

# **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus' 01 July 2018 ~ The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

**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'



Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person. Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable

standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating. As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. [continues on inside page]



Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday ~ Because of her, we can! Because of You my faith is strong ~ a Reflection by Erica Bernard, Broome WA

'Because of Her, we can' is this year's NAIDOC Week theme. So, I find myself reflecting on what that means to me, as an Aboriginal Catholic woman. While sitting at the grotto of Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral in Broome with my Mimi Cissy, (my grandfather's sister) I asked her what should I write, she sat there for a moment and said well it should all start with her, pointing to Our Lady.

On this day, we were getting ready to pray to her for the loss of a family member and as always in my home town of Broome every family gather to say the rosary when someone dies, for an anniversary or when someone needs our prayers. This led me to see how Our Lady is reflected in my mothers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters, cousins, daughters and nieces, all the woman in my life.

It brings to mind the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a son through the power of the Holy Spirit and he shall be called Jesus Christ (Luke 1:26-38). For her to bear a child that will grow into a man that will die for me. Which brings to mind a story I have heard a few times about a group of women in a remote community

wanting a statue of Our Lady and coming to the consensus that they choice the Pieta, Michelangelo's statue of the Blessed Mother with the broken body of her son which lay across her lap, nursed in her arms.

The amount of tragic circumstances that many of our mothers / grandmothers go through in losing a child is so evident in my family and communities on a daily basis, but as I look at my mothers, aunties, grandmothers and wonder what is it that holds them together, I see their devotion of love and prayer to Our Lady and to her son Jesus, and through prayer is where they connect and get their strength to keep going, keep living. For every day that I will rise I'll pray that the Lord will grace me with his presence

to do God's will, to set an example through my actions in what I do and all that I am for my children and my people. And that 'Because of her...' Mary Our Mother, I know 'I can...'.

The Sacrament of Confirmation ~ will be celebrated on Friday 14 September at 5pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith and 7pm at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights Mandatory Parent Talk will be held Wednesday July 4, 7.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Asquith.

#### PASTORAL CENTRE

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am Wednesday 9am Friday
First Friday-	
St Bernard's	10.30am Adoration
	11.00am Reconciliation
	11.30am Healing Mass
St Patrick's	8am Wednesday and Friday
	9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.

#### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's



#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

#### **ORDINARY TIME 13th Week**

Monday 02/07 Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 Mass ad libitum Preface of Weekday Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday 03/07

St Thomas, apostle Mass of Feast, Gloria Preface of Apostles I-II Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday 04/07 Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

Mass ad libitum Preface of Weekdav Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34 Thursday 05/07

Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 Mass ad libitum Preface of Weekday

Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8 Friday 06/07 Weekday, Ordinary Time 13 Mass ad libitum Preface of Weekday Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13 Saturday 07/07 Weekday, Ordinary Time 13

Mass ad libitum Preface of Weekday Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish **REMEMBERS & PRAYS for...** 

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Don Patterson **ANNIVERSARIES:** Dr KenGray, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Anne Singleton, Greg Cooper, Stuart Fone, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakoczy, Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Frank McLenaghan, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Darcy Green, Aiko Concepcion, Ellen Asistente, John Buckley, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock. Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci. Matthew Conlon. Arlene Joson. Narelle Cartwright, John Macv. Dn Jim Caulfield, Cadia Maestri, Mary Fernandes, Barbara Jones, Maciej Maciejewski, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Matthew Sutton, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Tom Dawson

[from front page] Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace. At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son. (Loyola Press)



"Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something but someone." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #357)

We are human persons, male and female, made in the image and likeness of God. ... Graced with intelligence, freedom, and an inherent dignity that demands respect, ... violence ... erodes the human person in every way. We must work to build communities of peace, safety,

true reconciliation, and relationships that seek alternatives to violence. ...

I encourage you to do whatever you can to act on this issue. Do not be a bystander.

Find out now what you can do to help those who are suffering in silence within your community. ... to make safety and no-tolerance for violence a priority, and to educate our future generations so that we can stop the cycle of abuse and violence. May you go with God's peace as you work towards justice and healing for and with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and for all people in need.



Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus, Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Bishop of Broken Bay

For more details on this important issue and to read Bishop Peter's introduction in full, please go to https://www.dbb.org.au/parish-support-unit/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=734

Domestic Violence is sadly a reality in many people's lives, and takes many forms including verbal, physical, psychological and sexual. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1 in 6 Australian women, and 1 in 16 Australian men have been subjected, since age 15, to violence by a current or previous partner (ABS 2017b).

## First Friday of the Month: 6 July 2018

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am Adoration: 10.30am Reconciliation: 11.00am Healing Mass: 11.30am followed by a shared community luncheon



NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm - 10pm 7.30 - 8pm Silent Adoration 8 - 9pm praise and worship 9 - 9.45pm Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet and silent prayer 9.45pm Benediction.

Matt. 7:7: "Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you.



Bernie's Kids is a group of Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers of children aged between 0 and 5 who meet in the hall in the grounds of St Bernard's School, Berowra Heights, during the school term.

The adults get to have a chat, and the children get to enjoy free play, craft, playdoh and other fun activities. It is a great way to spend a morning as well as making and catching up with new friends. Time: Fridays 9 – 11am Cost: \$1.50 per day, or \$10 per term

Bring your own morning tea (no nuts please). Tea, coffee & milk provided.

We look forward to meeting you! For more information please contact-Kate Thompson 0414579478

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July ~ Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests..



Safeguarding Message: July ~ "Recruitment and selection procedures for new employees and volunteers should clearly signal the organisations commitment to children safety." (Final Report, Royal Commission). World Meeting of Families July 1 message ~ When I meet someone who is getting married I say to

WORLD them, "You are the ones who have courage!" Because it is not easy to form a family, not easy to commit your FAMILIES lives forever; it takes courage. And I am proud that you are courageous. (Pope Francis)



Peter's Pence Collection: This weekend we are joining with others across the world by taking up a third collection for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by Pope Francis. The funds, which are sent to the Vatican, are then allocated to projects across the world, which support victims of war, oppression and disasters. Some of the ongoing projects include: • Support for the Parish school of the Immaculate Conception of Al Huson in Jordan that welcomes young refugees from Syria. • A reconstruction project for the coastal regions of Ecuador affected by the earthquake. • In support of the children at the Paediatric Hospital in Bangui, Central African Republic.





## Do you love to sing? Then come and join The new children's choir at St Bernard's Berowra Hts.

The children's choir will sing at 9am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. This will coincide with children's liturgy. Children wanting to participate in the choir will need to arrive at the church at 8:15 for a practice with Madeleine and Mary. Any questions please don't hesitate to speak to or call Madeleine on 0481257520. Let's lift the church roof with our beautiful voices.



Senior Parish Choir will be singing at the monthly Mass of Anointing at St Bernard's church on Friday, 6th July, at 11.30am. Wear your winter woollies and gather at 11.15 for a quick warm-up.

Congratulations to the twenty-eight young members of the parish Children's Choir who were presented with certificates marking their commitment to the Choir for one or more years, at 10am Mass last Sunday. The Choir celebrated its 13th anniversary with a party last Friday afternoon. We would like to thank all

parents and carers, Fr Shaju and Fr Shiju who came and joined the fun, and especially Sarah and Julia who helped set up and stayed to the very end to clean up! This is a celebration not just for a few but for the whole parish. Happy Anniversary Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practises every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, except during school holidays. New members from Year 3 and up always welcome. Contact: Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Volunteers for all parish music groups are always needed, singers, keyboard players and other instrumentalists. If you would like to become involved, even as a beginner, you would be welcomed with open arms.

Training/mentoring is provided as needed so don't hesitate - come and talk to any of our parish musicians, or Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 (St Patrick's) or Peter Brooks 9456 2402 (St Bernard's).

POSITION VACANT: PARISH CO-ORDINATOR (P/time 24 h/wk) The Parish of Lower North Shore (Willoughby/Naremburn/ Northbridge) has a vacancy for a Parish Co-ordinator. This is a part-time role, 24 hours p/wk, 8.30am to 3pm Mon-Thurs. Applications to the Parish Priest by email office@lns.org.au. Enquiries may be directed to Tel: (02). 99588846. Applications close 06/07/18.

R	Rosters & Readings for weekend 7th/8th July—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6					
	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Alex Jarominek	Mani Subramany	Trevor McAdam	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Karina Bednarz Arabella Stewart Molly Summerhayes	Max Jarominek Alex Rogers Suzie Thompson	Eliza Dodd	Sarah Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabriella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson
Reader	Kerrin Enright Donna Machado	Peter Collins Clare McLoughlin	Sue Lum Les Fogden	Nick Berman Christine Berman	Susie Gates Hayley Rodrigues	Paul O'Neill Kerrie O'Neill
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy 1st July–Jackie T.		Children's Liturgy 1st July—Lisa P., Veronica H. & Kellie T.			
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter		Ellen Downey, Vincente Sanchez			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers			Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Fiona Rodrigues (Friday morning 8.30)			
Maintenance	Maintenance Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		July: Malcolm Cross, David Chui			
Counters			Keith Loughland, Les Fogden, Alan Henson Reid and volunteer workers who have direct free to free contrat with children (under 18 years) are			

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*.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Rosary	After weekday Masses both Churches
Visit Housebound	Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls	Fr Shaju John   9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery) <b>Nursing Home Visits</b> By request
Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John — Monday Fr Shiju Simon — Tuesday
Home Visits	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.

**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.

### LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE \* Confirmation MANDATORY parent talk

July 4 St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm

- ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:
- \* Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB
- BB Bible Conference 27-28 July

\* Healing after Abortion - Retreats offering sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild & redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential & non-judgmental environment. www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call confidentially on 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au ~ Next retreat 10-12 August `18.
\* Vocations Office DPP 2018 contract of the info.

 \* Vocations Office DBB 2018—you're invited to attend opportunities for prayer, discernment and inquiry if considering a vocation to priesthood or diaconate.
Vocations.Ministry@dbb.org.au

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