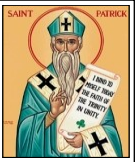


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 9th May 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

### Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm:

**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

**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'

## Happy Mother's Day

### A Blessing Prayer for Mothers, by Greg Sunter



Mother God,  
You are the great Creator.  
You gave birth to the world and  
through love brought all things into being.  
You are our mother who feeds us;  
Our mother who comforts and consoles us;  
Our mother who defends us;  
Our mother who calms and cares for us.  
Before you formed us in our mother's womb, you chose us.  
Before we were born you set us apart.  
You have carved us in the palm of your hand.

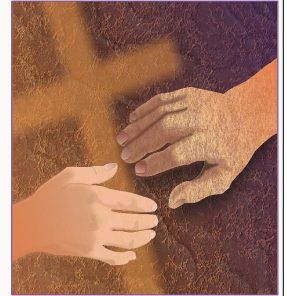
- + Bless all women who bring life into the world.
- + Bless all women who cannot give birth.
- + Bless all women expecting the birth of their child.
- + Bless all women who mourn their unborn child.
- + Bless all women who love and care for their children.
- + Bless all women who share their love and care with others.
- + Bless all women who tend the needs of their families.
- + Bless all women who tend the needs of the world.
- + Bless all women supported by a partner.
- + Bless all women who parent alone.
- + Bless all women of integrity.
- + Bless all women who struggle with who they are.
- + Bless our mothers and our grandmothers.
- + Bless our teachers and our carers.
- + Bless the dads who also mother.
- + Bless the mums we never knew.

God, our Mother and our Father,  
Look with favour on all those we call 'mother'.  
Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.  
We make this prayer through Mary, who intercedes for us.  
**Amen.**

### Lectionary Art and Reflection

Jesus called his disciples friends and advised them to 'love one another' using his relationship with them as a model; but his kind of love meant sharing everything and giving everything - even his life. Friendship and love are risky, so why bother? They are worth the risk because their fruits are ultimately life giving and lasting.

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### Cornelius, Catholics and Love © Fr Michael Tate

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are '**Catholic**' because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius.

Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire's armed forces and a pagan to boot.

And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church.

Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian.

And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal ('**catholic**' in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages.

First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated.

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

### SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 2m<sup>2</sup> requirement]

St Patrick's: 202 persons

at St Bernard's: 122 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

**Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours URGENT only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS

6th Week of Easter  
Year B

Monday 10/05

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -16:4

Tuesday 11/05

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 12/05

Acts 17:15, 22 -18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 13/05

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 14/05

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday 15/05

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Josephine Sugirtham, Terry Treacy,  
Patrick Newman, Dorothy O'Sullivan,  
Elaine Perez

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Joseph (Fr Shaju's father),  
Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida  
O'Halloran, Jada & Leon Fellmann,  
Peter O'Halloran, Moya Dawson,  
Kryisia & Dyziv Maciejwscy,  
Mary Ann Weir

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:

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

The 250 Club!

Week 12 - 04/05/2021

Winning number: 553

Winner: *Unsubscribed*

Amount: \$25.00



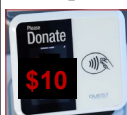
Pope Francis' Prayer Intention  
for May: The World of  
Finance ~

Let us pray that  
those in charge of  
finance will work  
with governments  
to regulate the  
financial sphere  
and protect  
citizens from its danger.



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Diocesan Mass Count 2021 - Continues this weekend.  
As 2021 is a census year, the Mass Count will form part of the National  
Count of Attendance and will continue across the weekends of 15/16;  
and 22/23 May. Your patience and assistance during this 'National  
Count of Attendance' year is greatly appreciated.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND - THIS WEEKEND!  
FINAL APPEAL FOR THE 2020-2021 FINANCIAL YEAR  
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Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21.  
Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities: -

- ◇ Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.
- ◇ Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- ◇ St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.
- ◇ St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- ◇ Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

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- Online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give)
- Scan the QR code
- Online via our [website](#) by going to the Online payment option (BPoint) and select the dropdown marked '1362904 - CWF Diocese of Broken Bay'
- Or call the office to make a credit card payment over the phone



All donations contribute to our parish target ~

Be sure to correctly nominate our parish so your contribution comes off our quota

Many young people and families in our community receive help from these charities. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.

Who Knew !? By giving to the CWF through Payroll Giving you can double your contribution to our parish! [\$10 becomes \$20; \$50 becomes \$100 etc]

Easy, pre-tax giving to your favourite causes. It's a simple & effective way to donate and donors instantly receive their tax-deduction. Details of such matching schemes will be available from your employer. Don't delay, check with them today and ask if they participate! Setting up Payroll Giving is easy. Contact your employer's HR or Payroll team to set it up for you. CWF is registered with [www.good2give.ngo](http://www.good2give.ngo) who facilitate the Payroll giving scheme. Questions? Contact David Armstrong on 8379 1664 [David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:David.armstrong@bbcatholic.org.au).



[...from front]

The second great message involved understanding what 'love' really entails. The word 'love' in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for

chocolate over nougat? Our Lord gives us the core meaning.

'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of 'love' according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving.

Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends. He laid down his life for those – for us – whom he called 'friends'.

Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father:

'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

He took this experience on himself, really the experience of humanity, and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday.

And he did so on behalf of us whom in today's gospel He calls his 'friends', those with whom he wishes to share that victory.

'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language.

It is a message which has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here.

It is the message entrusted to us as members of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church.

More importantly, it is entrusted to us as friends of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES !

We are moving closer to the fifth Plenary Council Assembly in October 2021, and you are encouraged to pray for the Plenary Council - the process, the people and the outcome for the renewal of our Church. Through your prayers, your relationship with Jesus may also deepen as you seek to hear and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in order that you may proclaim with confidence; "I no longer live, for it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal2:20).

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

Remembering back to 2019 - pre-Covid – a lot has happened since we last spoke about the Plenary Council. The postponed first session will now take place on Oct 3-10 with members coming from all parts of Australia to gather in Adelaide.

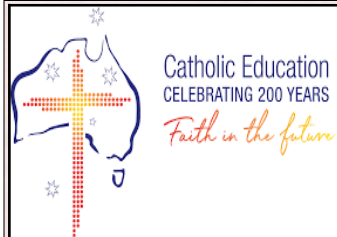
Retracing our steps!

**Phase I : Listening and Dialogue** - During late 2019, many of us at St Patrick's and St Bernard's took part in sessions and submitted our suggestions to the website.

Over 222,000 people around Australia participated with 17,457 submissions received. According to the website: "This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and the diverse yearnings, that we continue to be challenged to consider together."

Further information at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Diocesan-Final-Report-Phase-1-Broken-Bay.pdf>

Please pray for the Plenary Council – Sue Newnham



Dear Parishioners,

You are warmly invited to join our school students at **St Bernard's Church** or **St Patrick's Church** on **Monday 24th May at 10:30am** for the **National Mass** to celebrate **200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia.**

Mass at each location will be attended by years 3-6 and we would

love to have some of our very valued parishioners present as well. Unfortunately, spaces are limited so **please RSVP to the respective school office** if you would like to attend:

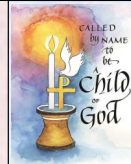
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Warm Wishes,  
Jackie Favaloro-Tod

Religious Education Coordinator,  
St Bernard's Catholic Primary School, Berowra Heights.

Warm Wishes,  
Tahnee Reynolds

Religious Education Coordinator,  
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith.



Welcome  
to our  
Faith  
Family

Baptism congratulations  
to

*William McMuliffe*

who is to be baptised this  
weekend.

Please keep William,  
his parents and Godparents  
in your prayers.

**Vox Populi - The Voice of the People** - This week's Vox Populi comes from Sr Jennifer Canillas OSA. Sr Jennifer is an Augustinian Sister of Our Lady of Consolation. Along with Sr Josie Malibi OSA, she works as Pastoral Support at MacKillop Catholic College, Warnervale and is a parishioner at Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish.

## The Month of May is the Month of the Blessed Mother Mary

"When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home." (John 19:26-27)



Sr Jennifer Canillas OSA (left)  
and Sr Josie Malibi OSA.

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is of seeing my mother kneeling in front of her small altar with a beautiful statue of a lady. One night I asked her about the lady to whom she was praying and she patiently explained to me, "This is the Blessed Mother Mary, the mother of Jesus, my mother and yours, too." I had heaps of questions for my mum and towards the end of our conversation she taught me how to pray the "Hail Mary." And every night afterwards I would join my mother in praying to Our Lady, her Mother and mine, too.

The month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary. In the Philippines, we have a tradition called "Flores de Mayo", wherein for the entire month of May the children of every parish gather every afternoon for a Catechism class where they learn about Mary and Jesus. They pray the Holy Rosary and offer a flower to the Blessed Mother. The parents and Catechists then serve afternoon tea to the children. They are being nourished physically, socially, and spiritually. Gradually, these children grow in their faith to God and their devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary for as the Scriptures says, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

"Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ... In this sense Mary, Mother of the Church, is also the Church's model. Indeed, as Pope Paul VI hopes and asks, the Church must draw "from the Virgin Mother of God the most authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ" (Redemptoris Mater, 47). She is indeed the perfect model for all generations. Through her, individuals who have gone astray from their faith are led to her Son, Jesus.

I admire the parish where I presently belong as after every Mass, the parishioners stay and pray the Holy Rosary. How wonderful it is to see parishioners spend a little more time to pray and offer intentions to Jesus and to Mary. Likewise, the role of my mum in my life has had a great impact when it comes to my faith journey and values.

Despite her being a working mum, she would always make sure that every Sunday we attended Holy Mass as a family. She taught me the difference between good and poor choices. She is my consoler, my adviser, my helper, my supporter, my first teacher, my first Catechist. With her I learned to pray. And, this is where I developed and found my vocation that led me to religious life and to join the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation.

Our Lady of Consolation is one of the Augustinian Marian titles, which we celebrate every 4 September.

This Mother's Day, I express my gratefulness to my mum for she chose "life" for me. I give honour to my Blessed Mother Mary for she chose "life" too for the Word to be fleshed and to dwell among us. Our Church is blessed to have a Mother who protects her children.

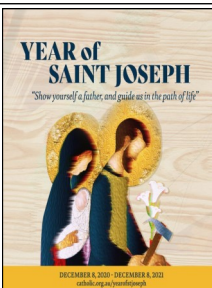
**I remember a priest friend who told me jokingly, "If Jesus won't listen to your prayer go to Mary, surely He will listen to His mum."**

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 15th/16th May – The ASCENSION of the LORD- Year B

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Peter Collins	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney	Simone Noel
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Jeanette Neary	Sue Lum	Jim Fitzgerald	David De-Fina	Sue Lum
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Peter Daly	Sub requested
Sacristy Care/ Church Cleaning	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f) Tina Manti (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, John & Sue O'Malley, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B - additional help always appreciated		May: Malcolm Cross, David Chui - additional help always appreciated			
Communion to Sick	Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital	Michael O'Neil	Regis (KRG Gardens)	Susie Gates	Christophorus House	Cynthia Gilbertson

**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*.



During this "Year of St Joseph", Patron of the Universal Church, we will bring you a monthly reflection on aspects of St Joseph's life and character provided to us by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

### REFLECTION - MAY 2021 - © Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv - St Joseph the Migrant Worker

Have you ever imagined St Joseph as a migrant worker? Would he have taken with him as many tools of trade as he could carry when he fled with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt? What would it have been like for him trying to find work in a foreign land to support his family? Would anyone help them, or would these 'outsiders' be exploited or left to fend for themselves?

During the COVID-19 pandemic temporary seasonal workers have had a very difficult time. Many came to Australia for jobs that disappeared because of the pandemic. None the less, these workers found themselves ineligible for the Jobseeker allowance. Many could not go home. They became stranded in Australia because of closed borders. Without work or access to government support, they were forced to rely on charities.

Those who did find work were often exposed to risk of infection with the virus – for example in the coronavirus outbreak that centred on the meatworks in Colac in mid-2020, or in food delivery or cleaning.

Sadly, the exploitation of migrant workers is not something that only happens in other countries.

Before the pandemic, over a million overseas workers on temporary visas came to Australia each year. Even in the best of times, temporary seasonal workers are more vulnerable to exploitative working conditions than workers who have Australian citizenship. FairWork Australia says that "employees under the [Pacific Labour] Scheme have the same workplace rights as other employees in Australia". But temporary seasonal workers might not know that. They are less likely to know what their rights are, and to be able to effectively assert them. It is not uncommon to hear stories of unreasonable accommodation charges and other levies being imposed. There have even been reports of passports being held by employers.

Migrant workers often lack friends and allies who can help them.

Can we see in the faces of temporary seasonal workers the face of St Joseph, seeking work in a foreign land, trying to support his family? Can we see migrant workers as our sisters and brothers in need of our care? Can we welcome them into our homes, communities and churches and defend their dignity and rights?

Let us entrust temporary seasonal workers in Australia to the protection of St Joseph the Worker.

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv is Bishop of Parramatta and chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service



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