

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 10 September 2023 ~ 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

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

Emergency sick calls

0468 341 841

(Out of office hours URGENT only)

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

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

**Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre
if hospitalised and you would like
our own priests to attend.**

Annual OSH Appeal ~ THIS weekend

Dear Parishioners,

*We would like to repeat our words of last week regarding the
importance of this appeal and the change to peoples lives your
kind donations will realise ...*

Since 2020, in order 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.

Due to Covid-19, we have taken only one collection in the past
years. This year onwards we plan to have two special appeals.
The first appeal will be held this weekend. We are so grateful to
you for your valuable generous support in the past years. Your support has greatly helped our mission ministry.

To fulfill the mission and charism of the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart we initiated our mission
ministry in the Jalandhar Diocese in Chabal, the very remote area of Punjab, India.

There are five OSH priests serving in the new mission area. The work they do includes visiting families on a
regular basis to talk to them about God and religion and introduce them slowly to Jesus Christ. There are more
than twenty conversions taking place every year. At present they use the facilities of classrooms and homes for
prayer gatherings. **They really require a church where they can come and participate for the Holy Mass,
catechism, and other activities of parish life.**

At this stage they are unable to get the contributions from the locals as they themselves experience difficulties in
making their ends meet. This time the appeal is to support this mission centre to fulfill their dream to build a
church that will aid the Church's universal call to evangelize as our Blessed Lord commanded "go therefore and
make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt
28,19).

We are ever grateful to you for all the generous contributions you have been making in your own ways and
means. On behalf of the Society, we thank you for your generous hearts and minds. May God bless you all.

Your priests, *Fr. Biju & Fr. Joy OSH*

**Envelopes are in the pews this weekend
and can be placed on either collection plate during Mass.**



*Style of church your generous donations
will be put towards building in this
remote area of Punjab, India by OSH
Missionaries*



Today is Safeguarding Sunday 2023

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, an occasion to reflect on
our ongoing journey as a Parish community to build a safer
environment for every person. As a Parish community, we
have worked well to develop clear structures and guidance
for our Safeguarding practices to help ensure a safe
environment through the promotion of best practice.

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 bless you all. **Fr Biju**

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

Opening Hours: 9am – 3.30pm, Mon-Fri only.

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

Parish Administrator: Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH


Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper

Bookkeeper: Karen Price / **Vol. Office Assist:** Jan Favaloro

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill (kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

*'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 September:
For people living on the margins:
 We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A
Monday 11/09
 Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 12/09
 Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 13/09 ~ Memorial
 St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
 Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday 14/09 ~ Feast
 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17
Friday 15/09 ~ Memorial
 Our Lady of Sorrows
 Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday 16/09 ~ Memorial
 Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
 1 Tim 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Anna Hwang, Sebastiano Italiano, Dolla Patricio.

ANNIVERSARY: Reg Cooper, Harold D'Souza, Kerrin Enright, Eulalia Elling, Shirley Gray, Ted Newnham

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:
 Bill Holmes, Bob Hawkins, Adele Ramos, Christian Harant, Simon Riddett, Cita Del Rio, Judith Ryan, Won Lee, Chris Enright, Maris Park, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Mary Mathew, 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, Barbara Jones, Jean Cook, Brian Treacy, Josef, Marie Haag, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Elaine Longmuir.

Prayer from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on this Safeguarding Sunday ~
 Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen**

The Bishop is coming! It must be time for Confirmation!
 With next Sunday, 17 September, being Confirmation in our parish, it goes without saying that the Bishop will be here to confer the Sacrament upon our 80 candidates.

To ensure our parish is looking at its absolute best for the candidates and the Bishop, we would like to ask anyone who is willing to help with a **"Spring Clean"** to gather at either of our churches at **10am on Saturday 16 September** armed with brooms, buckets, mops, window cleaning rags etc for the church itself and blower vacs, edgers, lawn mowers etc for the grounds. The turn out last Easter was not as many as in previous years, so we would especially ask you to please come along and lend a hand.

As the old saying goes ... **"many hands make light work"** and **"God loves a cheerful giver"** (of their time).

Special Sacramental Celebrations means Special Floral Displays in our Churches
 Our parish is blessed with a number of talented "flower arrangers" who each week ensure our Sanctuaries have beautiful arrangements of flowers, sometimes real, other times silk. During special events in the parish such as **First Communion and Confirmation** it is appropriate that we go to a little extra effort and have large vibrant displays of real flowers, but as you know, these days everything comes with a cost attached. In June we spent \$500 on flowers across both churches for First Communion and we will be spending the same for Confirmation next weekend. **It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider a small contribution towards the cost of these flowers which represent good value for money as they often last across a couple (or more) weekends of Masses.** To contribute, please contact the office to pay with a credit card or place your donation in an envelope marked **"Flowers"** and place on the plate at Mass. **Thank you.**

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ How the funds are administered ...

1st Collection: LEAVES the parish and goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.

2nd Collection: STAYS in the parish to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc, etc and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH** to **FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**

Annual Clergy Retreat of our Diocese Will be held from 12th to 15th September 2023
 Kindly pray for us during those days.

Please note, this will necessitate a change to our mid-week Mass schedule.

Next week, the only morning Masses in our parish will be on:
Monday 11 September 2023 AND Saturday 16 September 2023
Both at 9am Mass at St Patrick's Asquith.
NO MASSES will be celebrated in our parish on Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday of next week, **HOWEVER,**
Our Lady of the Rosary, Hornsby has advised they have a priest available to offer **9.30am Mass,** on those days and all are very welcome to join them.

The 250 Club!

Week 7 ~ 04/09/2023;
 Winning #: 521

Amount: \$25.00

Winner: Cecilia Waite

Another super easy way to support the parish financially is to be a member of the 250 Club!
Just 5 weeks into the current series, we've had winners in 4 of the 5 weeks, paying out \$575 !!
For just \$1 per week over a 20 week period (that's just \$20 all up)
you receive a 'block' of 4 consecutive numbers and 16 opportunities to win \$25 or 4 opportunities to win \$500.00

But, you have to be in it to win it!
So come on !!! Join the club, the 250 Club!!!

Of the 250 'blocks' of numbers we have:

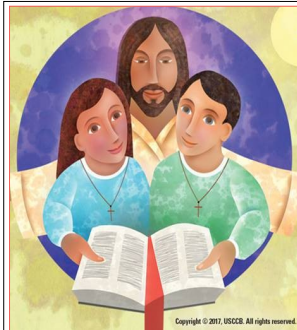
- 😊 **155 Financial blocks (4 NEW Subscribers)** (thank you so much for your ongoing support)
- 😬 **30 Unfinancial blocks** (parishioners who have not yet paid for the current series)
- 😞 **65 Unsubscribed blocks** (these are immediately available for 'purchase')

Please call the office asap to pay your membership or to purchase 'block/s' of numbers.

Tap n Go donation points available in both Churches. All taps are set to \$10. Thank you for your support through these devices.

OUR BANK DETAILS

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.



URGENT REQUEST from our Catechist Co-Ordinator, on behalf of our Catholic children in our State Primary Schools.

Could you spare half an hour for these students in either of these two schools? They would appreciate a Catechist to come in and teach them, urgently.

✦ **Hornsby North Public School, Ida Street, Hornsby: Thursday, Year 6 - Time: 09:45am - 10:15 am**

✦ **Wideview Public School, Wideview Street, Berowra Heights: Wednesday, Years 5/6 (combined class) - Time: 11:35am - 12:05pm**

Please contact Cynthia Gilbertson via Parish Office 9456 2450



Bernie's Ladies

Our event for Term 3 is dinner at The Asquith Club ! Please join us on Friday September 15 from 7pm at 1 Lodge Street, Hornsby.

RSVP is to Gen Funk by Wednesday September 13. Please either email Gen on david@barnettsroad.com or 0418 866 250.

The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed, please come along. The ladies of St Bernard's would like to warmly extend this invitation to ALL the ladies from St Patrick's to join us.



Help requested from all the wonderful ethnic communities of our parish with a Multicultural Event to be held on Friday 22 Sept.

Calling all parishioners with different cultural backgrounds who can help us with this parish activity. We would like to hold a multicultural food market afternoon/evening to raise awareness to the many cultures in our community and to help raise funds for our parish activities during the year. If you can help organise a stall we would love to hear from you. Please send a message to the office or contact me directly on 0451664592, Moauli Griffiths for the PPC.



Young people, teachers, ministry leaders and adults of all ages are preparing to attend the exciting four-day Ignite Conference hosted in Sydney by our Diocese of Broken Bay.

With this year's theme being "Wonder", Ignite is truly a dynamic conference for everyone, from primary aged children to adults.

Between 28 September and 1 October, the Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara will feature inspiring workshops, powerful preaching, music rallies, games, creative arts, dance, the sacraments, and opportunities to meet, mix and explore faith formation and encounters.

Parishes, schools and universities have already organised groups to attend, while many more have registered individually.

The Ignite Conference is run by Ignite Youth, a national youth ministry, and over the past 20 years it has built a reputation as a leading and powerful Catholic festival in Australia.

If you were one of the fortunate pilgrims to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon then you can now continue your faith journey in your own backyard. However this vibrant conference is accessible to everyone. Many families attend together, with parents joining the adult sessions while their children enjoy their own age-appropriate streams and sessions.

There will be dozens of topline presenters including Bishop Anthony and our Director for Vocations, Fr Sam French.

There is still the opportunity to register and experience the Church fully alive in faith. A conference that is innovative, passionate, authentic and animated by the Holy Spirit.

For further information visit <https://igniteconference.com.au/>



Ignite 2023 are looking for Volunteers! Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. Go to: tickets.org.au - **Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations** to register for a volunteer role and use one of these Coupon Codes (enter in the 'enter coupon code' box to reveal the rego option): For Full-Time (\$100 - rostered close to entire program) - vft23 For Part-Time (\$165 - rostered about half of the sessions) - vpt23

After registering and paying for your ticket, the Ignite team will send you an email to an online questionnaire enabling you to indicate the different roles you would like to serve in, and the time slots that you are available. Contact **Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Co-ordinator 2023)** if you have any questions about Volunteering for Ignite. For more information about Ignite visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



We are happy to be joined today at our 9am Mass by the pupils of St Bernard's School in Year 2 who will lead us in many of the ministries.

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)



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

On the next 2 Fridays, 15 & 22 September there will be special prayers at St Patrick's Church from 5.45pm to 6.15pm for the Season of Creation, beginning on Friday 1st September.

All welcome.

"Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation." Pope Francis.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is preparing for a parish-wide celebration of children and singing at the **Children's Choir Games, to be held at St Patrick's on Sunday 22nd October - save the date NOW!**

There will be lots of singing and choral workshops and lots of fun, beginning at 12.30pm, and leading to the Choir Games competition to begin at 3pm in the church. Families and friends and all parishioners are invited to come and watch the competition and cheer for your favourite choir, and then enjoy afternoon tea afterwards. All welcome, any singer from age 7 to 17, whether you're part of the Children's Choir or not. Bring a friend! **\$5.00 per singer: for early-bird registration contact the parish office 9456 2450 or Patricia Smith 9482 7935.**

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for more information.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend –16/17 September 2023 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A -Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	John Messina	David Massa	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Verity Hartmann	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Celia Cox	Alena Hartmann	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Special Readers	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Justin Berry	Zinta Hartmann	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	for Confirmation	Michael Halliday
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f), Chichi Datoc (s)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Ellen Downey (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		September: 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*.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." *Matthew 11:28*

SEPTEMBER 2023 PROGRAMS

- 1st (Friday)** 1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067, Tel 02 9410 9000
6:30pm - 8:30pm
- 2nd (Saturday)** ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT
10:00am - 2:30pm
- 15th-17th (Fri-Sun)** YOUTH RETREAT (LIVE-IN)
"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22
with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubly Varghese VC
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm BOOKING: drcretreatergo@gmail.com
- 18th (Monday)** SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK WALLSEND
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 11 Macquarie St, Wallsend 2287
- 19th (Tuesday)** SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT ST. LUKE'S REVESBY
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby, NSW 2212
- 24th (Sunday)** ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST
9:00am - 4:00pm
with Fr. Roni George VC and Fr. Jubly Varghese VC
• Prayers and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

KIDS' MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5-8 YEARS
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 9-12 YEARS
TEENAGERS' MINISTRY FOR TEENAGERS AGED BETWEEN 13-17 YEARS



Designed specifically for preschoolers, the 'adventure' offers themed story time, crafts and creative activities, plus time to enjoy a picnic lunch in the school hall.

Bookings essential
BYO hat, lunch and drink bottle

ST BERNARD'S TERM 3 JUNGLE ADVENTURE

Friday 15 September - 11.45am - 1.00pm

Please join us for a fun learning experience hosted by our Year 6 students and staff.

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