

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

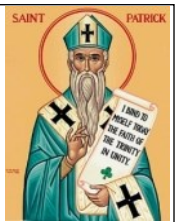
Diocese of Broken Bay

8th April 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Thank you to all in our Parish Community who gave so fully of themselves to ensure we all could celebrate Easter with worthy spirit.

As a Parish Community, we acknowledge those who took leadership in our liturgical ministries, ensuring the 'new' life of Easter could flow to all.

To begin, we must recognise the wonderful preparation of our churches by cleaners decorators and maintenance volunteers in readiness for our gifted floral artists, and the much admired floral arrangements certainly had the 'wow' factor !!

Next; and for their expertise during each part of our Easter Triduum; sincere appreciation and esteem must go to all our readers, servers and our uniquely talented music ministry for adding such spiritual depth and inspiration to our celebrations.

To finish, at St Bernard's a very enjoyable barbecue dinner was shared by many parishioners, whilst our hospitality team provided a wonderful supper at St Patrick's for all to enjoy, as our newly initiated member Shontelle, was warmly welcomed into our parish community.

In short, we thank you all for just being there and making our wonderful community a special one to belong to.

So far names have been avoided, but it would be remiss if we did not name and give huge thanks to our priests, Fr Shaju and Fr Shiju and Deacon Adrian for their sincere reverence, making the Easter message meaningful and tangible to all and showing us the full hope in the risen Lord.



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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, 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)



"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You'"
(Diary, 327)

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns to my mercy."
(Diary, 300)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrating God's Merciful Love ~
"I shall sing of the Lord's mercy." (Ps 89)

In the Jubilee Year 2000, [Pope John Paul II](#) proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.

This was proclaimed at the Canonisation Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.

St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter.

In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace.

St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

[St Agatha's Pennant Hills is holding a celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday today (8 April) from 1pm].

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

2nd Week of Easter Year B

Monday 9/04

Monday—The Annunciation of the Lord—Solemnity, Gloria, Creed
Preface of Annunciation
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday

Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday

St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Easter I-V or saint
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pranchupillai Antonympillai,

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Fernandez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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 Joson, 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 & Moya.

THANKSGIVING: 'Hanna'

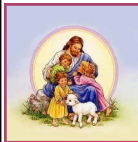


This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Loyola Press



Children's liturgy at St Patrick's Church will be held today **Sunday 8th April** during the 10am Mass and will be the final children's liturgy for Term 1. Children can be dropped off to the school/parish hall from 9.50am. We hope to see many children there. Liz T, Lisa P & Bec D (Children's Liturgy coordinators).



**ALPHA 2018 ~ Continues Monday 9 April, 6.30pm
at the Pastoral Centre beside St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explores the basics of the Catholic Faith.

Come for a bite to eat, watch a video, have a chat and explore life's biggest questions.

The Alpha Retreat Day will be held on April 21, 2018 at St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia.

All past Alpha participants who have previously missed out on this important part of the Alpha course are welcome to join our present group for the retreat day.

Please RSVP to Michelle before April 15 at michelle.chahine@dbb.org.au

Please come along and join us.



Thankyou to all musicians for your wonderful work over Holy Week and the Easter celebrations. Every liturgy was marked by beautiful, uplifting music that helped bring the liturgy alive. Many thanks to you all.

Children's Choir will be in recess for school holidays after 10am Mass this Sunday. **NO PRACTICE** this Friday 13 April. Practices resume on Friday 4 May, at 4 to 5pm as usual in St Patrick's church. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except during school holidays. Please see parish website for current schedule. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935



Safeguarding Message: April:

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April ~

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

WEEKENDS COLLECTIONS

The 2nd Collection: Is ESSENTIAL for our PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY and goes to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars, petrol etc etc.

The 1st Collection: goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.





Pope Francis Calls for Peace in Easter Message

Francis opened Easter festivities with a tweet to his global flock:

“Our faith is born on Easter morning: Jesus is alive!

The experience is at the heart of the Christian message”

(VATICAN CITY) — On Christianity’s most joyful day, Pope Francis called for peace in a world marked by war and conflict, “beginning with the beloved and long-suffering land of Syria” and extending to Israel, where 15 Palestinians were killed on the Israeli-Gaza border two days before Easter Sunday.

Francis reflected on the power of Christianity’s core belief — that Jesus rose from the dead following crucifixion — in his formal “Urbi et Orbi” Easter message delivered from the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica to a packed square of some 80,000 faithful below.

The Pontiff said the message of the resurrection offers hope in a world “marked by so many acts of injustice and violence,” including parts of Africa affected by “hunger, endemic conflicts and terrorism.”

“It bears fruits of hope and dignity where there are deprivation and exclusion, hunger and unemployment; where there are migrants and refugees, so often rejected by today’s culture of waste, and victims of the drug trade, human trafficking and contemporary forms of slavery,” the Pope said.

Francis called for a “swift end” to the seven years of carnage in Syria, demanding that aid be delivered to the war-torn country’s needy and calling for “fitting conditions for the returned and the displaced.” The Pope also urged reconciliation in Israel, a place “experiencing in these days the wounds of ongoing conflict that do not spare the defenseless.” His remarks followed the Friday deaths of Palestinian protesters who charged toward Gaza’s border with Israel, the area’s deadliest violence in four years.

Turning to Asia, Francis expressed hope that talks underway could bring peace to the Korean peninsula, urging “those who are directly responsible act with wisdom and discernment to promote the good of the Korean people.” The Pope also urged more steps to bring harmony to divided Ukraine, called for peace in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and appealed for the world not to forget victims of conflict, especially children. “May there be no lack of solidarity with all those forced to leave their native lands and lacking the bare essentials for living,” said Francis, who has often championed the cause of migrants and refugees.

The church’s first Pontiff from Latin America cited in particular the problems in Venezuela. He said he hoped the country would “find a just, peaceful and humane way to surmount quickly the political and humanitarian crises that grip it.” *Associated Press, 1/4/18*



**SERRA VOCATIONS
MASS AND DINNER
"FIFTY YEARS OF
ECUMENICAL ENGAGEMENT BY
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"**

Father Gerard Kelly, until recently Principal/Director of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at **Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 19 April 2018.**

The evening commences with Mass at **6.30pm** followed by a light meal.

After the meal Father Gerard will be our guest speaker. His topic will be **"50 Years of Ecumenical Engagement by the Catholic Church"**. **Everyone is welcome**

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please phone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



**Project Compassion:
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RETURN BOXES
at the next Mass
you attend**

Your generosity this Lent has empowered young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please bring your donations back asap so we can forward the funds to those in need.



**The April edition
of Broken Bay News** is available at the back of our churches this weekend.

Featured in this issue is the Plenary Council 2020, 4 pages of information detailing our local journey in Broken Bay to the Plenary Council. Please take a copy home with you.



Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. This gathering of all the local churches or dioceses of the nation will invite us to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?” Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, May 20. That gives us time to prepare, to “Listen to what the Spirit is saying” and to consider how we can take part in this important process.



Catholic Youth Broken Bay - Twilight Talks

Did God create the Universe, or was there a Big Bang? Find out why we say “yes” to both and how the glory of the Maker of the Stars can be found in understanding the science behind how He did it.

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by our very special guest Br Guy Consolmagno, Director of the Vatican Observatory, as he speaks on the 'Maker of the Stars'!**Where:** Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills
When: Tuesday 24 April 2018, 6:30pm – 9:00pm **RSVP:** youth@dbb.org.au

Vatican Astronomer
Br Guy
Consolmagno SJ
**Saturday 28 April:
"In Awe of the
Universe:
Connecting Science
and Faith"**
10.00am – 12.30pm
The Light of Christ
Centre,
WaitaraRSVP:
www.trybooking.com/UCJJ

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 14 /15 April—3rd Sunday of Easter

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


Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48




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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

	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 James Duck	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr James Duck	Fr James Duck	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Sam Funk	Michael O'Neill	Malcolm Cross	Sandra Sparkes	David Massa	Vince Sanchez
Server	Karina Bednarz Marissa Maatouk Arabella Stewart	Liam Gallagher Suzie Thompson Bronte Tonkin		Phillip Daidone Conor Collins	Isabella VanderSluys Sam Molloy Rachel Massa Adam Payne	Enzo Alarcon
Reader	Kerrin Enright Jerome Gomez	Paul Maher Peta Tonkin	Lorraine Bongloy Brian Walsh	Russel Schreiber Vivienne Schreiber	Cora Cuasay Deborah de Voss	Craig Elliott Justin Elliott
Children's Liturgy	15th April 2018, Marta C-F		April 8th, 2018 (replacing Easter Sunday), — Paul & Mary M			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Datoc, NOT FILLED		Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn & Annette Shapter, Marlene Maloney(f) Gwen Wood(s)		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Deirdre Lethbridge, Anthony Drake			
Maintenance	Teams A : Peter, Paul, Mark & Tony		April: Elroy Allen, HELPERS NEEDED! Please volunteer to form a group			
Counters	Catherine & Tony McMahon, Ray Hilario		Keith Loughland, Les Fogden, Alan Henson			

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) 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>See inside pages for details of: Alpha Monday evenings from 6.30 pm @ SBB</p> <p>ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Divine Mercy Sunday 8 April St Agatha's Pennant Hills. * Father Factor—practical things to do to build your relationship with your children. 3 opportunities during May. * Men's Breakfast—12 May 2018 Berowra Heights. * World Meeting of Families in Ireland – August 2018. * Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB. * 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 14: 26/03/18 Winning #: 800 ~ and the winner is: Unsubscribed Wk 15: TBA</p>	

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