

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

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

9th September 2018 ~ The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

#### Praise the Lord, my soul!

Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

**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 today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using

physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms **the early Church's mission to the Gentiles**. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret." (Loyola Press)

# **Today is Child Protection Sunday**

This weekend is Catholic Church Child Protection Sunday and we have been asked by
Fr David Ranson, PP, Diocesan Administrator to recite together the Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding at all Masses.

The Commitment to be recited can be found on the inside page.



#### Your voice is needed! Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to take stock of where we are and to work to understand the context and society around us.

It provides an opportunity for us to consider how we can be the presence and witness of Jesus amidst contemporary Australian society and discern the future God is calling us to as a Church.

The Plenary Council will be held in two sessions: The first in October 2020 in Adelaide, the second in May 2021 in Sydney. Approximately 250 people will be delegates attending the Plenary Council sessions.

The agenda for the Plenary Council will be developed from the 'sense of faith' amongst the people of God in Australia. Preparation for the Plenary Council begins with open 'Listening and Dialogue'.

It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. During September in our parish, we will have the opportunity to attend a 'Listening & Dialogue Encounter' where we can pray together, listen to each other and then lodge our submissions at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The Plenary Council is held in three stages: Preparation, Celebration and Implementation. Preparation is from now until the first session of the Council. Celebration of the Council will be the two sessions being held in October 2020 in Adelaide and in May 2021 in Sydney. Implementation is the ongoing life of the Church and her people after the Plenary Council sessions.

All people connected with the Catholic Church are invited to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Join the conversation about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Our next Listening & Dialogue Encounters will be held: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm—St Patrick's hall Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10 am—St Bernard's Hall Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11am—St Patrick's Hall

We are pleased to share that our 'Listening & Dialogue Guide' is now also available in **Chinese**, **Italian and Korean**. We pray that this resource will enable those who might otherwise have found it challenging to find their voice in the Plenary Council dialogue, to more readily participate and to have their voices heard. **These resources** are now available on the diocesan website, at: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/our-resources **or** visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more info.

#### PASTORAL CENTRE **WEEKDAY MASSES** 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday St Bernard's P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 9am Wednesday Phone (02) 9456 2450 9am Friday Parish Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au First Friday-Parish Website: www.kccp.dbb.org.au St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration **WEEKEND MASSES Centre Hours:** 9am - 3.30pm. 11.00am Reconciliation 11.30am Healing Mass **Parish Priest** Fr Shaju John, OSH Saturday 5pm St Bernard's 8am Wednesday and Friday St Patrick's **Assistant Priest** Fr Shiju Simon, OSH St Patrick's 6pm 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat. **Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper** Sunday St Patrick's 8am **Karen Price** Bookkeeper RECONCILIATION 9am St Bernard's Michelle Chahine **Every Saturday** Youth Ministry Co-ord. 9.30 am at St Patrick's 10am St Patrick's Parish/School Liturgy L. Patricia Smith **Every Friday** After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, St Patrick's 6nm Sacramental Team kccpsacraments@gmail.com (except First Friday-see above)

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

# ORDINARY TIME 23rd Week Monday 10/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 23 Mass ad libitum 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

#### **Tuesday 11/09**

Weekday, Ordinary Time 23 Mass ad libitum

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday 12/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 23 Mass ad libitum

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday 13/09

St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor Mass of the Saint Preface of weekday or saint 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday 14/09

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass of the Feast, Gloria Proper Preface or Preface of the Passion of the Lord I Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### Saturday 15/09

Our Lady of Sorrows Mass of the Day Preface of Blessed Virgin Mary I-II (Heb 5:7-9); Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35-30;

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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr Eric Burton, Sr Dorothy Bray RSM (Sr Isadore) Antonia Alzona Uy, Newton Long

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Robert Dorahy, Augusta, Yoke Thye, Boyd Long, Wilson Long, Raymond Gomez, Francis Lyle, Joe Augustas Fernandez

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: :

Rosalinda de Ramos. John Goudie. Peter Todd, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Jaz Pitts, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Anne Singleton, Maureen Sharpe, Ewa Rakoczy, Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden. Betty Borg, Frank McLenaghan, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Darcy Green. Aiko Concepcion. John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos, Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos, Patricia Pascuzzo, Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield, Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Barbara & Frederick Novak. Matthew Sutton, Monique Leyden, Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

For the souls of: Jose Uy, Rose Anne Uy, Annaliza De Ramos, Bernard De Ramos.

Please advise the pastoral centre if names can be deleted from the sick list.

# SAFEGUARDING

MONTH

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

# The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

SEPTEMBER

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

#### CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God



We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

**RESPECT** our rights, abilities, contributions, needs and wishes



COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

### **Our Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding**

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people,

#### especially for children and to others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person,

and by our dedication to sustained education, practise, and conversation about our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

At the back of our churches you will find two framed Commitment Statements (an adult and child version)



#### **Clergy Retreat 2018**

## **Monday September 10 ~ Thursday September 13**

Fr Shaju and Fr Shiju will be attending their annual Clergy Retreat over the above dates.

The programme for mid-week Masses / Communion Services will therefore be as follows:

Mass	Monday September 10 & Friday September 14		
<b>Communion Services</b>	Tuesday Sept 11 / Wednesday Sept 12 / Thursday Sept 13		



**Children's Choir** at St Patrick's has been invited to sing for the parish celebration of

Confirmation at St Patrick's church this Friday, 14th September.

The Confirmation liturgy begins at 5pm. We will gather in the church for our regular practice at 4pm and finish at 4.45pm.

Those who are staying for the Confirmation service will have a short break and a snack. Those who are unable to stay should be picked up at 4.45pm from the choir area inside the church.

Some of our Choir family members are being confirmed, so this is a lovely opportunity to support them and other parish families. Singers should RSVP as soon as possible so that seating can be reserved. Children's Choir at St Patrick's 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. Further information: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or check out the parish website!



#### September is Safeguarding Month

\*Communities of Safety and Care'
During September the parish will actively
pray for and raise awareness about
Safeguarding. Masses and events during
September will highlight our commitment

to being communities of safety and care.



#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September The Mission of Religious:

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice.

## Come On Join The Club!

The 250 Club!

# Hurry and get on board this HISTORIC parish initiative

where once upon a time the prizes were TV's, now they're cold hard cash!

# Do you know about the Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish 250 Club?

We have come to realise that many of our younger families do not even know of the 250 Club's existence and how simple it is to get on board.

The 250 Club is a long running fundraiser of our parish and what one might call 'a quiet achiever'.

This simple initiative raises vital funds for the parish and many of you are missing out by not being part of it, so to you we say... **Don't delay, join today!** 



It's really no different to buying chocolates for the kids netball or soccer clubs except ... you're helping your parish, it's better on your waistline and you might just win the big \$500 draw!

Curious? Read on...

The Concept: A simple weekly lottery—if your number comes up, you win 'simples'.

Your outlay: \$20 every 20 weeks (yep, that's right just \$1 per week).

You're given: a block of 4 consecutive numbers
(Number blocks range from 001-004 to 997-000)

Potential windfalls for your outlay:

Win \$25.00 in weeks 1-4 / 6-9 / 11-14 / 16-19 Win \$500 in weeks 5-10-15-20

#### How Do You Win?:

The last 3 digits of the winning ticket in the Weekly Tuesday NSW Super Jackpot draw (or closest date if no Tuesday draw) provides the winning 250 Club number. Winning numbers are based on the NSW lottery Super Jackpot \$100,000 ticket drawn on a Tuesday. The winning number is the last 3 digits of the winning ticket number (eg if winning ticket # is 123456 winning parishioner is #456).

Our new series will start on the 1st October 2018 and run through to 11th February 2019.

Not a member? Not a problem! We can help you, and it's really easy to do ©

# Parish Finance Committee & Pastoral Council members will be at all exists next weekend to sign you up.

Simply give your name, phone number and email address to a PFC or PPC member next week and wait for a call from Margaret or Karen to secure your numbers. Payment can be taken over the phone by credit card or cash via the plate in a clearly marked envelope. (or call the office anytime on 9456 2450).

This is such a fun and simple way to support your parish, we are confident you will be eager to sign up.

To those who are already supporting the parish through the 250 Club we sincerely say *Thankyou*.



**Altar Server Training** 

Have you made your First Holy Communion? Yes!

Then you can become an Altar Server!

Altar Server Training will take place at

St Patrick's Asquith on Thursday September 20 3.30- 4.30 pm and at

St Bernard's Berowra Heights Wednesday September 26 & Thursday September 27 after school lunch, till 3pm.

Parents/guardians will need to sign a Consent Form to take you to Mass when rostered to serve and you will be rostered for whichever weekend Mass you usually attend.

Thank you to those who have already expressed interest.

We look forward to meeting you at training.

Malcolm Cross (SPA) And Vince Hughes (SBB)

# COUNTERS' ROSTER for St Bernard's

The latest roster is now available at the back of the church for those wonderful volunteers who help out in this ministry.

# Would you like to receive this roster via email?

Please let Margaret in the office know and provide your email address. Your next roster will then be emailed directly to you and will save on parish printing costs.

# The 2018 Diocesan Children's Choir Games

will be held on Sunday 21 October, at St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge. Open to any young singer from Year 2 to Year 12.

Registration opens at 12.30pm, followed by workshops and rehearsals plus a break for socialising.

Families and friends are invited to join the action at 3pm and watch the choirs compete.

Afternoon tea for all will be provided after the Games.
Registration \$5.00 per singer.

Places are limited - please RSVP to music@lns.org.au or 9958 8846.

Advertising Opportunity: Space has opened up to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin. Printed in full living colour each week with exposure to 400+ it is also uploaded to the parish website and linked to the parish Facebook page. The rates are very reasonable and support the parish by offsetting the costs of printing in colour. Please call the office on 9456 2450 to discuss your needs. See back page for pace and shape available titled "Heavenly Rewards"

### Rosters & Readings for weekend 15th/16th September—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE IS 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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	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	Garth Graham	Vince Hughes	Malcolm Cross	Sandra Sparkes	David Massa	Vince Sanchez	
Server	Megan Chung Preston Nguyen Alex Rogers	Alena Hartmann Zinta Hartmann Suzie Thompson	Enzo Alarcon	Phillip Daidone Conor Collins	Annah Francis Chloe Starling Joshua Mitchell William Trist		
Reader	Alysha Berry Jerome Gomezh	Paul Maher Clare McLoughlin	Sue Watts Celia Cox	Vivienne Schreiber Russel Schreiber	Mary Stokes Cora Cuassay	Kerrie O'Neill Paul O'Neill	
Children's Liturgy	<b>5,</b>		Children's Liturgy 16th Sept. –Paula T. & Mary-Anne F				
Communion to Sick			Ellen Downey, Vincente Sanchez				
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glen & Annette Shapter, Marlene Maloney (f). Chichi Datoc(s)		Pat Smith, Alison Henson, Teresa Schneider, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Fiona Rodrigues (Friday Morning)				
Maintenance Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		Mark, Tony	September: Peter Hourigan, Patrick Dias, Volunteers Needed				
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

**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)

Nursing Home Visits By request

Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John — Monday

Fr Shiju Simon - Tuesday

**Home Visits** For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral

Please call 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

#### Plenary Council 'Listening & Dialogue' Sessions:

Wednesday 19th September
St Patrick's Hall 7:30 pm
Sunday 23rd September
St Bernard's Hall 11am
Sunday 30th September
St Patrick's Hall 11am

#### ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- \* The Grail Meets Laudato Si' 2018 Seminar Series Aug/Sept
- [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family 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

**250 Club Results** 

Requests

Week 17 ~ 03/09/2018 ~ Winning Number: 108 ~ \$25.00 ~ Patricia Clough

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Have questions?: Call 9456 2450 or email parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

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