

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 24 September 2023 ~ 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Entrance: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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.*

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
24-IX-2023



"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"

This Sunday the Church observes the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR).

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"

is the theme chosen by the Holy Father Pope Francis for 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Just as the Holy Family had to flee their homeland and become refugees, millions of people must still do the same today. It has become a reality. Our response to this reality

should be rooted in love and compassion, ensuring that their decision to flee is rooted in freedom rather than coercion. Let us hear the suffering cry of all who are uprooted from their own land, and of families forcefully separated. This day challenges us to walk in solidarity with vulnerable, especially refugees and migrants.

The Church of the twenty-first century will be, as it has always been, a Church of many cultures, languages, and traditions, yet simultaneously one, as God is one Father, Son, and Holy Spirit unity in diversity.

Let us have a world-wide fellowship of men and welcome them as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. **Fr Biju.**

Please join us for **Our annual 10 Days of The Rosary** and procession at **St Patrick's Church, Asquith**

Our parish of KCCP will be praying the Rosary together at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, Asquith, over

Ten Consecutive Days

Day 1 to Day 9 @ 7pm :

Thursday 28 September - Friday 6 October

Day 10 : Saturday 7 October

@ 6pm Vigil Mass then,

@ 7pm Rosary Procession (carrying the statue of Blessed Mary).

We hope you will be able to join us for one or all of these evenings of prayer with Our Lady.

The effort will strengthen us and Blessed Mary will intercede for us every day.



'Jalandhar Mission, Punjab, India'
is in need of a Church and your generous contributions of \$6,386.60 to our Annual OSH Collection will help the church be built.

*Fr Joy, myself and all Oblates of the Sacred Heart are overwhelmed with your generosity and concern for those in most need and sincerely thank all who contributed to this appeal. **Fr Biju Jose OSH.***



PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

Phone: (02) 9456 2450 / **Website:** www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp

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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 25/09

Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 26/09

Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wed. 27/09 ~ Memorial

St Vincent de Paul, priest

Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 28/09

Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 29/09 ~ Feast

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday 30/09 ~ Memorial

St Jerome, priest, doctor

Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariam Christina Gomez, Anna Hwang, Dolla Patricio.

ANNIVERSARY: Nancy Gomez, Reg Cooper, Harold D'Souza, Kerrin Enright, Eulalia Elling, 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.

The 250 Club!

Week 9 ~ 18/09/23;
Winning #: 098

Amount: \$25.00

**Winner:
Unsubscribed**



Confirmation Celebration

My dear Parishioners,

We had a great celebration last Sunday as 82 children were confirmed by Bishop Emeritus David L Walker. It was truly a spirit filled experience for our beloved children, sponsors, parents and Parish community as a whole. Let's offer our sincere thanks to the many who worked so hard to make it a solemn and memorable day.

In a special way, we thank

- † Bishop David for his gracious presence and ministry at our Parish
- † Fr Joy, Assistant Priest of our parish
- † Choirs and musicians: Lead so very capably by Moauli and Pat
- † Acolyte: Paul Dryden & Senior Servers: David Massa & Francis Lizardo
- † Altar servers: Harry & Archie T, Bronte & Freya T, Oscar B, Lucy H V, Thomas C
- † Readers: Jackie & Loretta; Universal Prayers: Arran Shepherd & David De-Fina
- † Parent Representatives: Lisa and Fiona
- † Sponsor Representatives: Sarah and Vivienne
- † Workshop facilitators: Simone, Christine, Gabriel, David, Fiona, Susan, Jackie, Natasha, Lisa
- † Flower arrangers/providers: Fiona and Cecilia
- † All those who took care of the multitude of little things for adding such beauty to the celebrations.

Most of all, we thank

- † Our Sacramental coordinators Peta Tonkin and Phill Clarke who voluntarily worked hard alongside our parish secretary and myself to make these celebrations so very beautiful. It was really a collaborative ministry for the building up of the Church.

Finally, we congratulate and thank the 82 newly confirmed for

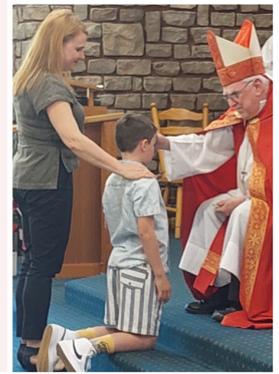
- † Staying the course and committing to Christ as young adults. Be assured children that your faith family will continue to pray for you so that you will remain close to Christ and His Church.

My dear newly confirmed children, all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to bear fruits for yourselves and for others.

- † I encourage all of our newly confirmed to continue to grow in the faith and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to allow your lives to be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Biju

Special thanks are extended to those who generously gave donations towards the cost of the flowers that adorned our Altars for Confirmation and looked magnificent. *BJ*



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.

Of the 250 'blocks' of numbers we have:

- 😊 **156 Financial blocks (5 NEW Subscribers)** (thank you so much for your ongoing support)
- 😬 **30 Unfinancial blocks** (parishioners who have not yet paid for the current series)
- 😞 **64 Unsubscribed blocks** (these are immediately available for 'purchase')

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

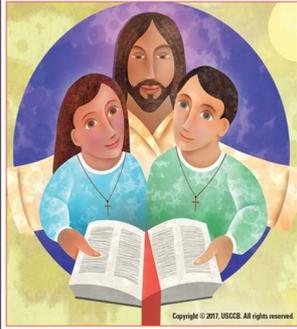
A message from our PPC Chair, Michael Halliday.

Dear Parishioners,

In response to the encouragement of our Bishops I'm inviting you to a evening of 'awareness and dialogue' in the lead up to the 'Voice Referendum'. The gathering will be at St Patrick's Hall, Tuesday 3 October, 7:15pm- 8:30pm. The guest speakers on the evening will be myself, Matt Kean, MLA, and Dr Shireen Morris Macquarie University. Please bring any questions or concerns seeking clarification that you might have as the Referendum approaches, so that you may be as well informed as possible come the day to vote. Please note however that while our St Patrick's Hall has been hired out for this event that **this in no way should indicate that KCCP is in any way suggesting or telling you how to vote at the referendum.**

Please consider this invitation to be an opportunity to take a small step 'in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice Referendum'.

(Australian Catholic Bishop's Social Justice Statement 2023-24). Michael Halliday PPC Chair. If attending please txt Michael Halliday 0414 095 373 by October 1 (Please indicate whether 1, 2, or more are attending with you.)



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

Blessing and Welcome of our newest Catechists: As a parish we congratulate and give thanks for Coralía Marquez Gil, Damien D' Cruz, Barbara McMullen, Ellen Downey and Justine Suana who have/will receive a special blessing over the coming weeks.

'Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it' Proverbs 22:6

School Holidays are Here!

School Holidays begin on Monday 25 September, so we take this opportunity of wishing our students, teachers and parents a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 9 October refreshed and ready for the final Term of the year. For those travelling this Spring (all parishioners), please go carefully & return to us safely.



Not this Sunday but **NEXT Sunday** **October 1, 2023** Daylight Saving will begin.



Please remember to set your clocks forward by 1 hour.

Handy Tip:

Do this before you go to bed on Saturday evening, but be sure to set an alarm, or you might be late for Mass!!

Are you a budding florist or would simply like to 'have a go' at arranging our flowers?



St Bernard's Church is in great need of additional floral arrangers and we are seeking new volunteers. Cecilia Waite has been arranging the flowers at SBB for 50 years and is willing to give tips and training to anyone wanting to join this ministry. Please, contact the office on 9456 2540 to express your interest asap, *thanks*.



Introducing our new Welcome and Hospitality ministry.

Recently a workshop run by Pina Bernard from the DDB on Welcome and Hospitality with a number of parishioners attending. We are now seeking more folk to join this ministry as the more we have the easier the role and smaller the commitment. Please call or email 9456 2450 or parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to be put in contact with our 2 coordinators - Pat Smith (SPA) & Elaine D'Souza (SBB).



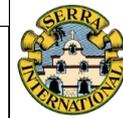
Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to Ethan Jake Gebhardt who is to be baptised this weekend. Please keep him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.



Did you happen to find a gold necklace at St Patrick's Church?

This necklace was left to a lady by her late mother and it holds great sentimental value to her. If you found this necklace, please give it to either Priest, call the parish office or simply place it on the collection plate at any Mass. Thank you for your assistance.

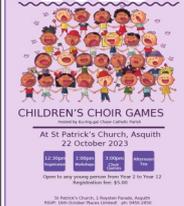


Next Serra Vocations Mass & Dinner - Thursday 28 September, 6pm.

Fr Kelvin Lovegrove PP Wahroonga Parish will celebrate Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble, assisted by Dn Richard Douwing. A light meal and short meeting will follow, then Fr Kelvin & Dn Richard will speak about their vocation journeys. To attend call or email Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295**

terry_scanlan@bigpond.com Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Come and Sing!



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>



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.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's note: **no practices during school holidays** (29th Sept, 6th October). However the Choir will be singing as usual at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays, 24th Sept and 8th October. Contact Patricia Smith 9428 7935 for more information.

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.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 30 Sept. / 1 Oct. 2023 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A – Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

	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	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany,	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers	Sub Requested	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Sub Requested	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed	Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Genevieve Funk	Barbara McMullen	Paul Worthington	Michael Halliday	Christine Vila	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Francesco Parrino	Paul Maher	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Sub Requested	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Anne Bourke (s)		Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		October: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow (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*.



"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. Jubj Varghese VC
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4:00pm BOOKING: drcretreatreg@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. Jubj 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

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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

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We are looking out for you ~ we care about you ~ we will go the distance to protect you.

At KCCP we strive to be pro-active in the protection of all. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep all parishioners, volunteers, clergy, and especially children and vulnerable adults of our community safe by implementing measures/principles/practices that promote transparency in all ministries. If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.

These people in our Parish can help: Margaret Cooper, Parish Secretary, 9456 2450 (M-F 9am -3.30pm); Michelle Chahine, Youth Coordinator, 0424 191 449. Or contact the Office for Safeguarding (**Chancery**) on 8379 1605 or by emailing: safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au



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