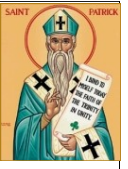


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH



Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 16th April 2023 ~ **2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday** ~ Year A

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Entrance:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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.**



*Dear parishioners,*

This is the second Sunday of Easter. It is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, because it is a day when the flood-gates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for.

Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for years as a private devotion. But on 30 April 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, declared the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. As a mystic she was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord which she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy.

She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931:

*In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'*

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision:

*"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."*

After his resurrection, Jesus showed his disciples the wounds of his passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. His scars are the evidence of his love and mercy. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. Let us turn our eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

*Jesus, I trust in You*

Fr Biju

### Gospel Reflection © Greg Sunter

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, **'for fear of the Jews'**. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, **'Peace be with you'**. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm. Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as **'Doubting Thomas'** because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, **'My Lord and my God!'** This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

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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

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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

#### Eastertide Year C

**Monday 17/04**

Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday 18/04**

Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7-15

**Wednesday 19/04**

Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday 20/04**

Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36

**Friday 21/04**

Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday 22/04**

Acts 6:1-7  
Jn 6:16-21

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Andrew Italiano, Peter Brooks, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Mary Pereira,

Catherina Elisaberth Reemst

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

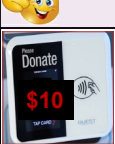
#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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.

**The 250 Club!** Week 8 – 10/04/23;

Amt: \$25; Winning Number: 184;

Winner: *Anne Bourke*



**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.

## The Risen Lord has certainly blessed KCCP

Each year things seem to become busier and busier and the lead up to Easter was no exception, however, we have been blessed with many volunteers who made time in their own busy schedules to step up, and for that,

### we sincerely thank each one of you.

✦ We thank all our congregation, who came together so full of hope and faith to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord in Ku-ring-gai Parish, many of whom came and celebrated with families and friends.

#### We offer gratitude and thanks to

- ✦ Our Lenten programme facilitators for preparing us,
- ✦ Our church cleaners, maintenance teams and decorators for beautifying our churches both inside and out,
- ✦ Our gifted florists and their arrangements (with one volunteer going all the way to Flemington Flower markets to purchase the best blooms early on Easter Saturday morning),
- ✦ Our Readers, Senior Servers & Thurifers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers for their service on the Altar,
- ✦ Our writers of the Universal Prayers (Prayer of the Faithful) ~ your stewardship is unpretentious and much valued
- ✦ Our musicians and choirs from the Lenten Taizé evening and continuing across all services and Masses during Lent & Easter, and who cover all age groups from primary aged students (Children's Choir); young adults (Select Choir) and even whole Family Choirs at both churches ~ you were amazing!

#### What a list!

**And what a wealth of talent has been given by God to these wonderful parishioners, who in their turn, willingly share their gifts with us, thank you!**

✦ Heartfelt thanks go to our priests, Fr Biju and Fr Joy, who with humility and sincere reverence, led our liturgies and instilled the very real and tangible meaning of Easter in all of us. They continue to show us the hope of the Risen Lord in all they say and do always.

## Let us rejoice and be glad.

## Just as Easter brings New Life ~ have you seen what's happened in St Patrick's courtyard?!



If you visited St Patrick's Church over the Easter Triduum you certainly could not have missed the wonderful garden restoration undertaken by a small but very enthusiastic group of parishioners.

We recently learnt that Bunnings Thornleigh will consider donating products towards worthy community projects, so, we threw our hat into the ring (our "Bunnings Gardening Hat" of course!) and were lucky enough to have our request granted.

**Thank you Bunnings Thornleigh! and thank you Les Fogden, David Chui, Malcolm Cross, David Mooney, Luke Massa & Clare Bell !**

who donned the gardening gloves and achieved the most remarkable makeover in a very short period of time. Starting with the fella's doing the spade work and removing all the weedy spiky Yuccas, Clare then came to the fore planting Sasanqua Camellia 'Plantation Pink' and Raphiolepis 'Snow Maiden' aka Indian Hawthorn! Both are super tough plant varieties and we are sure our priests understand and appreciate the significance of planting Indian Hawthorn's .. they're native to India! **Thank you all.**

### Sure, Easter is a time to enjoy Seafood, but not this kind of 'PHISH' !!!

**Earlier this week we became aware of a 'phishing' email purporting to be from Fr Biju.**

As this is a manually written email with no advertising content, it is generally not possible for spam detection software to block it, but by engaging with them by return email they know your email address is legitimate.

**This scammer is using the following email address**

**Rev.father1129@gmail.com ~ Please do not respond to this email.**

Any email to you from Fr Biju, Fr Joy or the office, will be sent from the email service provider **@bbcatholic.org.au** (not @gmail.com as used in this example).

Unfortunately, a user of a free email service such as gmail can give themselves any name they would like, which can allow scams such as these to appear legitimate.

Request for a schedule ▶

Inbox



Rev. Biju Jose 6 days ago  
to me

Good morning,

Do you have a flexible schedule? I have a request for you to kindly handle for me. I'll await your response!

Blessings,  
Rev. Biju Jose



[from previous page] **Historical Context – My Lord and my God**

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

**Have you thought? Those who have not seen** Jesus says to Thomas, **'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'** That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more.

**Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!**



**Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop** 13 April 2023

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.* Our celebrations of the Easter Vigil was the beginning of the season of Easter, a feast of rebirth and new beginnings.

While the Vigil marked the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared us all, it is now a time of joy and thanksgiving. The Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends right through to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, this Sunday, 16 April, the Ascension of Our Lord on 21 May and then Pentecost on Sunday 28 May when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on the Apostles and followers of Jesus who had gathered in the Upper Room, and the beginning of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday, this Sunday, is based on the private revelations of Sr Faustina Kowalska and focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Sr Faustina, who became known as the Apostle of Mercy, was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy who received the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy through visions and conversations with Jesus.

In her diary Sr Faustina wrote the chaplet's prayers for mercy, also said on beads like the rosary, are threefold – to obtain mercy, to trust in God's mercy, and to show mercy to others. The Chaplet can be said at any time but it is especially said on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm, recalling the time of Christ's death on the Cross.

Sr Faustina suffered from tuberculosis and died at just 33 years old. She was the first saint canonised in the new millennium by Pope John Paul II, 30 April 2000 who on the same day declared the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. + *Anthony*

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

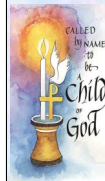
**St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills**

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.



**Welcome to our Faith Family**  
Baptism congratulations to

**Charlotte Mae Genevieve Clifton**

**Henry James George Clifton**

**Cooper Hudson Grant**

who are to be baptised this weekend.

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



Did you know that the Tibouchina tree is sometimes referred to as the Glory Tree or Glory Bush? How appropriate it was that this beautiful tree was in full (Lenten) purple bloom as we journeyed towards Easter, and as we celebrate the Glory of the Risen Lord, this magnificent tree is still resplendent in its glory in the grounds of St Bernard's Church ~ God is indeed good!



**TOWARDS WORLD YOUTH DAY - LISBON 2023 -**

You will notice below the Raffle our youth are organising to assist their funding to WYD 2023 in Lisbon. Should you wish to donate in another way towards their pilgrimage, this can be done via the parish website ([www.bpoint.com.au/payments/krgcparish](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/krgcparish)) or contact the parish bookkeeper for bank transfer details via [karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:karen.price@bbcatholic.org.au) **Please keep them in your prayers.**



**Children's Choir @ St Patrick's**

is taking a break during the school holidays.

**Next Mass:** 10am, Sunday 23rd April.

**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.



**Spotlight on a KCCP Pilgrim ~ Sophia Gomez**

Hello my name is Sophia Gomez. I'm in year 10 at Mercy Catholic College. I have been doing music ministry with the children's choir for 7 years now and the select choir for 5 years. I am so incredibly excited for World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. I hope this trip will deepen my faith and help me connect with other young Christians from around the world.



**World Youth Day (WYD) Mother's Day Raffle**  
To be drawn on Sunday May 14th after the 10am Mass at St Patrick's, Asquith  
Tickets on sale from next weekend.

Hello! The four of us would like to say a **very big thank you** for all the wonderful gifts you have donated towards our Mothers Day Raffle. There are some wonderful prizes to be won and tickets will go on sale after all Masses from next weekend. We would like you all to know that we really appreciate your support in our WYD preparations and hope you may be in a position to continue that support by buying some tickets in the raffle, after all you have to

be in it to win it and you'll be in with a chance to win that special person in your life an impressive and beautiful gift.

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

	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	Phil Daidone	David Massa	Darrin Patterson
Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Robyn Orr	Sophia Cottrell Annalise Cottrell	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Peta Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Russell Schreiber	Cora Cuasay	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Freya Tonkin	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Susie Gates	Mary Stokes
Sacristy/Cleaning/ Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f)			
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*.



### 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](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au) for a copy of the position description and details on how to apply. Applications close **Friday, 28 April 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'
- ✦ 'Tributes to Pope Benedict XVI and Cardinal George Pell'

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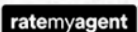
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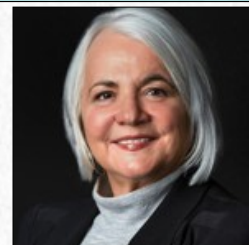
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