



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

28 April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)
Emergency sick calls
0468 341 841

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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Dear parishioners,

This Wednesday is the start of May—the month traditionally dedicated to Mary. For centuries, Catholics around the world have honoured the Blessed Virgin Mary with special devotion during the month of May.

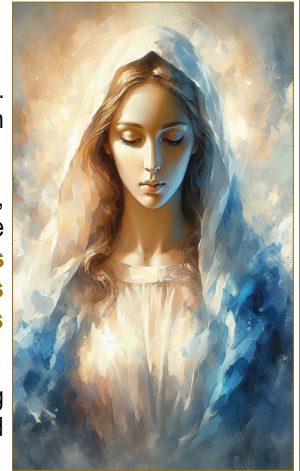
As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. As Pope Benedict XVI reflected in *Deus Caritas Est*, **“Outstanding among the saints is Mary, Mother of the Lord, and mirror of all holiness. Mary’s greatness consists in the fact that she wants to magnify God, not herself. She is lowly: her only desire is to be the handmaid of the Lord (cf. Lk 1, 38,48)”**.

Mary is our first model of discipleship and our model of trust in God by saying ‘yes’ to the call of God. So, Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him.

There are several ways that we can renew our relationship with Our Lady during the month of May: praying the Rosary; celebrating special Masses; or organizing processions; Marian pilgrimage and May Crownings etc. Pope Francis has often said that when we pray the Rosary, Mary helps us to put Jesus at the centre of our attention, our thoughts, and our actions. As we journey prayerfully through this month of May, let us daily embrace Our Mother Mary and her Immaculate Heart into our lives. Let us pray the Rosary together in the family or with friends or in the parish. Every day we pray the Rosary just after the Holy Mass in each church of St Pat’s and St Bernard’s. I take this opportunity to thank them for their prayers for our Parish Community as well as the whole world. Everyone’s most welcome.

I wish you a blessed Sunday.

Fr Biju OSH, PP



“All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy”

as we come together to celebrate the ...

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

We especially welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo as he leads us in this celebration today.

Please remain after Mass for a celebratory morning tea in the courtyard.

Fr Biju looks forward to greeting you all today and he humbly requests your prayers as he continues this new appointment.



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close; We feel their warm clasp of friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes. At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne Are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone; And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin, It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us---not once, but again and again; And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest. God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress; When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless? When the hour of death comes upon us, may our courage and strength be increased, by seeing raised over us in anointing the beautiful hands of a priest!

Author Unknown

For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 2:7)

'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.'



• **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

5th week of Easter ~ Year B

Monday 29/04 ~ Memorial
St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 30/04
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday 01/05
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 02/05 ~ Memorial
St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 03/05 ~ Feast
Sts Philip and James, apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday 04/05
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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

RRECENTLY DECEASED:
Peter Barker, 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.

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Amt: \$500.00;
Winner: Unfinancial

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Readings

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R)

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Reflection ~ Spiritual Drink

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history. There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – **'fruit of the earth and work of human hands'** – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen? For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. **'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms.** So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: **'This is my blood'**, amongst other things he is saying: **'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'**

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly **'full-bodied'** as the Divine Vignerone desires. We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven. © Fr Michael Tate



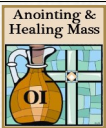
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples. Jn 15:8

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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 Bijju.**



First Friday of the Month ~ This Friday ~ 3 May 2024
ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

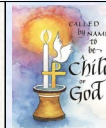
Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;
 Healing Mass: 11.30am



NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All are welcome.*



This Friday the 3rd May we celebrate the feast of two of the great Apostles of our Lord, namely St Philip as well as St James. Both Apostles laboured and worked hard to service the Lord and bring His Good News to the far corners of the world. As we celebrate the feast we remember these faithful men who had given their whole lives in service to God. Dear brothers and sisters, we are all reminded that we are the witnesses of the Lord's truth, the same truth that the apostles and the other disciples of the Lord had seen and for which many of them were willing to suffer and even die in martyrdom defending that very truth.



"Belated"
Welcome
to our

Faith Family
 Baptism congratulations to

Nelly Motycka
Chelsey Joy Riddett
Eloise Maree Riddett

all of whom completed the Older Children Baptism programme, and were baptised last Saturday evening during the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's.

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



Next Wednesday is May 1st and we all know what that means! It's time yet again for the ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT

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 will commence next weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*



'Save the Date':
Bernie's Ladies
 is celebrating "Mother's Day"
 on Friday May 10, 2024
 in the evening where they will be celebrating

mothers, grannies, aunts, daughters
 and all women in general.

More details to follow ~
so watch this space!

All Ladies from St Patrick's ~
 please come along, you're most welcome.

'The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church'.



PLEASE COME AND VISIT OUR MAGICAL FAIRY GARDEN!

FRIDAY MAY 3RD 2024

11.45AM TO 1.00PM

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 IN THE SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH AND A DRINK BOTTLE

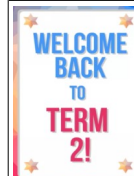
PLEASE RSVP



Special Notice:

Our parish secretary should be **back in the office by Wednesday 1 May 2024**

but will be working from home on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please be patient and courteous as she gets back up to speed. Email the office if you need something urgently or call and leave a message. 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.*



A warm welcomed back to all students and staff of our schools for **Term 2, 2024.**



NEXT HYMN

"God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthians 9:7

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.

We trust that you have had a relaxing holiday and are ready to begin Term 2. We ask God's blessings on all your endeavours throughout the term and that you work with joy and fulfilment.



resumes regular practices this week, on Friday 3rd May for the start of Term 2. Children's Choir practises every Friday during school terms, from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Our next Mass will be on Sunday 12th May: Mother's Day! Mark it in your calendars now! Children's Choir welcomes new members from Year 3 and up at any time. For further information contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

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MAY 2024 APPEAL

PASTORAL WORKS



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Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times, so we wanted to give you **ADVANCE NOTICE OF**

the second and final Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal which will take place during May.

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.**

More information will be provided in next weekends bulletin.

Rosters & Readings for W/nd – 4th/5th May 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter Year B - Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Miranda Tablizo Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Thomas Clarke Rishona Gonsalves	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Freya Tonkin	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Isaac Tonkin	Paul Worthington	Russell Schreiber	Mary Stokes	Michael Halliday
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	GC, Genevieve Funk, Brenda Brooks (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Leanne Barbour (f)			
Maintenance	Team A & B <i>-(help always needed & appreciated)</i>		May: Luke Massa, David Mooney, (John & Sue O'Malley-5th May) <i>-help always needed</i>			

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*.



Even superheroes are sometimes late for church.

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

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*.

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

The Rite of Confirmation for Adults will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony on Pentecost Sunday for Adults at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. All parishioners across the Diocese are welcome to attend this special occasion.

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