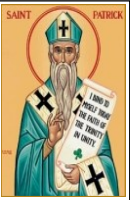


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 9th July 2023 ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Entrance: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

'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	9.30am	St Patrick's
Friday	After 9am	Mass St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls

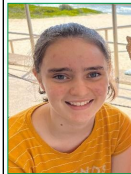
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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

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.



Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish proudly sends forth our World Youth Day Pilgrims.

Around every 3 years, WYD takes place in a different country where young people gather together to proclaim their commitment to Christ and His Church. Having been blessed to attend 3 WYD's myself in Italy, Germany and Poland, I can attest that this festive encounter, centered on Jesus Christ, and open to all young people, provides an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church. As a family of faith, we come together today, at the 10am Mass to bestow a special blessing upon our four WYD pilgrims (clockwise)

Rebecca, Rachel, Sophia and Michael,

in preparation for their wonderful journey of faith at WYD 2023, Lisbon. Congratulations to each of you. Go forth with the assurance that the thoughts and prayers of all KCCP parishioners, Fr Joy and myself go with you. Fr Biju.



Homily © Richard Leonard SJ

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice. 'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, "and finally..." people take out their car keys!' The second was, **'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'**

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace. Now all this **'come and rest a while'** talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality. Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens. They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. No wonder they held so strongly to the words, **'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.'** And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

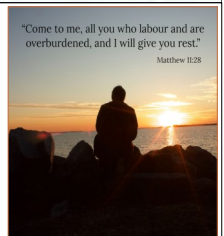
Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it. Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' To which there was bemused silence. So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?' There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

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

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Admin Assistant:** Timea Holland

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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 July: For a Eucharistic life:



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A Monday 10/07

Gen 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday 11/07 ~ Memorial

St. Benedict, abbot

Gen 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday 12/07

Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7; 17-24
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday 13/07

Gen 44:18-21; 23-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday 14/07

Gen 46:1-7; 28-30 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday 15/07 ~ Memorial

St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor
Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26
Mt 10:24-33

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dolla Patricio, Pat Tunnick, Victims of the Hunter Valley Bus accident; Blanca Pinto, Milagros Manongdo, Aurora Santos

ANNIVERSARIES:

Teresa Melisari, Gary Simpson, Christin Simpson, Wilford Long, Pastor Alvarado, Dr. Ken Gray, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Thomas Pinto, Violet Shaw, George Shaw, Richard Birch, Harold D'Souza

Other: Natasha Reyes (Birthday)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Philomena and Rex D'Souza, Judith Ryan, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Won Lee, Maria Park, Fiona Loughland, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir

The 250 Club!

Week 20~ 03/07/2023;

THE BIG ONE

Amt: \$500; Winning #: 906

Winner: *Unsubscribed*



Confirmation 2023 Sunday 17 September
10am @ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)
2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)

Now Open: Confirmation enrolment 2023

Confirmation Enrolment is now open to any child who has been Baptised, is over the age of 8 and in Year 3, or above. The Enrolment form and schedule will be available on the Parish website from Monday 3 July, 2023 and from our Churches.

Parents/guardians please note this essential element to enrolling your child/ren.

The **mandatory** Parent Talk will take place on:

Thursday 27 July 2023 - 7.30pm-8.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

If you **cannot** or **do not** attend this talk, **without exception,**

you will be required to make an appointment for a one-on-one interview with Father Biju to discuss non-attendance and seek permission for your child/ren to proceed to making the Sacrament.



Peter's Pence Collection ~

Last weekend, you generously raised **\$2,058.00** to support the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. *Bravo!*



SAVE THE DATE ~ MARK YOUR DIARY ~ Calling all Acolytes / Senior Servers

A formation afternoon has been arranged for all Acolytes and Senior Servers of our parish on **Saturday August 19, 2023**. The programme for the afternoon follows:

Travelling up the M1, we ask that you arrive at the

Shrine of St John Paul II at St Patrick's Church, East Gosford for a

- 1pm – 1.45pm talk at the Shrine (located inside the church), followed at
- 1.45 – 3.15pm Server refresher session workshop in the Jordan Room, followed at
- 3.30 – 5pm late lunch/early Dinner at East Gosford before heading back down the M1 for a
- 6pm – return to KCCP

Your attendance at this formation afternoon would be greatly appreciated.



SAVE THE DATE ~ MARK YOUR DIARY ~ Calling all Junior Altar Servers

A formation evening has been arranged and will be held at each of our churches soon.

Any existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our **New Communicants**, are asked to register their attendance by emailing the office at parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number. **Please reply by July 31, 2023, thank you.**

THURSDAY August 31 – Berowra Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)

FRIDAY September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included)



WINTER APPEAL

ADVANCED NOTICE ~ Next week-end the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their Winter Appeal at both our churches.

The appeal will be different from previous years as there will not be envelopes in the Church pews however Society members will be collecting donations as Parishioners leave after Mass.

Any Parishioner wishing to pay by a credit card or if you need a receipt, this can be arranged, just speak with the Vinnies representative outside the church.

Our Christian vocation is not a numbers game. Jesus tells us that the Father knows "every hair on your head" which means each person is precious in the eyes and the heart of God. So, it is for this very reason that the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to meet the face of Christ in all we encounter. Please donate whatever you can afford.

IGNITE 2023 ~ the Diocese of Broken Bay, is proud to be hosting the Ignite Sydney Conference 2023, between 28 September – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct.

It's time to jump on line to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference.

Evangelisation Broken Bay is offering a 50% discount off the ticketed price!

Evangelisation Broken Bay has a limited number of **'50% off the ticketed price'** subsidies still available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference.

To request a discount code, please email Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au



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.



Do you have your order in for our Seniors Ministry Pie & Cake Fundraiser?

Enjoy baked to order delicious pies and cakes from **Thompson's** (of Gateshead). As your taste buds are tantalized, you will be supporting our Senior's Ministry. **Call the office to put your order in - 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au**

Orders AND payment must be in by 3.30pm Monday July 10, 2023.
(NB: There are NO Gluten Free options available, sorry)

LAST CHANCE to get your order in. Senior's Ministry Pie & Cake Fundraiser Order Form 2023

Name: _____ **Mobile:** _____
Email: _____

ORDERS and PAYMENT (Visa/Mastercard preferred) DUE BY: Monday 3.30pm - July 10, 2023

CODE	PRODUCT	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
1860	Beef Pie (6 pack)	19.50		
1865	Beef, Bacon & Cheese Pie (6 Pack)	23.50		
1862	Beef & Potato Pie (4 Pack)	15.50		
1870	Sausage Roll (6 Pack)	13.50		
1730	Spinach & Ricotta Roll (6 Pack)	18.50		
1871	Party Beef Pie (12 Pack)	22		
1873	Party Sausage Roll (12 Pack)	15		
6617	Family Mornay Chicken & Veg 9"	16		
1819	Family Quiche Lorraine 9"	18		
1874	Party Apple Pie (6 Pack)	14		
2298	Cream Lamington (6 Pack)	12		
2301	Plain Lamington (6 Pack)	12		
1887	Vanilla Slice (6 Pack)	15		
1881	Brownie Slice (6 Pack)	15		
6020	Caramel Slice (6 Pack)	18.55		
	ORDER TOTAL			

***** Orders are to be picked up from the Parish Office after 12:30pm and before 5pm on Thursday July 20.**
Please make arrangements with the office if there is an issue with order pick-ups.

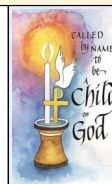


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Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.



Welcome to our Faith Family
Baptism congratulations to

Ellie Jennifer Taranto

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 6 July 2023

There is a real buzz around the Diocese with students, young adults and leaders making final preparations for their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. Many will journey with Bishop Anthony on a pilgrimage through Italy visiting the birthplaces of saints, and the Shrines and Basilicas dedicated to these holy men and women. Others will fly direct to Lisbon where all our pilgrims will join hundreds of thousands of

young people from around the world for moments of sharing and faith; a gathering and celebration of cultures, participating in catechesis, and a meeting with the Pope. For those who have been to previous World Youth Days they know what a transforming experience this pilgrimage will be. The Diocese is fortunate to have Chancery and Catholic Schools Broken Bay staff who have attended many WYDs and have been working for more than 18 months to ensure WYD23 is an exciting, rewarding and memorable time for our pilgrims.

This week the Vatican released the Official Schedule for the Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis. The Holy Father will spend from August 2-6 in Lisbon and Fatima. He will meet Archbishops and Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Persons, Seminarians, and Pastoral Workers from every corner of the world. And of course thousands and thousands of young people. Pope Francis will join the gathering for the Opening Mass, the Way of the Cross and then celebrate the Holy Mass Mass for World Youth Day on Sunday, 6 August at Campo da Graca on the outskirts of Lisbon. The theme for this WYD is "Mary rose up and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). This quote opens the account of the Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama in 2019.). It also inspired the name for the Diocese pilgrimage and theme song - Magnify - which in turn was inspired by the Magnificat, or Song of Mary, meaning my soul magnifies the Lord. Our pilgrims have been practising the song for months which will no doubt be heard throughout Lisbon! On **Friday, 14 July Bishop Anthony will celebrate the Pilgrim Blessing Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 5.00pm.** The students, young people, leaders and their families are looking forward to this final gathering before departure. You are all invited to pray for our WYD pilgrims, for a wonderful, holy experience and a safe return.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's enjoyed a fantastic anniversary party on June 30 thanks to the parish and our wonderful parents who provided an abundance of great food. We blessed and sent our four WYD pilgrims on their mission, looking forward to great things from them on their return. **Please note: No practice** during school holidays ~ 7 & 14 July. **Practice resumes** Friday 21 July, at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. **Children's Choir will continue to sing at:** 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays throughout the school holidays. **Children's Choir is open to:** Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish is welcome to join this choir at any time, come along and try it out.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 15th/16th July 2023 - 15th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A - Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

	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	Denis Steiner	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	Volunteer needed	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Sophia Cottrell Annalise Cottrell	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	David Massa	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Sophia Smith	Volunteer needed	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Jo Quinlan	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f), Chichi Datoc (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco, Michelle Hwang (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (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*.

Berowra Community Groups
supporting
Hornsby Kuring-Gai Women's
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Mini Fete Fundraiser

11am - 2pm
Saturday July 15th, 2023
at Berowra Baptist Church, Berowra Waters Rd

Live Music • Market Stalls
BBQ • Kids Activities
Silent Auction • Cafe
Face Painting • Henna Tattoos

**ANNIVERSARY
of PRIESTLY
ORDINATION**

In 1983, both were Ordained for the Archdiocese of Sydney and were foundation clergy of Broken Bay Diocese when it was established in 1986. All clergy and members of the diocese are invited to share in this happy occasion.

Fr Brian will be celebrating at the **5.00pm Mass on Saturday 19 August in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance** followed by a light supper in the parish centre.

Fr Robert will be celebrating at the **9.30am Mass on Sunday 20 August in the Church of St Joseph, Narrabeen** followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Please keep both Fr Robert and Fr Brian in your prayers as they celebrate their jubilee's.

Have we found your long lost Violin?

A clean out at St Patrick's has turned up a violin and bow. To claim, call the office on 9456 2450 with a description and any identifying features.

Fr Robert Borg & Fr Brian Moloney
are celebrating their **40th Anniversary of Ordination**

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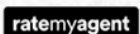
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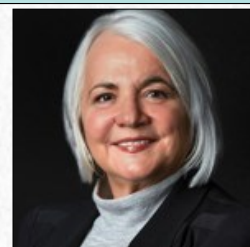
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