

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH -

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 3 September 2023 ~ 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Entrance: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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.

Annual OSH Appeal ~ next weekend September 9-10, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Since 2020, in order to support the missionary activities of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH), the Diocese of Broken Bay, has graciously granted the members of OSH to hold two special appeals each year in the Parishes they are serving.

Due to Covid-19, we have taken only one collection in the past years. This year onwards we plan to have two special appeals. The first appeal will be held on the weekend of 9th /10th September. We are so grateful to you for your valuable generous support in the past years. Your support has greatly helped our mission ministry.

To fulfill the mission and charism of the Society of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart we initiated our mission ministry in the Jalandhar Diocese in Chabal, the very remote area of Punjab, India.

There are five OSH priests serving in the new mission area. The work they do includes visiting families on a regular basis to talk to them about God and religion and introduce them slowly to Jesus Christ. There are more than twenty conversions taking place every year. At present they use the facilities of classrooms and homes for prayer gatherings. **They really require a church where they can come and participate for the Holy Mass, catechism, and other activities of parish life.**

At this stage they are unable to get the contributions from the locals as they themselves experience difficulties in making their ends meet. This time the appeal is to support this mission centre to fulfill their dream to build a church that will aid the Church's universal call to evangelize as our Blessed Lord commanded "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28,19).

We are ever grateful to you for all the generous contributions you have been making in your own ways and means. On behalf of the Society, we thank you for your generous hearts and minds. May God bless you all. Your priests,

Fr. Biju & Fr. Joy OSH

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day.

Fatherhood is a vocation; it is a call. I believe you would agree with me that they give us unconditional love in whatever stage of life we find ourselves. And this is not always an easy task for them, given the changing culture and climate of the society that we are in. Fathers almost always sacrifice their own needs and priorities to fulfill their responsibilities to their children with grace, patience, understanding and love.

Today, is our opportunity to show our appreciation for all dads.

Giving them gifts, giving them a hug, writing them a note, preparing a meal, or taking them out to a restaurant are good gestures. But let us not forget to lift them up in our prayers. Let us ask God, who is the Father of all, to bless our earthly fathers with good health and protection from harm. I believe that is one of the best gifts we can give them this Father's Day! Blessed and Grace-filled Father's Day to all. **Fr Biju OSH**



Style of church your generous donations will be put towards building in this remote area of Punjab, India by OSH Missionaries



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

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 04/09

1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 05/09

1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 06/09

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 07/09

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 08/09 ~ Feast

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday 09/09

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anna Hwang, Sebastiano Italiano

ANNIVERSARY:

Eulalia Elling, Shirley Gray, Charles and Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosely, Phyllis Newnham,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Bob Hawkins, Christian Harant, Adele Ramos, Simon Riddett, Cita Del Rio, Judith Ryan, Won Lee, Philomena & Rex D'Souza, Maria Park, Chris Enright, 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.

Happy Father's Day May God bless all the wonderful and varied fathers and father-figures of our parish and beyond, today, tomorrow and always.

And of course we mustn't forget ... while many fathers wear ties ... some wear collars ...

Happy Fathers' Day Fr Biju, Fr Joy

and all Fathers who bring us life through the Eucharist and the Sacraments.



Being a Father not just a Dad ~ Phil Daidone.

My grandfather told me that **"anyone can be a dad, but it takes sacrifice to be a father"**.

As the years passed, got married and had three children, I now understand what he was saying.

Fatherhood to me is the most highly responsible duty a man can ever have. It's a challenge to be my best, and to truly serve and put others before me, but being a father is the best reason to do so.

I take inspiration from my father, my grandfathers, and St. Joseph, who himself had the awesome responsibility of being the provider and protector of the Holy Family. Happy Father's Day!



A few of my thoughts about Father's Day ~ Bill Martin.

In my previous life, before moving from St Patrick's Parramatta to St Patrick's at Asquith, children were not part of the plan.

Life changes, I met Jenny dancing at Asquith bowling club and ended up having a combined 40th birthday and Baptism of my first born.

So, I have been a father for 25 years so far. Mostly pretty good. The reality is sometimes it is hard to know what to do, remember there is no manual given to you when you become a dad.

You learn from what your father did, but you are not your father. Things are different from when you were a kid. So, you do your best and when the children were little, I remember telling them lots of stories and playing little tricks to make them laugh. As they grew up learning not to fall for my tricks, I was a proud as they learned to think logically about things. They became individuals and changed teenagers that had to deal with this changing world and having their own thoughts and ideas.

Now as adults they are still my children and I enjoy when we talk about things that interest them. Also, it is amazing the things they remember about the stories I did tell them when they were little and what they thought at the time but didn't say.

I still worry about how they will cope in the future, but that's my job as a dad. And I hope that I have taught them the skills to get by in their future.

My life has been enriched by becoming a father. Thanks for reading and happy Fathers Day.



Fatherhood is a wonderful gift and privilege ~ David Massa.

From their birth and being part of the firsts, fatherhood is a wonderful experience. Seeing the joy in their eyes as they achieve the big and little things in life. Fathers wear multiple hats - not only the protector and provider but also the teacher and one who supports, both emotionally and physically.

It involves being a taxi driver, coach/Manager, driving instructor, outdoor guide and tutor. Not to mention the ability to 'appreciate' the sounds of a musical instrument being learnt or still being encouraging when their team was once again smashed in a sporting event! Fatherhood is about being

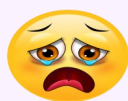
their friend and someone who they can trust and rely on especially when they are struggling.

I have three beautiful children who are an absolute joy. I learn from them each and every day. They teach me patience and make me be more aware of how I act and do things. Fatherhood is a challenge as it involves connecting with your child(ren) where they are at and not where you want them to be.

As the children get older, being a father does not get easier, it just gets different. Encouraging them as a 2 year old is different to when they are 20. Teaching them at 15 is very different to when they are 5.

I give thanks to God each day for the ability to be part of their lives.

The 250 Club!



Week 6~
28/08/2023;
Winning #: 055

Amount: \$25.00

Would be Winner:

One of our 30 Unfinancial blocks

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 !!

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So come on !!! Join the club, the 250 Club!!!

Of the 250 'blocks' of numbers we have:



151 Financial blocks

(thank you so much for your ongoing support)



30 Unfinancial blocks

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



69 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.

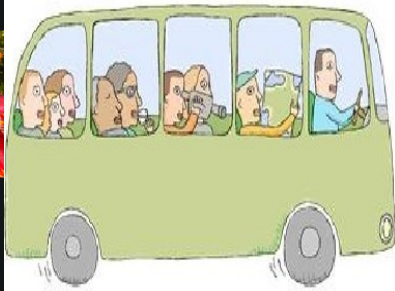


Bank Account Number: To obtain the details of our bank account (for regular or ad hoc donations), please contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or via email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.

Important Notice

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: Cancellation of 8am Mass at St Bernard's on Thursday 7 September.

Dear parishioners, to allow Fr Joy and myself to accompany parishioners on the specially arranged trip to The Abbey (see below), the **8am Mass at St Bernard's has been cancelled this coming Thursday 7 September.** The 9am Mass at St Patrick's will be offered by Fr Raphael of Pennant Hills Parish for which we sincerely thank him. *Fr Biju.*



We're off ~ the wheels on the bus will indeed be going 'round-and-round' this Thursday as we journey to The Abbey, Jamberoo.

The day will cost \$60 per person which will cover the hire of the bus, lunch at a local eatery, snacks etc.

Passengers from the northern end of the parish will depart St Bernard's carpark at 8am (please arrive by 7.45am).

Passengers from the southern end of the parish will depart St Patrick's forecourt 8.30am (please arrive by 8.15am).

A few seats are still available but you'll need to be quick. Please contact the office asap

Call 9456 2450 or E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



Can't make the bus trip?

This is short notice BUT, what an alternative we have to offer you!

Clare Bell, a parishioner of the parish and avid gardener, has kindly opened her one acre garden for all to visit as a Parish activity! Clare's garden was once part of Open Gardens Australia, and is coming into Spring bloom with buds, bulbs, blossoms! The garden has gravel paths so not suitable for wheelchairs or similar.

Sturdy shoes are recommended, or you may prefer to simply sit and view the garden.

Parishioners are invited to 'bring a plate' for 10.30 morning tea to share while Clare will provide a warming cuppa.

Please RSVP to Clare as soon as possible please on 0416 094 396 to get the address.

We hope this extremely kind offer will be of interest to many!



**Confirmation 2023
Sunday 17 September**

10am @ St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith (during parish Mass)

2pm @ St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Hts (Special Mass)



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

On the first four Fridays of September there will be special prayers at St Patrick's Church from 5.45pm to 6.15pm for the Season of Creation, beginning on Friday 1st September.

All welcome.

"Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation." **Pope Francis.**



Bernie's Ladies

Our event for Term 3 is dinner at The Asquith Club! Please join us on Friday September 15 from 7pm at 1 Lodge Street, Hornsby.

RSVP is to Gen Funk by Wednesday September 13.

Please either email Gen on david@barnettsroad.com or 0418 866 250.

The goal of Bernie's Ladies is to build community at our church, you'll be warmly welcomed, so please join them if you can.

The ladies of St Bernard's would like to warmly extend this invitation to ALL the ladies from St Patrick's to join us.



ATTENTION: ALL existing and "want-to-be" Junior Servers - This notice is for you !!

There is still time to sign up for this formation and training. Any existing Junior Altar Servers and anyone who would like to become a Junior Altar Server, especially our New Communicants, are asked to register their attendance by email to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

THIS COMING FRIDAY September 8 – Asquith Junior Servers Formation Session 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Pizza Dinner included) Please provide your name, what church you serve at (or wish to serve at) and a contact phone number. Please reply by **TUESDAY September 5, thank you.**



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

is an extraordinary training ground for our young people.

As they reach high school, the older members of the Choir start to undertake roles as leaders, mentors for our younger cantors, instrumentalists, accompanists, and directors. They support and care for all our young singers, and they are also involved in outreach to the wider parish community. They're inspiring and amazing!

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for more information.



Help requested from all the wonderful ethnic communities of our parish with a Multicultural Event to be held on Friday 22 Sept.

Calling all parishioners with different cultural backgrounds who can help us with this parish activity. We would like to hold a multicultural food market afternoon/evening to raise awareness to the many cultures in our community and to help raise funds for our parish activities during the year. If you can help organise a stall we would love to hear from you. Please send a message to the office or contact me directly on 0451664592, Moauli Griffiths for the PPC.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 9/10 September 2023 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Olive O'Keefe Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Noah Daly Mia Nguyen	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Freya Tonkin	Edwina Subramany	Maria (Cris) Tolentino	Elizabeth Fernandes	Volunteer needed
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	Peta Tonkin	Volunteer needed	Jim Fitzgerald	Susie Gates	Gabriel Henao
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	'GC' (ch.cleaning), Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Cecilia Waite (f),		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f)			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		September: Malcolm Cross, David Chui (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*.

**ST BERNARD'S
TERM 3
JUNGLE
ADVENTURE**

Friday 15 September – 11.45am – 1.00pm

Please join us for a fun learning experience hosted by our Year 6 students and staff. Designed specifically for preschoolers, the 'adventure' offers themed story time, crafts and creative activities, plus time to enjoy a picnic lunch in the school hall.

Bookings essential
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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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