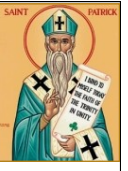


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 9th April 2023 ~ **Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** ~ Year A

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

Entrance: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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

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.



My dear Parishioners,

We read in the Gospel for Easter Sunday that Peter and John ran towards the empty tomb, after Mary Magdalene had run to them, with the news that the Lord was no longer in the tomb (Jn 20,1-9).

We read again, in the same Gospel, that Mary encounters Jesus outside the tomb after Peter and John had hurried off and she, in turn, runs to tell the disciples:

"I have seen the Lord!"

Mary was a missionary disciple - a running disciple - she is the Church that goes forth with a message of hope and joy!

Perhaps there is nothing as hopeful and meaningful in our faith celebrations as the Easter Vigil Mass when the new Paschal Candle is brought into the darkened church.

The simple light is held high and shines brightly in the darkness as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world. The congregation light their small candles from the Easter Candle, one by one. The church becomes radiant and there is a sign of hope coming from each of us holding our lighted candles.

The Paschal Candle moves down the aisle accompanied by the words:

The Light of Christ - Thanks be to God,
echoing through the church.

As Easter people, we are called to be signs of hope as we re-build our communities following the destruction caused by the corona virus in the past years. Moreover, we are on the very process of a unique experience of church renewal. The lessons we have learned over the past years must play a part in this renewal, especially how important, beautiful and valuable our faith really is; how vital the sacraments are to us; how hopeful the Word of God is to us. It is our task to rebuild, to renew, to proclaim, to go out and be that light symbolised with a message of hope and joy at the Easter Vigil.

As you know, this is my first Holy Week and Easter celebration with you. I sincerely thank each one of you for your commitment and collaboration for the building up of KCCP.

Fr Joy and I wish you and your loved ones, friends, and family a most blessed, and happy Easter.

Fr Biju .



PASTORAL CENTRE (Parish Office)

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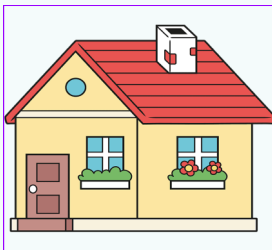
'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this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



Pope's intention for April:

For a culture of peace and non violence:

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons of States and citizens.



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. Various days, dates and times have been put aside in the parish calendar, so to make an appointment, please contact the parish office. *Fr Biju.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Octave of Easter Year C

Monday 10/04

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 11/04

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 12/04

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 13/04

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday 14/04

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 15/04

Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carol Pereira, Joe Alphonso, Esmie Braganza, Simon Peter Cripps, Beni Viola, Imelda Santillan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Brooks, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Mary Pereira, Catherina Elisabeth Reemst, Denis Mulligan, Gregory Cooper, Kathleen Jones, Bernard (Pat) O'Malley,

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, Roger Okell, Jean Cook, Barbara Jones, Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger, Brian Treacy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Patrick O'Donoghue, Fr Thomas Philip OSH, Josef, Marie Haag, Elaine Longmuir.

The 250 Club! Week 7 – 03/04/23;
Amt: \$25; Winning Number: 686;
Winner: *Unfinancial* 😞

New life, with Jesus

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The Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is *still dark*. As an old man, John would later write that *'the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining'*. But he links this strictly to one condition: *'Whoever loves his brothers and sisters,'* John says, *'lives in the light.'* On the other hand, *'whoever prefers to hate... is still in the darkness.'* (1 Jn 2:8-11).

On Friday, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross.

On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It's no wonder, then, that *'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon'*, that *'the sun's light failed'*, and that *'the curtain of the temple was torn in two'* (Lk 23:24).

Between light and darkness, between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not yet triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories.

The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them seventy years ago: *'When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.'*

The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: *'The power of this holy [Easter] night,'* it proclaims, *'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.'*

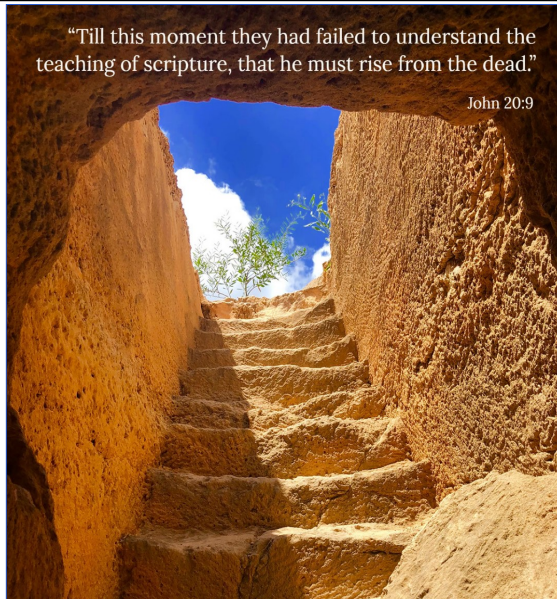
Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, *'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world'* (Jn 1:9)

So we celebrate his resurrection today by rising from darkness and death ourselves. The Risen Lord himself, represented here by this beautiful Easter candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil, and as persons connected to him by baptism, to *'walk always as children of the light'*, following in his footsteps.

So we are now invited to renew our baptismal promises. Reject darkness, evil and sin in every shape and form. And promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now.

So together, dear People of God, let us renew our baptismal promises, and renew them as loudly and enthusiastically as we can.



"Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

John 20:9



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



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If you search "Jesus" on Wikipedia you will find the following: Jesus of Nazareth (ca.4 BC – AD 30–33), commonly referred to as Jesus Christ or simply as Jesus or Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader; he is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (the Christ) prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

What is interesting about this entry is that since I last looked, someone has removed the line, "that he rose from the dead after being crucified".

It is a simple portrayal not accurately described which is not surprising in today's world, where often only the appealing or comfortable bits of a story are recounted. This description is more or less accurate but powerless and impersonal.

Saint Paul recalls "we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him" (Romans 6:8). This is why the Son of God took flesh and broke into human history as the God-man Jesus Christ. This is why he was crucified. This is why he rose from the dead with all authority and promised to be with us to the end of time - to create a people whose sins are forgiven, and whose hearts are full of the love of God, and who are so animated by the victorious Christ, that they spend their lives with challenges and sacrifice and charity to assist others know and enjoy the magnitude of Jesus Christ for all eternity.

As we journey together through this most holy of weeks, I would invite you to spend some time, both individually and with our community of the Church, to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Remember that he is the lover of our souls, and his passion and death are for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we probe the mystery of faith, I pray that our words and actions, our love and compassion, might reveal to the world that Christ, the true Christ, the ever-living Christ in the Church which seeks to preach him, in whose body we are formed, is the saviour of the world.

Is this not what we were made for? Is there not something in your own soul that witnesses to you that this is true and worthy of full acceptance?

May the blessings of Christ, crucified and risen, be yours this Easter. + Anthony

You're invited to the neighbours ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 16

St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills

between 1:30pm and 4pm, including Reconciliation (Reconciliation starts at 1pm), Mass at 2:00pm, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. "Tell the whole world of My great mercy ... mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Jesus to St Faustina). Enquiries: Greg 0419 228 199.



Our Lady of the Rosary (Cathedral Parish), Waitara

between 1.15pm and 4pm, including Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction and Veneration. Enquiries? Please call OLOR Parish Office on 8379 1700 or Betty on 0418 421 764.



Catechist News ~ Congratulations and thank you Barbara McMullen for not only answering the call for Catechists but completing the necessary requirements and joining our Team at Mt Kuring-Gai Public School.

However, we URGENTLY need a Catechist for:

Hornsby North, Ida Street - Kindy - 12 students - Thursday 09:10am – 09:40am

Mt Colah Public, Telopea Street - Year 1 - 16 students - Wednesday 11:30am – 12:00 noon

What is a required? Complete Child Protection requirements: Working with Children Check; complete A1 and A2 Forms; complete the compulsory topic "Safe Guarding Children" as directed by The Department of Education and you can enter the classroom and see for yourself what we do in the classroom.

Open to anyone 18 years and over, male or female, who can find the time to share their faith with our little ones. Interested? Contact Parish Office on 9456 2450. To view a Lent and Easter booklet that was prepared by Kristy from CCD please copy and paste into your browser https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/lent_and_easter_booklet_2_ We hope it will warm your hearts and answer quite a lot of questions.

World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle Donations of Gifts appreciated, please.



We will be holding a Mother's Day raffle and selling tickets after Masses at both ends of the parish ~ not just yet ~ but watch this space ~ it won't be long!

To have a raffle you need a prize, so we would appreciate any donations towards our prize/s by way of any new small gifts you would like to donate (local business voucher, candles, mugs, fancy stationery, hand cream etc) or maybe you have a gift you want to 'on-gift' (shhhh, it will be our little secret!). Your donation: May be placed in the

clearly marked boxes at the back of our churches, OR, if you feel more comfortable, your donation may be delivered directly to the Parish Office during office hours.

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

The raffle itself will be drawn on Sunday May 14th after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith.

A gentle but very important reminder

I respectfully request that you consider how distracting a ringing phone during Mass is to the concentration and prayers being offered by your priests and your fellow parishioners.



Please, turn off or mute your mobile phone when entering the church at any time and most especially when attending Mass. Fr Biju.



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

is now in recess until the beginning of Term 2.

Next Choir practice: 4-5pm in St Patrick's Church, Fri. 28 April.

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.

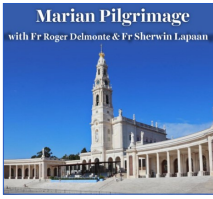
Interested? Please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 15th / 16th April 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Easter—Year A - Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

	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	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Substitute requested	David Massa	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Robyn Orr Volunteer needed	Substitute requested Substitute requested	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Liam Daly	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Denise Harant	Celia Cox	Michael Halliday	Sandra Maloney	Gabriel Henao
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Paul Maher	Miguel Do Rego	Mary Stokes	Jo Quinlan	Les Fogden
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f); Gwen Wood (s)		As 16 April was inadvertently left off the roster, Francis & Tess Lizardo have offered to cover this.			
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)		April: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow (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*.

Have you been to any Marian Pilgrimages before?



A pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines is a journey into the heart of Mary, our Blessed Mother.

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For more information or to book, contact: **Susan Clark**
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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'
- ✦ 'Tributes to Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal George Pell'.

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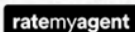
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