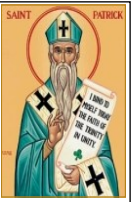


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 14th May 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

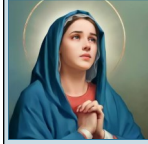
Entrance: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

*'Seek God,
Find God,
Embrace God in Jesus'*



*Humbly we pray, that through the
intercession of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Mother of Jesus and of
us, that the Holy Spirit will
continue to guide all mother's and
mother figures with wisdom and love.
Mary our Mother, Pray for us.*



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
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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.

My irreplaceable mum...

For me the most important person on earth is my mother, because her place is irreplaceable in every stage of my life. There is no one like a mother, no substitute for her place, no equal to her love and placement in our own formation. As we celebrate Mother's day on this Sunday, I wish all mothers in our Parish a most Happy Mother's day.



On this day we celebrate the unconditional love of mothers to their children.

They carry us in their wombs, the first home of the whole human race. They offer us to the family and the whole world. They gave us life, taught and nurtured us on the way by offering wisdom, example and practical experience. They picked us up when we fell and unconditionally loved us back when we strayed.

Let us gratefully admit the fact that none of us is able to return to our mothers, in the same measure, all the sacrificial love that they have given us.

This Sunday I will offer the Mass on the sacred altar for all the mothers in our Parish, whether they are alive or have gone to their eternal reward.

Traditionally, May is dedicated to our devotion to the Blessed Mother. The Catholic Church presents the mother of Jesus, Mary as the supreme model for all mothers and pray for her intercession and motherly care for all of us. Along with giving thanks to God for our mothers, we give thanks to the Mother that was given to us by Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. Happy Mother's Day! *Fr Biju - a truly blessed son!*

Being a mum...

I always knew I wanted to be a mum. But it's not surprising given the mum I have. Now my Mum was born in the era when being a mum was a 'job'. After she finished school Mum worked as a sugar cane tester, knowing that once she got married her job would be given to another unmarried young girl. While this would be frowned upon in this day and age, it meant I was lucky enough to have Mum full time.



She cooked our meals, sewed our clothes, helped at school, took us to sport and was always there to hug and support me at my happiest and saddest moments. And I'm blessed to still have my Mum around to listen and offer me advice.

My life has been a little different to my Mum's. I have been fortunate to have a career, run my own business and travel the world, but by far my greatest achievement has been being a mum. Words cannot do justice to the immense satisfaction and joy that being a mum has brought to me over the past 16 years. While I don't get paid to be a mum, I believe it is the most important job I will ever have. Encouraging my children to be their best, to be brave and try new things, and to stand up for what is right are only a few of the things I have endeavoured to instil in them as they navigate their childhood and teenage years. Most of all I have encouraged them to follow Jesus' teachings by being kind and compassionate to others and to always 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'.

I thank God every day for allowing me to be a Mum. Motherhood is not only a blessing but an absolute privilege. I also thank my mum for her selflessness as I was growing up and for showing me how to be the best mum I can be.

I would like to wish all mothers and mother-figures a very happy Mother's Day.
Peta Tonkin, a grateful daughter / an even more grateful mum!



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

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

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Parish Office Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay Australia

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper / **Bookkeeper:** Karen Price

Vol. Office Assist: Jan Favalaro / **Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta & Phill

Sacramental Team Email: 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 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.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

Easter tide Year A

Monday 15/05

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26- 16:4

Tuesday 16/05

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 17/05

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 18/05

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 19/05

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday 20/05

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Salvatore Giuffre, Nicolo Alcamese, Lilas Roche, Ann Wynn, Carol Pereira, Joe Alphonso, Esmie Braganza

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ida O'Halloran, Donna O'Donohue, Peter O'Donohue, Josephine Fugitham, Tom Dawson, Moya Dawson, Peter O'Halloran,

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:

Fiona Loughland, Cyril Thomas (Fr Joy's brother), Maria Park, Anna Cho, Garth Graham, Yvonne Graham, Isabel Henson, Judy Farrell, Chichi Dato, 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.

The 250 Club! Week 12 - 08/05/23
Amt: \$25.00;

Winning Number: 870;

Winner: **Quentin Price!**



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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.



ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT:

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



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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

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Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.

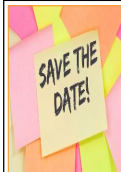


World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn THIS Sunday after the 10am Mass

Good luck to all our wonderful KCCP supporters who purchased tickets in this amazing raffle. 3 lovely winners will end up with beautiful items including: hand creams, scented candles, jewellery items, mugs, embodied hand towels, the list goes on.

Don't panic! You don't need to be at the 10am Mass in person. If you one of our lucky winners you will be contacted as soon as we possibly can to tell you the good news!

To show you how much we appreciate your support, **we pilgrims have made a special mother's a bookmark** and we invite all our mum's and mum figures to take one from the special boxes at the back of both our churches this weekend. We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support as we continue to move towards WYD 2023.



Our WYD pilgrims are inviting all parishioners to a Pentecost reflection evening.

Where: St Patrick's Church, Asquith; **When:** Saturday 27 May ~ 7pm after Vigil Mass

What it includes: Taizé, praise songs, bible reading, reflections, and pizza!

RSVP: Let the parish office know if you're coming for pizza

(by calling 9456 2450 or email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) so we have a rough idea of numbers.

See you there!



SYCAMORE

A space where everyone is welcome to share Community, Conversation, Food and Faith
Becoming 'Missionary Disciples'

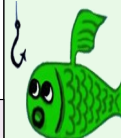
Community, Conversation, Food and Faith

"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!

Coming soon -- Wednesdays 7:30 pm — St Patricks' Meeting Room, Asquith —

Register today on our sign-up sheets which can be found at the back of both churches or call Sue on 0400 300 598.



More on that 'PHISH'ing email doing the rounds.

In last weekends bulletin you will recall we advised of a phishing email purporting to be our parish secretary. The Diocese of Broken Bay has this week sent their own email to all Parishes providing guidelines around this Cyber Security Alert. A copy of the email's contents explaining what to look out for will be included in the Friday mailout.

Don't receive our Friday mailout but would like to? To be added to the list email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Remember: Any email you receive from Margaret, Karen, Fr Joy or myself, will be sent from the email service provider [@bbcatholic.org.au](http://bbcatholic.org.au) only, and please remain Cyber vigilant, Fr Biju.

Talk about, 'Ask and ye shall receive'

It is with undisguised and unashamed glee, that I advise you all..., this week two gentlemen have responded to the call to take **CHRIST in Communion**, to the faithful who spend time in Mt Wilga Rehabilitation Hospital !!

Bill, a spritely 88 year old and John, a spring chicken at just 84, have joined the ranks of this most worthy of ministries.

Recruiting must continue though, as the need is great and more folk are needed to visit at Regis, Christophorous House and yes, a couple more at Mt Wilga would be most welcome.

Worth noting:

These care facilities are visited on a **Sunday morning**, so younger folk are strongly encouraged to join Bill (the young) and John (the younger) in this ministry. Please consider the appeal opposite and come on board. *Fr Biju.*



Those volunteers who remain on the roster for all these facilities NEED YOUR HELP.

In particular, we currently need urgent help with taking Communion to Mt Wilga Rehab., which has traditionally been supported by parishioners from St Bernard's Church.

Job description: Taking Our Lord in Communion to our faithful who are housebound, in Mt Wilga Rehab. Hospital, Christophorous House and Regis Aged Care Hornsby, and occasionally in private homes.

Requirements: Yes, there are some, but isn't that typical of most places these days? You will require a Working With Children Clearance (which also covers the vulnerable) and this protects you every bit as much as it protects those you visit with. If you choose to visit at Regis you will need a Workers Screening Clearance also, but the office staff can, and are happy to, assist you every step of the way to meet these requirements.

Reward: The look on residents faces of undisguised appreciation because **YOU**, have taken the time to bring them **CHRIST in Communion**, when they cannot physically worship with us in person.

Please get involved and be part of this very rewarding Ministry by contacting the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or by emailing parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au *With thanks for your consideration, I pray God will bless us with new volunteers very soon, Fr Biju.*

URGENT APPEAL:

For Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Housebound / in Aged Care at Christophorous House & Regis Hornsby / in Mt Wilga Rehab.

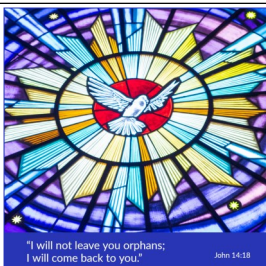
Our parish is blessed with a very dedicated group of volunteers in this ministry for many years, but recently our numbers have fallen with 2 volunteers stepping down from the roster in as many weeks.



IGNITE 2023 ~ As announced towards the end of last year, the 2023 Ignite Sydney Conference will be hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, between 28 Sept – 1 October in the Cathedral Precinct. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of formation, renewal of faith, and powerful worship. It is a conference for all; kids, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference. **Registrations** for this significant gathering are **now open**.

Go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/> to learn more about the conference and how to register.

Please see back page for details of a **temporary position of Project Officer** with the Diocese of Broken Bay Evangelisation Office, with the successful candidate engaged to project manage a variety of Diocesan projects, namely WYD and Ignite.



Sunday Reflection ~ John Thornhill sm

In the Risen Lord, his disciples were confronted by God's final achievement in a transformed creation. The overwhelming and mysterious nature of this experience - an encounter that involved every level of their being - is reflected in the various passages of the gospels that attempt to communicate it. On the surface, the symbolic imagery and circumstantial detail they use are difficult to reconcile. Beneath the surface, however, they have a remarkable unity: against all expectations they know the Jesus who has been so long in their company, triumphant in his humanity over death; he greets them

generously, and initiates a new relationship with them that they find challenging; he entrusts them with a mission to the whole world, announcing the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today, our Easter liturgy aims to awaken in us the recognition that we too are called to share in this mission - through the gift of Christ's own Spirit. In our gospel reading from John, 'Advocate' translates the word, 'paraclete', used several times in this gospel. This term indicates far more than one who will speak for us when we are on trial. It signifies someone who will stand by us whatever our need - our 'champion' we could say. The work of the Spirit is clearly expressed in the words of Jesus: 'I will not leave you orphans', he says, 'I will come back to you'. He will be present, however, in a new way, as his own Spirit leads the faith-filled community in a fuller understanding of all that he said and did.

This union with the Saviour, through his Spirit, is to be far more than a comforting spiritual union. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments', he says. What are these commandments? Immediately before the passage selected for our liturgy, Jesus has spoken of the 'works' that will be a sign of true belief in him. In the tradition that gave us John's gospel, we know, all is summed up in a single commandment, 'Love one another, as I have loved you'. The Spirit will lead us into the fullness of truth and life brought by the Risen Lord, as we give ourselves to practical love and service.

In our reading from Acts we see the first Christian community taking up the mission they have received. Philip, one of its seven 'deacons' - remembering, no doubt, the example of Jesus - takes the Good News of reconciliation to the Samaritans, the hated enemies of old Israel. It was through the leadership of the apostles, this incident shows, that the Spirit built up the Church's communion of love and service.

If our union with the Risen Lord must find a practical expression, it is certainly, Peter tells us in his letter, a most personal bond: 'Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts' he tells us, and then your lives will bring true blessings to those around you.

(The Emmaus Series at www.theemmausseries.com) (John Thornhill sm) (Copyright © The Emmaus Series 2019)

Frenchs Forest Parish invites you to a 'Film and Soup Night' ~ "The Letter,"
A Message for our Earth"
Date: Friday 19 May;
Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm;
Venue: St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills; **Bookings via:** www.trybooking.com/CHQTA

Children's Choir @ St Patrick's will be wishing all our mothers and mother-figures a happy Mother's Day this Sunday with some very special music at 10am Mass, as our way of saying thankyou for all the wonderful things they do for us!
Children's Choir practices: Every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's Church.
Children's Choir sings at: 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.
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.
If interested in joining: Please call Patricia Smith on 9482 7935.

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 20th / 21st May 2023 - The ASCENSION of the LORD—Year A - Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

	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	Sue Lum	Phil Daidone	Malcolm Cross	Keith Fone
Altar Servers	Archie Tod Harry Tod	Sub requested Bronte Tonkin	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Lucy Henao Vila Joshua Telford	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Jerome Gomez	Paul Maher	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Mary Stokes
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Denise Harant	Sue Watts	Russell Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Simone Noel
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia (f), Gisela Muschal (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Fiona Fone (f),			
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.**

Project Officer – Evangelisation 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, a copy of the position description and details on how to apply, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au Applications close **Wednesday, 17 May 2023**

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