

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 15 October 2023 ~ 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Entrance: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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.



10 Days of the Rosary 2023

Across 10 days our combined Rosary was offered for various intentions of parish members and beyond, finishing on Saturday evening (7th Oct) with a beautiful procession around the grounds of St Patrick's Church and School holding aloft the beautifully decorated and lit statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Special thanks need to be extended to Phil and Gabi Daidone, Francis and Tess Lizardo and Leticia Wee for all their generosity and hard work in organising and facilitating this annual event. Although this event is now finished, I exhort you all to continue praying the Rosary with your family during this month of October.

Fr Biju.



Our Blessed Mother will always intercede on our behalf to her Son whenever we pray the Rosary.

1. ↓ Exiting St Patrick's
4. ↓ Praying ~ at Baldwin Ave lights
7. ↓ Up the Railway access path



5. ↓ Processing along Royston Pde



2. ← Leaving the Church grounds



8. ↓ Re-entering the Church grounds



6. ↓ Through SPA Primary School



3. ← Hail Mary, Full of grace, ...



9. ↓ Post procession cuppa



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

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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 October:

For the Synod
We pray for the Church,

that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Monday 16/10

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 17/10 ~ Memorial

St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr
Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 18/10 ~ Feast

St Luke, evangelist
2 Tim 4:10-17; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday 19/10

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday 20/10

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 21/10

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Perla Domondon Brown, Rev Jan Szaikowski, Bob Hawkins, Jean Cook, Mariam Christina Gomez.

ANNIVERSARY:

Patrick O'Halloran, Nancy Gomez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Bill Holmes, Adele Ramos, 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, Brian Treacy, Josef, Marie Haag, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Elaine Longmuir.

Some important dates

SAVE THESE DATES

worth noting in your diary

Sunday 22 October

Come and Sing!

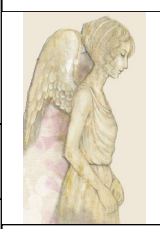


CHILDREN'S CHOIR GAMES
At St Patrick's Church, Aqauah
22 October 2023

Tuesday 31 October



Thursday 2 November



Friday 3 November



Throughout November



EOI's by end November



Choir Games SAVE THE DATE!!

Every young person from Year 2 to Year 12 in the parish is invited to come and be part of the Children's Choir Games, to be held on **Sunday 22nd October**.

Registration opens at 12.30pm, followed by workshops, games, snacks, and fun with friends. Bring your friends! The afternoon comes to a climax with the competition concert at 3pm - families and friends invited to clap and cheer for your favourite choir.

Afternoon tea for everyone to follow at 4pm. Great prizes! Early registration open now \$5 per child - email parish office. Don't miss out!

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/music-ministry>



Holy Rosary in front of the Statue of our Blessed Mother at St Bernard's

Everyone is invited to join with me on the last day of October (Tuesday 31st), to pray the Rosary at 10am in front of our recently installed Statue of Our Lady at Berowra Heights.

At the conclusion of this prayerful gathering you are welcome to stay for morning tea and I would ask that you kindly bring along a plate to share. I hope to have many parishioners join with me as we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to achieve peace in the world and especially in the Ukraine and Middle East.



All Souls Day ~ Prayer Service at Brooklyn Cemetery at 11am.

All Souls Day is the day when all souls of the faithful departed are remembered, honoured and prayed for by all members of the Catholic Faith worldwide.

This year; as a *representative cemetery of those in which our loved ones rest*;

I have decided to hold a **Prayer Service at Brooklyn Cemetery** where we will come together to pray for the souls of our own parishioners and also for the souls of onetime residents on Peat Island who may not have anyone to pray for them. After the prayer service and blessing of the graves you may wish to wander down to King Tide Café on the Brooklyn Marina (owned and run by the Griffith family of our parish) to purchase and enjoy a wonderful coffee by the river. *Fr Biju*.

WHOLE PARISH Volunteers Thanksgiving event at St Bernard's Berowra Heights.

This annual event has once again been arranged for November and will take place on Friday 3rd from 6pm to 9pm. This year it will be held at the northern end of the parish at St Bernard's.

If you are rostered on for a parish ministry, or regularly volunteer to help out, please note your diary with this date so that Fr Joy and I may thank you personally for your acts of stewardship and ministry during 2023. More information will follow. *Fr Biju*

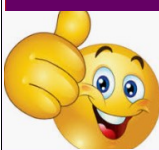
Book of Remembrance As in previous years a **Book of Remembrance** will be placed in each Church during the month of November.

Envelopes are now available in both churches for your use. Please **print names clearly** and **place your offering** inside the envelope, then place **on either collection plate** at Mass. The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be printed out and placed into the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November Masses at St Patrick's and St Bernard's Churches in our parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase.

Music Scholarships: Our parish is offering two scholarships to young people who are willing to commit to our music ministry on a regular basis (at least twice per month during Feb. to Dec.) - plus personal practice time. Scholarship money is paid towards music lessons or resources.

In 2023, scholarships are being offered in Keyboard. Some previous experience and training is required. Please contact the parish office for application forms. Interviews for prospective candidates will be held in December.

The 250 Club!



Week 12 ~
09/10/23;
Winning #: 429

Amt: \$25

Winner: Brenda Brooks

(Psst ~ and we got a new subscriber too!! Woohoo!!)

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:

157 Financial blocks (6 NEW Subscribers)
(thank you so much for your ongoing support)

30 Unfinancial blocks
(parishioners who have not yet paid for the current series)

63 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.



Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our new 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, Dr Biju.



Our World Youth Day Pilgrims wish to say "thank you"

Our pilgrims, Becky, Michael, Rachel and Sophia will speak to parishioners of their experiences during WYD23 at our 5pm Vigil Mass at St Bernard's and our 10am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's this weekend.



WYD23 Pilgrims are having a reunion on Friday 3 November, 6.30pm at St Agatha's Pennant Hills to which everyone is invited and dinner will be provided. To RSVP go to : <https://forms.office.com/r/ixhjkczuFd>



The Mission Sunday annual appeal is next Sunday 22 October.

Envelopes are available at the back of our churches this weekend and will be in the pews next weekend.

Donations can be placed on either plate at any Mass.

Thank you.



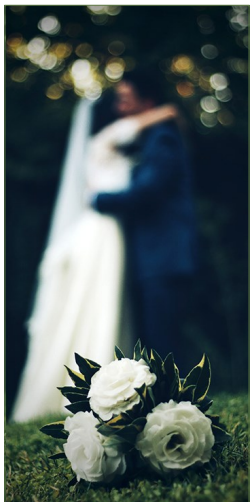
Last Friday evening, we had a friendly gathering of our **KCCP maintenance group** organised by Paul Dryden, Maintenance Coordinator from St Bernard's on my behalf. A well-maintained church has a positive effect on the community, with people feeling better being in a clean and functioning church. Our voluntary maintenance groups really keep our churches and their premises functional, safe and presentable. I am so happy to thank each one of them for their generosity and hard work. May God bless you all. *Fr Biju.*

The Synod 2021-2023



The Synod is first and foremost an event of prayer and listening to each other. Please keep all Synodal

Members, especially Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Mrs Kelly Paget in our prayers as they work with others towards a Synodal Church of Communion, Participation and Mission.



HOMILY

These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account.

This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away. © Richard Leonard SJ



SERRA VOCATIONS Mass & Dinner Mtg Fr Roger Delmonte,

AP at OLOR Cathedral Parish Waitara will celebrate Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 26th October 2023.

Mass is at 6pm, followed by a meal and meeting, after which Fr Roger will speak about his recent Marian Pilgrimage and his attendance at WYD in Lisbon. Everyone is welcome. Please "Come and See". *Please pray every day for vocations.*

To attend call Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is very excited to be taking part in the upcoming

Choir Games! We are very grateful to two very special volunteers, Christina Rossi and Cecilia Braga, who have come forward to help as Assistant Choir Directors, and learn all the ins and outs of choir directing. Thankyou!

Children's Choir is open to: Anyone from Year 3 to Year 12, from any parish or local state school in the parish are welcome to join this choir at any time.

Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.



We have a new Welcome and Hospitality ministry

and are seeking more folk to join those already on board, because ...,

the more we have the easier the role and smaller the commitment.

Please email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or call 9456 2450 to be put in contact with our 2 coordinators - Pat Smith (SPA) & Elaine D'Souza (SBB).



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have arrived and are available at the back of both St Patrick's and St Bernard's Churches. Boxes can be returned to either church, the parish office or Louise Dryden's home. Please call 0405 556 887 for details of address. **The date to return the Boxes is very early this year so please bring them back by Sunday, 5th November 2023.**

Thank you as always for your support, Louise.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 21 Oct. / 22 Oct. 2023 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A – Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Sub requested	Mani Subramany,	Francis Lizardo	David Massa	Keith Fone
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Olive O'Keefe	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Barbara McMullen	Miguel Do Rego	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Sub requested	Paul Maher	Paul Worthington	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	Mary Stokes	Fiona Fone
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), G C, Gwen Wood (s)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey (f), Marion Pahalawatta			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		October: 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*.

POSITION VACANT

Parish Receptionist ~ Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish, Chatswood

We are seeking applications for the Parish Receptionist role. This is a permanent, full-time position, based at Our Lady of Dolours in Chatswood. **Applications close Friday 20 October 2023.** The primary purpose of the Parish Receptionist is to welcome and assist visitors to the Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish, Chatswood (Parish) and to provide general administration support and support for office staff and parish ministries. To achieve this, the Parish Receptionist provides support for Parish communications and administration. You will have relevant qualifications or experience in office administration or similar roles, and experience and understanding of working within a Catholic or Christian environment. To read and receive the full Position Description please contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au ~ To apply, please send your CV and a brief cover letter to chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ~ Children's Atrium, offers faith formation for children aged 3-12 years during school terms. Currently located in Berowra Heights, session times are:

for 3-6 year olds – Tuesdays 10.30am-12pm
for 6-9 year olds – Tuesdays 4.15-5.45pm
for 9-12 year olds – *to be confirmed, please enquire.*

For more information about this wonderful method of faith formation for children please contact Natasha Steele via kccp.childrens.atrium@gmail.com or 0409 621 817.



Corpus Christi Parish - Praise & Worship Fundraiser ~ for priest's presbytery/office build & 70 years as a parish ~ 5 Nov 2023, 2-4pm. Singing, community building, snacks/drinks, incredible raffle. Please join us.



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