

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 6th May 2018 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Our Slogan

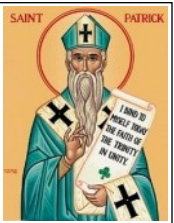
'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

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'



In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. **Those who know Jesus well**—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. **Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action.** John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, **a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.** In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made

one a servant of God.

Here **Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.**

John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. **The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.**

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know **that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples.** He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded. (Loyola Press).

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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

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
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's,
(except First Friday—see above)

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - 6 May 2018

A message from Bishop Peter A Comensoli

In his annual Message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis says, that communication is part of God's plan for us - an essential way to experience fellowship. But, in this age of fast and furious media it can be difficult to know who and what we can trust. News, Social Media, Movies, Videos, Celebrities, Art, Music and more fill our lives with conflicting stories and realities.

Carefully discerning authentic communications, and being authentic communicators ourselves can be a minefield we need to negotiate carefully...and slowly.

It can be all too easy to place the responsibility for 'good' news solely on journalists and media organisations, when in fact we too share in the ownership of information by how we receive and share it.

As Pope Francis says in his Message, we need to be 'people who are not greedy but ready to listen, people who make the effort to engage in sincere dialogue so that the truth can emerge; people who are attracted by goodness and take responsibility for how they use language.'

And at all times, we need to be the voice of Christ. In the words of St Francis of Assisi:
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

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Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practise listening;

where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;

where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;

where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;

where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;

where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;

where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;

where there is hostility, let us bring respect;

where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

Amen.

[Taken from Pope Francis 2018 World Communications Day message - <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-01/pope-world-communications-day-message-2018-truth-journalism-fake.html>]



Booklet of Pope Francis' World Communications Day message (Vatican Media @Vatican Media)

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MEDTRONIC
device
(Medical Alert)**

**In St Patrick's Church.
Please contact the Parish
Office to arrange for
collection.**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

6th Week of Easter Year B

Monday 7/05

Monday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday 01/05

Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Monday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Thursday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Friday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Saturday of the 6th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Moya Dawson

ANNIVERSARIES:

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ewa Rakoczy, Barbara Halliday,
Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden,
Betty Borg, Frank McLenaghan,
Edwina Subramany, Aiko
Concepcion, John Messina, Brian
Neary, Darcy Green, Ellen
Asistente, Alfredo De Ramos,
Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia
Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,
Matthew Conlon, Ivy Daria, John
Buckley, Kath Lock, Narelle
Cartwright, Arlene Josen, Dn Jim
Caulfield, Mary Fernandes, John
Macy, Maciej Maciejewski,
Matthew Sutton, Barbara Jones,
Patricia Sanders, Cadia Maestri,
Monique Leyden, Robert Conlon,
Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo De
Ramos Sr, Barbara & Frederick
Novak, Tom Dawson



Love and commandments: The love that Jesus speaks about is very different from the love of the pop songs on MTV, or much of the love on TV and the movies. Sometimes when we love, we will be very happy. But sometimes loving the poor, the sick, the criminal will not be very easy. If we have to look after a relative who is close to dying, it can be a very painful experience, especially if that patient is difficult or unresponsive to our attentions. But that is love. Love is not a question of keeping rules and commandments. **Love is a way of life.**

It is an internal attitude which influences every single thing we do and say and think. **The love of a Christian needs to be unconditional.** Sometimes people will love us back; sometimes they will not. Sometimes, even though we want to love people, they may reject us. If they do reject us, we need not necessarily think that we have done wrong. When people cannot return genuine love, it is they who have the problem. Sad to say, not everyone is capable of loving. All the more reason why we need to reach out to them. People often learn to love by being loved.

The most important thing is not that I am very clever, very successful, very rich, very famous... **The most important thing is that I am someone who really loves.**

When I genuinely love others, there will always be some who cannot love me back but there will be others who will really respond in love. And it may be that my love has empowered them to be loving too. To be able to reach out in love and to experience being loved is God's greatest grace. *Sacred Space -www.sacredspace.ie*



**On May 13 (Fatima Day) please join us for
Oz Rosary #53 to pray for Australia**

... **Australians**, under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin who has Irish links, are holding theirs around the country on **Sunday 13th May, (Fatima Day)**. Already we are getting close to 100 locations: Legion of Mary, Fatima, youth, prayer and rosary groups are coming on board right across the nation to pray the rosary for the protection of Australia and for families and youth in response to the blessed Mother's request. ...

Eight Jesuits during World War II living only 10 blocks from the epicentre of the atomic blast in Hiroshima prayed the Fatima Rosary everyday for protection. All survived without any side effects of radiation and the building remained intact.

After World War II Russia invaded Austria—the Catholics were called to pray the rosary every day to end the communist occupation. After some years, the Russians pulled out of the country with no explanation. There are many other instances of **Mary's powerful intercession through the rosary** bringing protection to countries and people.

**#53 represents the
number of
Hail Marys in the Rosary**

**Mary said to the children at Medjugorje
that the rosary would work miracles in their lives.**



So if you would like to join in praying for the **Protection Of Australia**, you can either initiate your own rosary, join with other KCCP parishioner at the times and venues below or join in a group already happening. The contacts and locations of which can be found at <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53> or go to 'Oz Rosary 53' Facebook site. For further details please call Jane on 0476535595.



Oz Rosary #53 for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, NSW

The Rosary will be recited after each **Sunday Mass on 13 May** as follows:
Church of St Bernard, Berowra Heights: 9am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 8am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 10am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 6pm Mass, followed by Rosary



Children's Choir resumes this Sunday, 6th May, after a break for the school holidays.

A special thankyou to all those members who continue to come to 10am Mass during the school holidays, and come and sing without being asked - this is very much appreciated. It's a reminder of how seriously these choir members see their responsibility to their community, and their generosity and willingness. Many thanks to them and their parents! Children's Choir is **open to any young person from Year 3 and up, including high school**. We sing at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and practise every Friday during school terms from 4 to 5pm at St Patrick's church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Parish String Group, "Arco", will be rehearsing next week. Contact Michaela for details 0414 200 295 **Scholarships for young parish musicians** willing to undertake mentorship in providing music for weekend Masses are still available. Scholarships will go towards defraying costs of music lessons and resources. Contact parish office for details and application form. Enq: Pat Smith 9482 7935 or the office.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL
100% tax deductible



The 3rd and final CWF Appeal for the 2017 / 18 financial year commences this weekend May 5 / 6

Are you wanting to help the church with the bonus of a 100% tax deduction? Then this is the perfect time of year to consider supporting the CWF Appeal.

Today a member of our parish finance committee will speak regarding this appeal you will also be shown a video clip of where and how your donations to the CWF are used to help others within our own diocese. To view the clip again, please go to:

https://youtu.be/pRkfOfM_xM4 OR <https://youtu.be/tAiTIT6CgEI>

In short though, the CWF provides for 5 important works throughout the Diocese being: 5 Pastoral Care Practitioners across 7 hospitals, CatholicCare, The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), St Edmund's and St Lucy's Schools & the Ephpheta Centre.

The full 2017/18 quota payable by KCCP to the DBB is \$34,803,

Each Parish in our Diocese is set a levy which has to be met, but **if unmet by donations to the appeal, the 'shortfall' is taken from parish funds** (which would otherwise be used for essential maintenance work).

Envelopes are available this weekend ~ please place on either plate at Mass. If you have not come prepared this weekend please take home an envelope and place it on the plate at next weekends mass.

Above all, please remember your ongoing support to the CWF (great or small), is greatly appreciated and I sincerely thank you for giving whatever you can. Fr Shaju.



Make sure your hair is combed ... it's time for the

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE 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 commences this weekend, and we trust this will be undertaken with minimal devotional disturbance. Thank you for your understanding.



Safeguarding Message: May ~

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults is a practical living out of the baptismal vocation of every member of the Church to ensure the safety and well-being of those whom the Lord sets before us as those to whom the 'Kingdom of God belongs' (Mt 19:14).



My sincere thanks **must** be publicly acknowledged to a small band of parishioners who have worked a 'miracle of sorts' on the Presbytery at Berowra. They are Tony, David, Mick, Dave & Gen, Phil & Lyn, Peter and Mark who have painting and support skills beyond compare. Special thanks are reserved for the project manager, *the indefatigable Catherine McMahon*, who has worked tirelessly to organise and bring the painting together so quickly and efficiently. Each of you will have your reward in heaven for helping the needy (me). I am enjoying my lovely fresh home to which all in the parish are always welcome. *Fr Shaju.*

We pray the efforts of those above may inspire others to support the parish in a similar fashion on future projects. The generous donation of time alone, can realise huge cost savings to the parish, freeing up much needed funds for other projects.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May ~

Evangelization The Mission of Laity
That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Fundraiser



Mother's Day Guessing Competition

Win your mum a beautiful vase filled with chocolates & lollies. One gold coin buys you one guess. Winners will be notified by phone on Monday 14 May.

Tickets on sale after every weekend mass @ Asquith & Berowra for the next two weeks



Our library at St Patrick's is back

and is located near the statue of St Joseph. There are a lot of books that help us understand and deepen our faith, and many books on people's testimonies on the impact of accepting Jesus in their lives. Also on offer are CDs of talks given by prominent preachers, some of whom were Evangelical Protestants before their conversion to Catholicism, as well as interesting talks on the Mass and the Eucharist in particular. There are some CDs by Theologians giving us the gist of Pope Francis' books and are available for purchase at \$5 ea. They will be on display this weekend.



ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAY TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018

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Morning session 9.15am – 11am
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Vacancy, Casual Housekeeper, Mt St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills is are currently looking for a casual staff member to work in housekeeping and guest services. Light cleaning duties for functions and residential areas, and at times offering support to our guest dining facilities. Weekday and some weekend work. Applicants must have a knowledge of and empathy for the ethos and values of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Catholic Church. For more information please contact the Centre Director, Natalie Acton on nacton@goodsams.org.au by May 11.

Walking the Way - Parent Retreat facilitated by the Catholic Schools Office DBB "A Spa day for the Soul!" for the parents, grandparents and carers of students living in Broken Bay Diocese. Slow down, catch your breath, enjoy stillness, sacred storytelling and gentle prayerful reflection. Canisius Spirituality Centre, 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble. Fri 18 May 6.30-8.30pm; Sat 19 May 9am-4pm. Cost: Just \$30, payable on the Saturday. Enq: Jo Spek 0413171110.

PENTECOST SILENT RETREAT

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Pentecost Day retreat, a guided silent retreat. Saturday, May 12 (9.30am to 3.30pm). Cost \$50. contact Kylie 0403 453 620.



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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 12th / 13th May—The Ascension of the Lord

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Garth Graham	Michael O'Neill	Mani Subramany	Trevor McAdam	John Messina	Keith Fone
Server	Blayde Arthur Karina Bednarz Adam Waite	Liam Gallagher Zinta Hartman Suzie Thompson	Eliza Dodd	Sara Croft Sam Park Leith Suyyah Abbey McAdam	Adrian Joson Sam Holm Gabiella Chahine	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe John Larson
Reader	AnneMaree Hurtchins Sophia Smith	Denise Harant Clare McLoughlin	Sue Lum Celia Cox	David De-Fina Angela Smith	Kaitlin Quinlan Jo Quinlan	Michael Halliday Fiona Fone
Children's Liturgy	May 20, 2018, Marta C-F		May 20, 2018 Nicola D., Sarah C & Luke A			
Communion to Sick	Jane Hunter, Jenny Prideaux		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite(f), Chichi Dato(c)s		Scott Smith, Maria Hon(f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis			
Maintenance	Teams A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		May: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom		Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrisson			

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	LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE
<p>Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches</p> <p>Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450</p> <p>Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)</p> <p>Nursing Home Visits By request</p> <p>Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday</p> <p>Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.</p> <p>HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. <i>Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.</i></p>	<p>* ALPHA 6 — a special journey of faith with our Year 6 students at SBB</p> <p>* Oz Rosary #53 - Sunday May 13 after each of our parish masses</p> <p>* CWF Final Appeal for 2017/18 financial year - <i>please provide whatever you can</i></p>
	ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:
	<p>* Palms Information Sessions Parramatta and Sydney in May.</p> <p>* MENS BREAKFAST SATURDAY MAY 12 Berowra Heights</p> <p>* Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB.</p> <p>* 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</p>

250 Club: Wk 19:
30/4/18 - # 715
Unsubscribed

Series 1 has only one more week remaining. Series 2 starts on the 14th May. If you haven't already, now is the time to pay for Series 2. Please organise for your \$20 to be paid to the parish office asap. Payment can be placed in an envelope on the plate with your details and numbers clearly noted or contact the parish office to pay via direct debit or credit card. **Numbers available.**

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