



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay



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

14 April 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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

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 After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

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

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EASTER READING: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Dear parishioners,

The Acts of the Apostles has a unique place in the liturgy of the Catholic Church for the whole Easter Season. Passages from Acts serve as the first reading for every Sunday Mass from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, as well as for the first reading for every daily Mass for all seven weeks of the Easter Season. Today and the following weeks, I invite you all to spend some time

exploring its background and character as we attempt to grasp the significance of Easter and deepen the peace, hope, and joy which the season offers.

The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume attributed to Luke and the first historical account of the development of the early Christian community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and by the leadership of the apostles, especially that of Peter and Paul. It opens with the ascension of Jesus, who hands on responsibility to his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The first generation of Christians was faced with a serious question: now that Jesus has ascended to heaven and is no longer present on earth in physical or bodily form, where is the risen Christ to be found? According to the Acts, one of the primary and favoured ways that the risen Christ continues to be alive, well, and present is in the community that Jesus formed, the Body of Christ, the Church (*ecclesia*).

The Risen Christ's Fourfold Presence. The first Christians **"devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers"** (Acts 2:42). The apostles taught about all that Jesus said and did, and the risen Christ is present when he is remembered, and his story is told. The communal life is the fellowship shared among believers, personal relationships based upon shared beliefs and values, work done jointly, and the companionship of fellow travellers on the spiritual pilgrimage through life; and the risen Jesus is present when his followers are together. Christians assembled for the breaking of the bread, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist; and the risen Christ is present in his Body and Blood. Christians also devoted themselves to common prayer. It may have been two or three individuals, or a family, or a group of families, and whenever Christians pray together, the risen Jesus is present in each other and in their prayer.

Witness and Miracles. **"Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles"** (Acts 2:43; see Acts 5:12). The apostles gave heroic witness, and the risen Christ was present in their excellent example. The apostles also worked great miracles, such as when Peter cured a lame beggar (Acts 3:1-10), healed a paralytic (Acts 9:32-34), and raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-42); and the risen Christ was present in every mighty deed that they performed.

Mutual Concern, Generosity, and Unity. Furthermore, **"All who believed ... had all things in common"** (Acts 2:44; see also Acts 4:32). Christians were attentive to each other and shared with each other so that no one among them would be needy; and the risen Christ was present in their mutual concern and in their generosity. Finally, **"the community of believers was of one heart and one mind"** (Acts 4:32). Unity is a distinguishing characteristic of Christians. Oneness of mind is a common way of thinking and shared set of core beliefs, and oneness of heart is a common love and passion for Jesus and his gospel, and neighbour. Dear friends, these are the hallmarks of the early Christians, and they are still relevant in our communal, ecclesial, and spiritual life. Jesus is truly risen, and he is present amidst us and let's experience his presence everywhere. *Wishing you a blessed Sunday, Fr Biju OSH, PP*

You are cordially invited to a very special parish event

The Installation of Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH as Parish Priest of Ku-ring-Gai Chase Catholic Parish

When: Sunday 28 April 2024

Where: St Patrick's, Asquith Time: 10am Mass

Presider: Bishop Anthony Randazzo

VIP: Fr Biju, of course !

This Mass of Installation will be followed by a celebratory morning tea and you are asked to bring along a plate to share please.

Fr Biju is very much looking forward to greeting you all on the day and to have you celebrate this milestone in his priestly life with him.

Fr Biju would love as many parishioners as possible to attend this celebration of unity and thanksgiving and to facilitate this ... please note that:

The usual 8am Mass at St Patrick's on 28 April 2024 will be cancelled on the 28th April only.



LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only

in SPA school grounds



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Pope's intention for April: For the role of women.

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

3rd week of Easter ~ Year B

Monday 15/04

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 16/04

Acts 7:51 - 8:1; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 17/04

Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 18/04

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 19/04

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 20/04

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lily Rego, Phillip Broughton
Luzviminda "Minda" Carrancho,

ANNIVERSARY:

Ligia Bueno, Alfred De Ramos,
Analizade De Ramos,
Bernard De Ramos, Mary Pereira

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

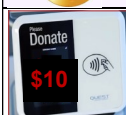
Barry Cox, Margaret Browne,
Millie Wong, Vince Hughes,
Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Bill Holmes,
Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden,
Margaret Patterson, Chris Enright,
Philomena & Rex D'Souza,
Mary Mathew, Isabel Henson,
Chichi Datoc, Mary Burns,
Rey Hilario, Georgina Hughes,
Patrick Dorahy, Roger Okell,
John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

The 250 Club!

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Winner: Marion Porter



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Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'

Bless this house



Easter is a New Beginning!

Fr Joy and myself wish to reconnect more personally with you, so again this year, we have decided to offer a Catholic tradition (from many countries) to bless homes between now through to Pentecost. This is a beautiful tradition and we would like very much to visit with you all ~ the housebound and those we see at Mass alike. Not only will we bless your homes but we will also administer additional Sacraments upon request. Various days, dates and times have been put aside in the parish calendar, so to make an appointment, please contact the parish office. **Fr Biju.**

In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Reflection © Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the three key verbs: look, touch, and eat.

'To look is not only to see,' the Pope points out, adding that 'it is more; it also involves intention, will.' When Jesus asks the disciples to look at his hands and feet, therefore, he is not only offering visual proof of identity. Rather, Jesus is inviting his disciples to look at his wounded limbs as 'a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others.' Jesus' wounds are still present for those with the courage to look at them.

Similarly, Jesus' invitation to the disciples to confirm his presence by touch has a teaching element too. 'By inviting the disciples to touch him,' the Pope suggests, 'Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance".' Having seen the wounds, we must be close to the wounded.

Finally, by eating with his disciples Jesus again did more than prove he was physically present at that specific moment. As the Pope points out, 'eating, when we do so together, among family or friends ... becomes an expression of love, and expression of communion.'

Once again, the Gospel suggests Jesus' action had a deeper meaning about Jesus' continuing presence among his followers. As St Augustine said of the Eucharist, we become what we consume, which means something truly amazing: The Risen Jesus still eats with us!

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Renovating our Parish:



Thank you to everyone who came along to one of the pastoral discernment sessions we held in the last two weeks in Asquith and Berowra. The attendance has been wonderful and we've received plenty of helpful comments and ideas about our parish. We are now collating by theme all the information we've received, and this will be shared with everyone at a **whole-parish gathering** planned for **7pm-9pm on Tuesday 23 April in the Fr McMaugh Hall at Asquith.** At this final meeting, we will ask for any last comments and ideas before we start drafting our new Parish Pastoral Plan. *Fr Biju Jose OSH, Parish Priest.*

Confetti gardens has yet again been the venue for a lovely gathering of parishioners of KCCP for which we thank the very talented gardener - Clare Bell!



Many parishioners enjoyed a special morning tea with lots of lovely treats brought along to share in the beautiful sunshine in a glorious garden! It looks like the four-legged guest found the best spot in the sun to recover from that amazing morning tea!

A pictorial celebration of the vibrant yet reverent St Patrick's Asquith Whole School Easter Mass on Easter Tuesday, April 2nd.



8 April 2024 ~ **Letter to the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In February 2023 I committed the Diocese to an innovative annual **Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework**. This framework seeks to increase awareness of our own personal and collective ongoing responsibility as a Church community to be vigilant in safeguarding. This is a commitment marked by consistency and constancy. After consultation and discernment, I have decided that the theme for Safeguarding Awareness for 2024 is **The Voice of the Vulnerable** with a particular focus on **Domestic Family Violence**. Our approach to this theme is one of **advocacy**.

Domestic Family Violence (DFV) often occurs behind the closed doors of the family home, a place which should be reflective of communion in God's self-sacrificing love. Recent statistics show that 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 8 men, have experienced some form of violence since the age of 15.

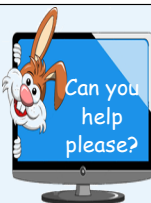
The outcome is that relationships become disfigured to the detriment of the entire family. We cannot remain silent in the face of this difficult reality. Our faith acknowledges the dignity of every human person and teaches us that being open to self-sacrificing love brings about a renewal of relationships. We must be intentional in teaching and mirroring to our children and young people safe, respectful, and life-giving relationships.

In our advocacy of this year's theme, I commend to you our Diocesan resource, 'A Catholic response to Domestic Violence' available at the following [link](#). A calendar of events to support the theme across our Parishes, the Chancery, CatholicCare, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay is also currently being developed and implemented.

I also encourage your engagement in the further aspects of our Diocesan Framework, including our annual Liturgy of Lament (22 October) and national and international markers such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (15 June), National Child Protection Week (1-7 September) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December).

May the light of Easter which never fades, open wide those doors which have become closed and reconfigure our relationships to one another through the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay



The new screens in St Patrick's Church had their first major workout over Easter.

The feedback has been very positive and we hope this new way of viewing things is of benefit to all who attend Mass at Asquith. We do, however, still have to pay for the installation of the screens. So far **\$2,050.00** has been donated but there is still a way to go. It would be greatly appreciated if you could see your way clear to making a **donation of any size to meet this expense.** If you can help, please contact the office via: E: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au or call 9456 2450.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to Summer Annabelle Jones

Cooper Brandon Jones

Oakley Rose Buckham

Hendrix James Buckham

and

Sage Jennifer Quill Buckham

who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep them, their parents & Godparents in your prayers.

Special Notice:

Our parish secretary will be unavoidably away from the office from this Wednesday 17 April until Monday 29 April 2024.

During the week of April 22-26 she will be working from home only if necessary and availability permit. Please continue to email the office if you need something urgently or call and leave a message which will be converted into an emailed voice message. Your priests will be in the office as much as their time and diary commitments allow, however, if you need to come to the office personally, please call ahead on 9456 2450 to check that the office will be attended. *Fr Biju.*



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

♪ Thank our parents, Stina, Cecilia and Sarah, for supervising and taking care of the Choir over the past two weeks.

♪ Please note that the Choir will be singing at 10am Mass on 28th April, for Fr Biju's special celebration. Don't miss it!

♪ All parish musicians are invited to come together and join the Children's Choir to celebrate Fr Biju's installation as parish priest on 28th April. Rehearsal from 9am before Mass.

♪ The Choir is currently taking a break from its regular 4 to 5pm Friday practices during school holidays.

Rosters & Readings for W/nd – 20th/21st– 4th Sunday of Easter Year B - Acts 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Sub requested	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Volunteer needed	Sub requested Sub requested	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Sub requested Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Sub requested	Edwina Subramany	Michael Halliday	David Massa	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Jerome Gomez	Barbara McMullen	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	David De-Fina	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f) Tina Manti (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Ben Edwards, Michelle Hwang (f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B -(help always needed & appreciated)		April: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow–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*.

Mass with Bishop Anthony on ANZAC Day ~ Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass at **Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 10.30am on ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April**, and extends a warm invitation to clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay.

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING ~ Fr Aldrin will celebrate Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 18th April 2024 6pm**. Following Mass is a short meeting then Father will speaker on "What is a Church".



To attend call Terry on **0438 887 295** or E: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com.

For catering call Henry on **0478 083 116** or E: henrywk@yahoo.com.au



Work Health and Safety ~ our parish is committed to a process of continuous improvement within a work, health & safety management framework in order to manage risks in and around all parish buildings. Parishioner safety is paramount and it is for this reason we remind you of the following: The steps at St Patrick's Asquith - a long time solution is still being investigated but in the meantime during periods of inclement weather we will continue to chain off this area to keep parishioners safe. At St Bernard's there is a large undulating and unsurfaced area in the middle of the carpark which may prove a trip hazard, so, as the days shorten we ask that parishioners take extra care at night when traversing from their cars to attend Mass.

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