the Good News. "For the Church, evangelising means bringing the Good
News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and
making it new".

Please pray for the Plenary Council www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop - 3 August 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These past five weeks or so, have triggered unending questions from various corners of the community.
Some enquiries are helpful, as they raise awareness around the neighbourhood, they highlight what might
be of assistance to others as we navigate new spaces and evolving relationships.



There are some in our community who have a gift for these kinds of questions. They seem to
observe the needs of others and are able to engage the space positively between the strict
letter of the law and the rigid adherence to protocols. They have the gift of seeing the
common good and making a positive contribution to making it a reality. There are some in
the community who have the gift of being able to identify issues but are challenged by what
they see and hear to the point that they become fearful, distrusting, and sceptical. [...]

+ Anthony

To read in full please go to: https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/3703dc5e-24d4-300a-940d-db62849f3e3a/3_August_2021_for_the_19th_Sunday_of_Ordinary_Time.01.pdf

Catechist News:



- + Just a short message to all our students, that we are missing you.
- + Please be patient, kind and thoughtful during this time of lockdown.
- + Listen to your Parents/Carers and be safe and well.
- + We look forward to catching up with you when we meet again when Schools reopen.
- + In the meantime we are thinking and praying for you all.

Catholic Learning from Home resources are available either through the Department's Christian SRE portal Christian SRE OR directly on the CCRESS website Catholic Learning from Home Lessons. CCRESS is the network of Catholic SRE Providers across NSW. The Learning from Home lessons have been developed in the Diocese of Broken Bay and are available for parents and students across NSW. They are provided in a user-friendly Click n Learn PowerPoint format.

Confirmation 2021 Programme Schedule ~



ZOOM Workshops for St Patrick's folk and for St Bernard's folk:			
SPA	SBB	Week 3:	Week 4:
3.15pm	5.30pm	Thursday 12/8	Thursday 19/8
4pm	4pm	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
5pm (2 x groups)	n/a	Saturday 14/8	Saturday 21/8
9am	n/a	Sunday 15/8	Sunday 22/8

Practice for Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday August 29th - SPA after the 10am Mass SBB after the 9am Mass
Confirmation (Covid restrictions permitting): Sunday September 5th - SPA 2pm and 4pm / SBB 11.30am

Workshops continue this week via Zoom. Please keep our KCCP Confirmation children in your prayers.
NB: The programme to the left is subject to change on short notice should we again be allowed to have face-to-face sessions.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

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

During this "Year of St Joseph", we will hopefully bring you a monthly reflection on aspects of St Joseph's life and character provided to us by the ACBC. REFLECTION - AUGUST 2021 - The Holy Family © Lara Kirk -

I can't relate to the Holy Family. Mary was completely without sin, Jesus was God and Joseph was a saint. That doesn't sound a whole lot like my family!

Thoughts or comments like these can easily arise when trying to engage with the subject of the Holy Family. Yet, in this Year of St Joseph ..., the Church is encouraging us anew to draw grace and strength from the fully human, grace-filled family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. If we desire to draw closer to this little family of Nazareth, then, we may need to explore some of the unconscious assumptions that can create resistance in our minds and hearts.

We may assume, for instance, that being able to resist sin perfectly (or with growing perfection in the case of Joseph) makes Jesus, Mary and Joseph "unrelatable". But is it our sins that "make us human" or that help us feel close to and connected with others?

A little reflection, assisted by Church teaching, will reveal that in fact the opposite is true. Sin makes us "less than human". It robs us of our true humanity and of our capacity to connect with others. It demeans and demoralises us and turns us in on ourselves.

To the extent that the members of the Holy Family were able to resist sin and selfishness, they were able to be fully human. The Holy Family can inspire us by their example of being richly and warmly present to each other, to their extended family, to their community and to the world they found themselves in.

The fact that Jesus, a holy man and preacher, was so comfortable in the company of outcasts and sinners bears testimony to the hospitality and compassion expressed in the family home at Nazareth. Their neighbours would have known them as "good people", people you could go to in a crisis, people who wouldn't judge you or look down on you or air your dirty laundry. Jesus learnt in the family home to be compassionate, accepting and merciful.

The fact that Jesus loved to share meals, to tell stories and to attend celebrations shows that his home life was rich and celebratory. The fact that his stories are full of images from domestic life – cooking and cleaning; from agriculture – sowing and reaping; from business – debt collectors and employers; and from nature – the lilies of the field; indicates that his parents encouraged a grounded, well-rounded appreciation of all aspects of human existence.

The fact that Jesus, while gentle and humble of heart, was also free in speaking his mind, calling out hypocrisy and expressing his grief, anger, joy or affection, bears testimony to a home environment which "held space" for robust conversations and the healthy expression of emotion. We can also make the assumption that there would have been something other-worldly or superhuman about the Holy Family. But there is simply no evidence for this.

The fact that we know next to nothing about the details of Jesus' first 30 years of life denotes that those around them noticed nothing "novel" or "exotic" about the Holy Family of Nazareth. In fact, the Gospel of Thomas, in which the child Jesus was depicted performing supernatural feats, was rejected by the early Church as inauthentic.

The Holy Family were not superhuman; they were fully human and extra-ordinary. They didn't have a crystal ball that told them how their life would turn out. They had to live and grow through space and time like the rest of us, trusting that God is good and that ultimately he has everything in hand. They had to exercise faith. They had to choose hope and they had to learn how to accept and appreciate the gift of each other's unique personhood just like we do.

Nor did resisting sin mean they were free from temptation, discouragement, doubt, fear, misunderstandings, hurt, anxiety, stress or grief. They had many trials to endure: an importunate pregnancy, social disgrace, homelessness, fleeing an oppressive regime, on the run for their lives, precarious employment. Did they need to rely on the kindness of others, on charity, to make it through?

Jesus was later to declare that "the Son of Man has no place to lay his head". Was this another lesson learnt from his parents' stories of their early married life? The story of Jesus being lost for days during the extended family pilgrimage home from Jerusalem shows that, like us, the Holy Family could not read each other's minds. Despite the purity of their love for each other, Mary and Joseph still could not fully understand each other during their life on earth and nor could they fully understand their son. The human reality of their essential separateness as individuals as they strove to build communion as a family would have produced all the same frustrations and anxieties that all human beings experience in relationships. And God has willed it this way. The Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* beautifully articulates the complexity of what it means to be human and it is good to reflect that every member of the Holy Family, being fully human, would have experienced these complexities.


In every human person "many elements wrestle with one another... on the one hand, as a creature he experiences his limitations in a multitude of ways; on the other he feels himself to be boundless in his desires and summoned to a higher life" (GS 10). Every person "remains to himself an unsolved puzzle" to which "only God fully and most certainly provides an answer as He summons each person to higher knowledge and humbler probing" (GS 21).

Every person has "a secret core and sanctuary" where he "is alone with God, whose voice echoes in the depths" (GS 16). By his innermost nature, man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential (GS 12). Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself (GS 24). Thus Jesus, Mary and Joseph had to undertake the same fundamental human task we all do of growing in self-knowledge and self-possession and of learning how to freely give themselves to each other and enter into communion with one another and with God (Catechism of the Catholic Church 357). This all took time, patience, forgiveness, understanding, humility, growth in maturity, life experience, openness and learning skills of trust and communication.

The Holy Family are much more like us than they are different from us and they have much to teach us about what it means to be fully human. Let's draw close to these good people, who learnt through trials and sufferings and joys how to walk humbly with God and to trust in his provident goodness.

Let the Holy Family encourage us, that as we open the ordinariness of our lives and relationships to his grace, God can bring about his saving plan. *Lara has over 20 years experience speaking with young people about marriage and sexuality. She currently works for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn as Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator. She is married to Tim and together they have five children.*



	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm

Until restrictions lift: Rostering for essential ministries during the live-streaming of Mass will be arranged separately - if required, you will be contacted by the Parish Office.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr Shaju.

Roster reminders are sent out automatically via the MSP system— please ignore these during the lockdown as we haven't yet worked out how to turn them off !!

Maintenance Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated August: Matthew Tancred - additional help always appreciated - **see inside appeal to help pls**

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*.

COVID-19 Update - Churches in Broken Bay to remain closed for the duration of this Covid Lockdown. Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from our Parish as follows: Sat. Vigil - 6pm from St Patrick's, Asquith // Sun. - 9am from St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.
 Weekday Mass continues to be livestreamed from our Cathedral at 7am. **As message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:** With the announcement of the continuation of the Stay at Home Order, I ask that **all our churches in Diocese of Broken Bay remain closed.** The obligation for the faithful to participate in Sunday Mass (can.1247) remains lifted for the people of Broken Bay for the duration of this Stay at Home Order."

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

At KCCP we take Safeguarding seriously and

it is important to always look for ways to improve and make things safer for children and young people and provide feedback to the Clergy of the Parish and Ministry Leaders.

Learning Hub ~ TED TALK:
 Thrive by Five – by Molly Wright a 7 year old girl explaining to the world why it is important for adults to connect with children.

View video here...
https://www.ted.com/talks/molly_wright_how_every_child_can_thrive_by_five?language=en#t-7006
(For what it's worth, this was viewed and loved by TWITO)

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2021 SUPPORTS FOR PEOPLE –

– ACROSS OUR DIOCESE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



This week is Homelessness Week.
 Finding yourself homeless ranks as one of the most challenging things that could happen in life. CatholicCare's specialist housing programs help people at risk of becoming homeless to stay securely housed, and those who are homeless to find and keep a home.

They offer a range of services including:
Supported Temporary Accommodation program
 •Mary Mac's Place
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 •Outreach to street sleepers
 •Support for people in financial crisis via the Emergency Relief program.
 If you, or someone you might know is affected by homelessness or needs housing support, please contact CatholicCare on 1800 324 924 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY THE BILLS?
Are you struggling to pay the bills?
CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au.
They are here to help our parish families.
 Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.

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