



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

12 May 2024



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

## The Ascension of the Lord ~ Year B

**Entrance Antiphon:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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'.*

### 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

**While Fr Joy is on leave**

**(13 May - 14 June) there will be**

**ONE Morning Mass only on weekdays**

**St Patrick's 9am:**

**Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat**

**St Bernard's 9.15am: Wed ~ Fri**

(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's

Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

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

**Emergency sick calls**

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### HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.*

### PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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**Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH**

**Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper**

**Parish Bookkeeper: Karen Price**

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*Dear parishioners,*

This Sunday we celebrate the great mystery in the life of Jesus and the life of His Church - **the mystery of His Ascension into heaven**, which is celebrated on the fortieth day in the season of Easter.

By the Ascension of Jesus, God makes a wonderful promise to us - that where Jesus goes, we can go. The Ascension of Jesus shows us where our real destiny lies. Our real home is with God. Heaven is our real homeland. Until then, we are only renting.

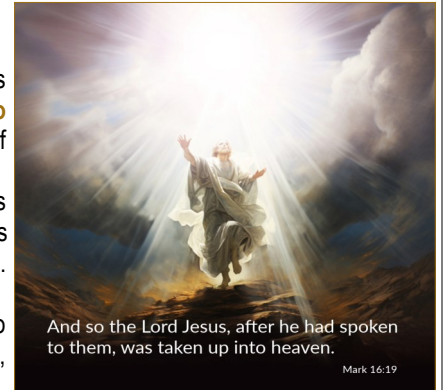
God has given us the great responsibility of proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth. After seeing their Lord ascend into heaven, the disciples returned to the city and **joyfully proclaimed**.

The Church's mission started with the disciples in Jerusalem, and this mission continues with us today.

**The Church exists to proclaim the Gospel. The Church is all of us, baptised people. The joy of the Church is proclaiming the Gospel.** Let's joyfully and zealously bear witness to our Lord in our homes, offices, schools, universities, meeting and recreational places, hospitals, homes for the elderly, in the peripheries of the city to name but a few.

Also, we celebrate today as **Mother's Day**. I think it is beautiful that Mother's Day and Mary's special month coincide in May. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us can return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. However, let's express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, prayers, and gifts on Mother's Day. We specially remember and pray for all the mothers in our parish, whether they are here with us still or have gone to their eternal home - Heaven.

***I wish you all a blessed Sunday and happy Mother's Day. Fr Biju OSH, PP***



***Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the day to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.***

***Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:***

***'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. (Proverbs 31:25-29)***

# Happy Mother's Day

Mothers are the pillars of our lives.

Their love knows no bounds, shaping us into who we are today. For those fortunate enough to still feel their embrace, cherish every moment, every laugh, every hug.

For those whose mothers live on in memory, hold tight to the lessons learned and the love shared. Though their physical presence may be absent, their influence remains, guiding us through life's twists and turns. On Mother's Day, let us honour all mothers, for their unwavering strength, boundless love and enduring legacy.

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A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,

It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,

It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,

And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,

And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand,

And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

*~ Helen Steiner Rice ~*

## LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only

in SPA school grounds



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### Pope's intention for May:

**For the formation of religious and seminarians.**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### 7th week of Easter ~ Year B

**Monday 13/05**

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday 14/05 ~ Feast**

St Matthias, apostle

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

**Wednesday 15/05**

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11-19

**Thursday 16/05**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11;

Jn 17:20-26

**Friday 17/05**

Acts 25:13-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday 18/05**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;

Jn 21:20-25

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Browne, Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham AM DD, Peter Barker  
**ANNIVERSARY:** Ida O'Halloran, Wendy Veliz Blanco, Salvatore Giuffre, Josephine Sugirtham, Mary Ann Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Donna O'Donohue, Antonietta Errico, Peter O'Donohue, Peter O'Halloran, Mary Pereira

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Vince Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, Margaret Patterson, Chris Enright, Mary Mathew, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Isabel Henson, Chichi Dato, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

### The 250 Club!

Week 12 ~ 7/5/24;

Winning #: 539

Amt: \$25.00;

Winner: **Margaret Acret**



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## Readings

### First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

### Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

### The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection Last Will and Testament

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name. Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too. Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

**You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true.**

**So what is the gospel according to you?**

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone* ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good

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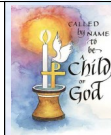
It is with deep sadness,  
but with faith in the resurrection of all,  
that we advise of the passing of  
**Margaret Browne;**  
long standing, well respected and loved  
parishioner of our faith family,  
and parish manager of 20 years;  
who passed away peacefully last Tuesday.

**Margaret Mary Browne**

**Born to life: 3 January 1948; Born to eternal life: 7 May 2024**

We extend heartfelt condolences to Andrew on the loss of his beloved wife,  
and to Matthew and Justin (and families) on the loss of their dear mother.

Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of Margaret's soul on  
**Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 11.30am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith by Fr John Hannon.**



**Welcome  
to our  
Faith Family**

Baptism congratulations to  
**Louis Nguyen**  
who is to be baptised  
this weekend.

*Please keep him, his parents &  
Godparents in your prayers.*



**First  
Eucharist  
(Holy  
Communion)**

Our parish sacramental team are currently preparing our young candidates to receive Jesus Christ for the first time in Holy Communion.

At 9am Mass and 10am Mass today, our candidates will be presented to the parish. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

After 10am Mass at St Patrick's our candidates will be serving a Mother's Day Morning Tea, *please join them if you can.*

First Eucharist will take place in our parish on **Sunday 2 June 2024 during the 9am Mass at St Bernard's and the 10am Mass at St Patrick's.**

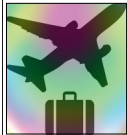
**Pentecost Sunday ~ Rite of Confirmation for Adults  
19 May 2024 | 9.30am | OLOR, Waitara**

celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo at the Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to attend this special occasion.



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**Bon Voyage Fr Joy, may your time at home with your friends and family be full of wonderful blessings from The Lord.**

**please note**  
While Fr Joy is away, there will be **ONE WEEKDAY Morning Mass ONLY** in our parish from **Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 14 June 2024 ~ being, 9am at St Patrick's Asquith ~ Monday // Tuesday // Thursday // Saturday 9.15am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights ~ Wednesday // Friday.**

**Please Note:** There will be **no change to weekend Masses** because Fr Sunny Peackal, of St Ives Priory has again agreed to supply for us during Fr Joy's annual leave.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE  
The second and final  
Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal  
will take place  
NEXT WEEKEND ~ 18/19 May 2024**

This is the last opportunity to make a donation during the 2023/2024 financial year and claim it back on your tax with **donations of \$2 and over being fully tax deductible.**

**The PWBB Appeal puts your gift to work in your local faith community.**  
**Envelopes can be found at the back of our churches this weekend in readiness for next weekends appeal.**  
*Any donation you can afford to make, no matter what the size will be appreciated.*



**Over the next four weekends the ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT will take place across our Diocese.**

Every year a count of all parishioners is taken across all weekend Masses in May and a report is then returned to the Diocese of Broken Bay. The count continues this weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*

All are welcome to come along to a Pentecost Praise evening filled with **'Spirit and Soup'.**

Pentecost



Please join Sarah, Adrian, and our WYD pilgrims, Becky, Rachel, Sophia and Michael at **St Patrick's chapel on Saturday 18th May 2024 from 7.30pm** for some spiritual praise to feed your soul, and we'll even provide a hot cup of soup to feed your body afterwards. Any queries Sarah can be contacted on sarahfoleymassa@gmail.com

**No RSVP necessary, just come along, bring a friend, your voice and an open heart.**

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**Rosters & Readings for W/nd – 18th/19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday Year B - Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15**

	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	Paul Dryden	Sue Lum	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Miranda Tablizo Sub requested	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Amy Francis Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Sub requested	Paul Worthington	Vivienne Schreiber	David De-Fina	Volunteer needed
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Barbara McMullen	Penny Loughland	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f), Annette Shapter (f)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Bernadette Or, Ellen Downey(f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B -(help always needed & appreciated)		May: Luke Massa, David Mooney, (John & Sue O'Malley-5th May)-help always needed			

**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*.



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