



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

21 April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter ~ Year B



*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.'

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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)

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.*

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Good Shepherd Sunday

My dear parishioners,

We continue our journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as '**Good Shepherd**' Sunday and is also kept annually as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd.

In contrast to shepherds who run away at the first sign of danger, Jesus is prepared to stay with the sheep and, if necessary, lay down his life to protect them.

Again, His relationship with the sheep is one of true knowledge. He knows us intimately and wants to bring everyone into His fold.

As disciples of Jesus, we are all able to give witness to the generous love of our Father in Heaven. This love is given willingly through the sacrifice of His Son.

As we celebrate this Sunday as '**Good Shepherd**' Sunday, it is an opportunity to **pray for vocations**, to encourage those who might be considering ordained or religious life, and for each of us to ask ourselves whether the Lord might be calling us to do some definite service for Him and His church. *Fr Biju, OSH, PP*



ANZAC Day 25 April every year.

Please join us on

**Thursday for 8am Mass at
St Bernard's Berowra
Heights or for 9am Mass
at St Patrick's, Asquith.**

As we gather each year to commemorate that first **ANZAC Day** in 1915 and all it has come to mean for our nation; as we pray for eternal life for those who have died in service of this country and in the hope of a better future; as we intercede, likewise, for the injured and the grieving and those presently in harm's way; so also we pray never to be tested as they were tested and never to romanticise what tested them.

We pray that if and when the hour comes that 'our soul is troubled' (Jn 12:27), as theirs was, that we shall prove worthy of them and of the country for which they fought. When our time comes, may we be glorified as Christ was, and as were all His own: not by worldly triumphs but by the victory which is holding fast to what is true and good and beautiful, standing by your mates, your family, your country and your character. Extract from edited text of homily of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at the ANZAC Day Vigil Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, 24/4/17.

Ode of Remembrance

*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Lest we forget.

**Bishop Anthony will offer a
commemorative Mass on ANZAC Day**

**Thursday 25 April at Our Lady of the Rosary
Cathedral Waitara at 10.30am**

Please come and pray that the service and sacrifice offered by so many has not been in vain and that their spirit may live on in us, and in generations to come.



• **Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde ONLY.**



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

4th week of Easter ~ Year B

Monday 22/04

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 23/04

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 24/04

Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 25/04

Anzac Day
Wis 3:1-9;
1 Cor 1:18-25;
Jn 12:23-28



Friday 26/04 ~ Feast

St Mark, evangelist
1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

Saturday 27/04

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lily Rego, Luzviminda "Minda" Carrancho.

ANNIVERSARY: Peter O'Halloran, Mary Pereira, Ligia Bueno, Alfred De Ramos, Analizade De Ramos, Bernard De Ramos.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Barry Cox, Margaret Browne, Millie Wong, Vince Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill Holmes, 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!

Week 9 ~ 15/4/24;
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Amt: \$25.00;

Winner: Ruth Carlos



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Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!



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 Bijou.**

Gospel John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

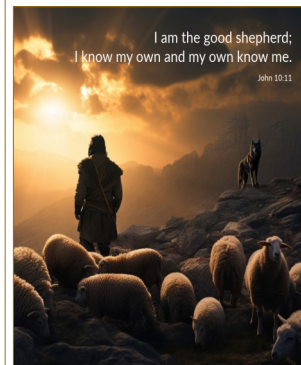
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow. Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the

Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking. Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves. Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all. Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone. © Nick Brodie

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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

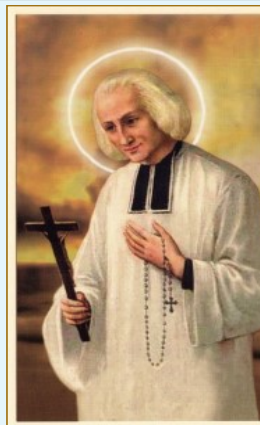
When: Sunday 28 April 2024 **Where:** St Patrick's, Asquith
Time: 10am Mass
President: Bishop Anthony Randazzo
Very Important Person: Our very own Parish Priest, Fr Biju !

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

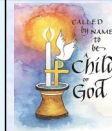
Fr Biju is very much looking forward to greeting you all on the day and to have you celebrate this milestone in his priestly life with him.

On the day, Fr Biju would love to have as many parishioners as possible attend this important celebration of unity and thanksgiving in our parish 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.



Receive, O my God,
all my thoughts and
all I am going to do today,
in union with all You bore
out of love for me
during Your life on earth."
St John Maria Vianney



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to
Theodore Luca Collins

who is to be baptised
this weekend.
Please keep him,
his parents & Godparents
in your prayers.



A request of all
Mass goers but perhaps
most especially those
who attend
10am Mass at Asquith.

Special Notice: Our parish secretary will be away from the office this week and is due to return on 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.



Renovating our Parish:

Thank you to everyone who came along to one of the pastoral discernment sessions we held in Asquith and Berowra in the last fortnight. 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 on 7pm-9pm on Tuesday 23 April in the Fr McMaugh Hall at Asquith.

Refreshments will be served.

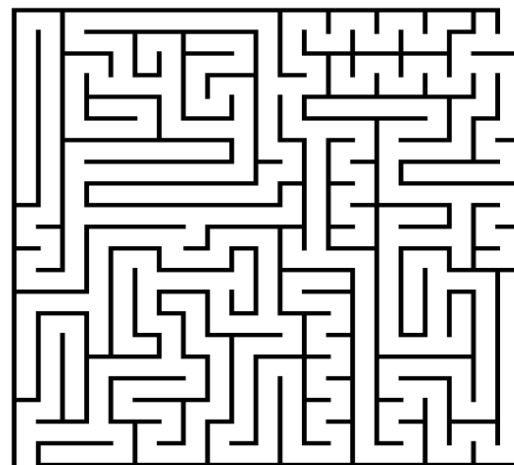
At this final meeting, we will ask for any last comments and ideas before we start drafting our new Parish Pastoral Plan. Fr Biju Jose OSH, Parish Priest.



Accidental omission from last week's Annual Parish Planner ~ Please update this list to show the annual "Carols Under the Star" event which is to be held on

December 5th at Warrina St Oval, Berowra, thank you.

Help the sheep find its way to
Jesus, the Good Shepherd.



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." - John 10:14

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We respectfully request that you consider how distracting it is to the concentration and prayers being offered by your priests and your fellow parishioners when you arrive for church late. We appreciate that "unavoidable things happen" (and we would much rather have you arrive late for Mass than not at all), however, we ask that you be so kind as to wait at the back of the church until a suitable time presents before finding a seat and ideally not while readings or prayers are being read. Thank you, Fr Biju.



will be leading the singing for the whole-parish celebration of Fr Biju's installation next Sunday at 10am Mass at St Patrick's. Please be at the church by 9am for practice before Mass. No Friday practice this week due to school holidays. 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.



Seeking your assistance to pay for the installation of the new screens in St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

These 3 screens are a long term investment for the parish and the response has been predominantly positive and we are confident that this new way of viewing things at Masses will be of benefit to many Mass goers for many years to come.

We do however have to pay for the installation of the screens before the parish can look to improvements elsewhere in the parish.

So, it would be greatly appreciated if all could make a **donation of any size to help meet this expense.** You may place your donation in an envelope marked "Screens" on either plate at any Mass OR a credit card donation can be taken over the phone by calling the office on 9456 2450. If not answered please leave a message and you will be called back.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Rosters & Readings for W/end – 27th/28th April 2024– 5th Sunday of Easter Year B - Acts 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

	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	Volunteer needed	Mani Subramany		Phil D / Francis L	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Sub requested Joshua Rumble	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	MASS CANCELLED	Liam Daly Noah Daly	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Denise Harant	Paul Worthington		Sue Newnham	Sub requested
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Sarah Rumble	Hayley Rodrigues		Chris Newnham	Michael Halliday
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	GC, Cecilia Waite (f) Gwen Wood (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith (Special flower arrangers: Maria Hon & Ellen Downey)			
Maintenance	Team A & B -(help always needed & appreciated)		April: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow–help always needed & appreciated)			



BEWARE: Yet another "Phishing" attempt:

Dear all, a parishioner has this week reported receiving an email from a scammer pretending to be our parish secretary. The email arrived as if from "Margaret Cooper" and was asking that a link be clicked to show new photos. Luckily our parishioner was savvy enough to suspect a scam and DID NOT click on the link and alerted the office to the email.

PLEASE BEWARE - NEVER CLICK on LINKS unless you are absolutely sure from whom they have been sent.

If you receive an email from Margaret asking you to click on a link, we suggest that they contact the office on 9456 2450 to make sure it is from her.

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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