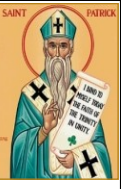


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 30th April 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; Jn 10:1-10

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

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

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

**Until further notice there will be
ONE Morning Mass only
on weekdays**

St Patrick's 9am:

Mon ~ Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat

St Bernard's 9am: Wed ~ Fri

(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

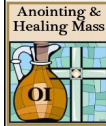
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(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

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.**



First Friday of the Month

Friday 5 May 2023

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.**



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

Traditionally, the month of May is
dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. Mary has a unique and
privileged place in salvation history and
in the Church. She is our first model of
discipleship and our model of trust in
God by saying 'yes' to the call of God.

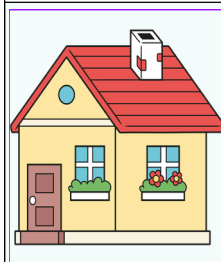
Jesus has given to us his own mother
standing at the foot of his cross on Good
Friday. What a precious treasure.

Jesus gave us Mary as he emptied
himself, even to the degree of emptying
himself of the last remaining means of consolation for him, his Beloved Mother.

May she always be welcomed in our homes.

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 organising processions, Marian pilgrimage and May Crownings etc.

As we journey prayerfully through this month of May, let us daily embrace Our Mother Mary and her Immaculate Heart into our lives. May she, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament—Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary—lead us to Jesus in the Eucharist. *Fr Biju.*



Easter is a New Beginning !

After the long lockdown of Covid, Fr Joy and myself wish to reconnect more personally with you, so, 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 as well as our housebound parishioners to whom we will also administer additional Sacraments if requested. To make a time for us to visit you, please contact the parish office. *Fr Biju.*

PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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

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Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

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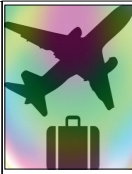
*'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'*



Pope's intention for May:

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Bon Voyage to Fr Joy, who goes on annual leave from Monday 1 May.

Father is returning home to spend quality time with his mum, his siblings and their families and he promises to say G'day to Fr Shaju from all of us too!

We wish you good health Father, safe travels, fine weather and a safe return to us on 31 May.

We will miss you!



The current schedule of **ONE Morning Mass** only on weekdays will continue until Fr Joy returns which is the usual practise of the parish when one priest is on annual leave.

Please Note: There will be **no change to weekend Masses**

Can you believe May is almost upon us ?!

And of course we all know what that means ... it's time for the
ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT



Every year in May a count of all parishioners is taken at all weekend Masses and a report returned to the Diocese of BB. The count will commence next weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. *Thank you for your understanding.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Eastertide Year A

Monday 1/05

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

Tuesday 2/05 ~ Memorial

St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 3/05 ~ Feast

Sts Philip and James, apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday 4/05

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 5/05

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 6/05

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christa Gropp, Ann Wynn, Carol Pereira, Joe Alphonso, Esmie Braganza

ANNIVERSARIES:

Josephine Fugirtham, Tom Dawson, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran, Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks, Dorothy O'Sullivan

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Those suffering from Covid-19 - that it is brought under control and eliminated as a health risk.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Cyril Thomas (Fr Joy's brother), Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Datoc, Ann Leslie, Mary Burns, Georgina Hughes, Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Josef, Marie Haag, Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Elaine Longmuir.



Sycamore is Back!!

a space where everyone is welcome to share

Community, Conversation, Food and Faith

"Sycamore" is a great opportunity to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs more deeply; and to think about questions that really matter!

Enjoy delving into some of the big issues of life and faith!
More details and register in coming weeks Enquiries: Sue 0400 300 59



World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle
[Drawn Sunday May 14th after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith]

Tickets NOW ON SALE !!

Be sure you get your tickets and be in the running to win an amazing gift.

We will be out and about over the next 3 w/ends selling tickets for 3 hugely impressive and beautiful gift baskets.

Tickets prices: 1 for \$5 ~ 3 for \$10 ~ 8 for \$20

If we're not outside your preferred Mass this weekend don't worry, we should be there the following weekend.

We really appreciate your support in our WYD preparations and ask that you keep us in your prayers in the lead up and during our pilgrimage to WYD 2023 in Lisbon!

Thanks again for supporting us, Rebecca, Rachel, Sophia and Michael.

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People - 27 April 2023 ~

Next week 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. During this Easter season and the month of May, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord when Mary's heart was filled **"with joy beyond all telling"** and reflect on Mary's presence in the community of the first disciples waiting for Pentecost.

The saints acclaim in powerful and inspired terms the glories of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

However there are a number of ways we can show or manifest our love and devotion to Our Lady. Here are just a few.

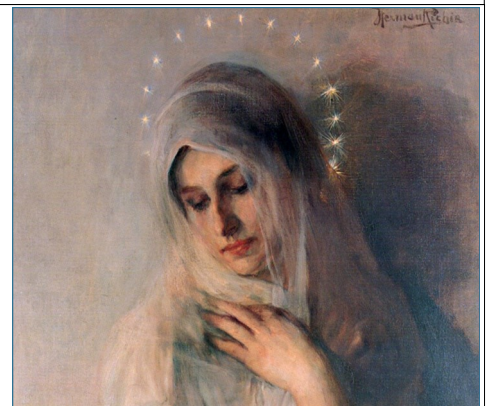
Firstly - prayer. A prayer of consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate heart of Mary.

The Angelus, although traditionally the prayer at noon it can be prayed at any time.

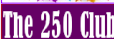
Combine doctrine and devotion by reading the Apostolic Letter of St John Paul II **Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary.**

This combines Catholic doctrine (Mariology) with a tender love and devotion to Mary. St John Paul II exhorts us to contemplate the face of Jesus through the eyes and heart of Mary. And praying the Rosary. In Fatima on 13 May, Our Lady first appeared to the Shepherd children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In all six of her apparitions Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary. 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.

The Holy Father invites us to pray the Rosary together in the family or with friends or in the parish. Praying the Rosary together strengthens family life, friendships, and parish life.



The Big One!



Week 10 – 24/4/23;

Amt: \$500.00; Winning Number:

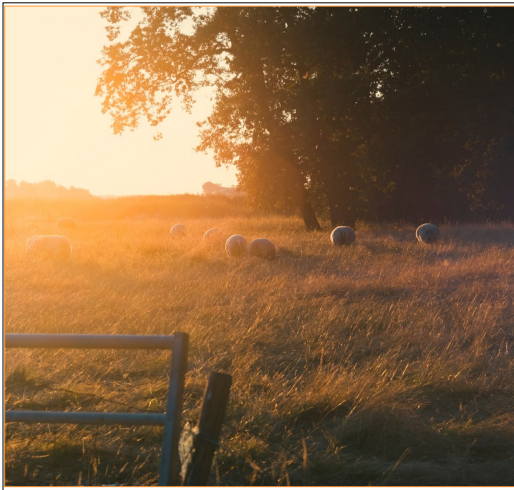
388; Winner: *Keith Fone!*



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~ Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish, Fr Biju.



NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

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The imagery of shepherd, sheep and gate of the sheepfold suggests a close, almost familial, relationship that is lost outside its Middle Eastern context. Even today, on the hillsides of Judea one can see a Bedouin boy, or perhaps an old man, leading his small flock numbering between three and ten sheep. The shepherd walks in front, guiding the flock along the craggy paths seeking whatever grass there may be. In a country such as Israel, where arable land is scarce, fenced paddocks are used for crops not for mobs of grazing sheep. Sheep wander on the hillsides foraging where they can and the shepherd must keep an eye out for danger, and to

prevent any from straying. When a lamb is born it could be named according to its physical features, or other characteristics – ‘snowy’, ‘hungry’, ‘scamp.’ A village might have a communal sheepfold protected by one gatekeeper. In the morning each shepherd would call out his sheep, by voice, or using a pipe. The sheep would recognise the sound and follow their shepherd. In the summer, temporary shelters could be made outside the village using briars and stones. This type of shelter has no door so the shepherd would sleep across the doorway, acting as the door protecting his flock.

‘I have come that you may have life to the full.’

In the Scriptures the imagery of shepherding was used to speak of leadership. Kings who failed to lead their people according to covenant values were judged as ‘bad shepherd,’ and according to Ezekiel 34, God is to be the good shepherd of Israel, binding up the wounded, seeking out the lost, and leading Israel to good pasture. So the image would have been familiar to Jesus’ audience, both from their life experience and from their Scriptures. The audience would know how vulnerable the sheep were to wild animals, dangerous paths, falls and scarcity of pasture. They would know that the survival of the sheep depended on the skill and attentive care of the shepherd. In this context, Jesus speaks of himself as ‘the gate of the sheepfold’. He is the one who lies across the doorway, the way in to safety, and the way out to good pasture. The imagery leads to the sharp contrast between the thief who comes to bring death and destruction, and Jesus who comes to bring life.

Life in its fullness. This is the Easter gift that God offers us through Jesus. Such life is not ordinary physical life but an entirely new quality of life that in John’s Gospel is called ‘eternity life’. This is the quality of God’s life in eternity. This quality of life is like being born a second time, as Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3. But, as the parable suggests, this life can be threatened by thieves and brigands.

At the time when the Gospel was written (late 90’s C.E.) the community must have felt themselves under threat from outside forces. The emphasis in the parable is that of safety. The shepherd will protect his flock from harm. The parable assures these believers that Jesus will protect them. In the first century the threats were real. The community was experiencing a great struggle with Judaism and the Romans. From time to time, that struggle even became persecution. In Australia we have rarely experienced open conflict, let alone persecution for religious reasons, but there are many places in the world today where this is a reality – Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Ireland.

The dangers that threaten us are more subtle. We don’t need thieves and brigands to steal us from the flock, our own hearts can readily leave the community lured by values that are not Christian. In the desire for greater affluence we can allow policies to limit refugee intake at a time when this is a humanitarian crisis. To have greater profit margins, companies may reduce the workforce making many jobless without prospect of future employment. Present wealth and comfort may impede ecological responsibility for the future. These are Gospel issues not just economic or political. This year we will hear Matthew criteria for entry into the reign of God: those who help the sick, offer shelter to the homeless, care for prisoners. These are very practical ways of evaluating Christian behaviour.

Listening to today’s word let us reflect on what are the real things that threaten Christian living. Thieves and brigands would be much easier to fight than the subtle dangers we Christians face today.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Did you know that Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish has a Catechesis of the

Good Shepherd Children’s Atrium, which offers faith formation for children aged 3-12 years during school terms?

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 see the KCCP website, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/the-catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>

If interested for your child, please contact Natasha Steele via kccp.childrens.atrrium@gmail.com or 0409 621 817. Term 2 will begin on 2 May 2023.



Children’s Choir @ St Patrick’s

Children’s Choir is pleased to support our four parish WYD

pilgrims. Rachel, Rebecca, Sophia and Michael, have been members of the Choir forever, and we’re sure they will bring back new insights and ideas to share with the parish from Lisbon.

Children’s Choir practices:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick’s Church.

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.

Children’s Choir practises:

Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick’s church.

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



POSITION VACANT AT THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

The Chancery is seeking to recruit a temporary Project Officer to undertake the project management of a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite. This is a specialised role, for a fixed term of six months, with flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate. The ideal candidate would have a good knowledge of, and experience with Catholic organisations and events, be results-orientated, with a demonstrated commitment to service and willingness to be accountable for performance. For more information, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for a copy of the position description and details on how to apply. Applications close **Friday, 28 April 2023.** (see over for another DBB job)

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 6th / 7th May 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter—Year A - Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

	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	Barbara McMullen	Mani Subramany	Bill Martin	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Robyn Orr	Sub requested Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Rebecca Clarke Thomas Clarke	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Peta Tonkin	Celia Cox	Michael Halliday	Christine Vila	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Alodie Wheeler	Freya Tonkin	Miguel Do Rego	Jim Fitzgerald	Jo Quinlan	Volunteer needed
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Nataasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Annette Shapter (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Michelle Hwang (f), Leticia Wee, Michelle Blanco			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		May: Luke Massa, David Mooney (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 to be filled ~ Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator ~ looking for the ideal candidate ~ The appointment of the **Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator** will: act as an **Executive Officer**, assisting the newly appointed **Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group** in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the **Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project**. This is a **full-time position for a maximum term of two years**. The role requires with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information. With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area. For more info. please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an **Information Pack** including for details on how to apply. **Applications close Thursday, 18 May 2023.**

The **March edition of the Broken Bay News (BBN)** is **available now** at the back of both our churches.



This edition features articles on:
 ✦ 'Countdown to Broken Bay Magnify Pilgrimage and WYD23'
 ✦ 'Religious Education—A Special Mission of the Church'
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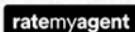
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