



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

1 September 2024 ~ Year B

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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'.

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 Patrick's, Asquith

8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am Thursday
9.15am Wednesday and Friday
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's
Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

Emergency sick calls

0468 341 841

HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.

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Dear Parishioners,

I am so happy to share with you that Fr Joy and myself had a fruitful retreat at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park.

This beautiful centre is owned by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, set on 500 hectares of natural bush land, which creates a wonderful and peaceful environment for anyone seeking to relax and enjoy communion with God. Without a shadow of skepticism, I would say that after having disconnected from the devices as well as business of parish pastoral life we could meditate and reflect upon the Word of God and be recharged by the same Word. The heart of any spiritual retreat is the silence and solitude in which God speaks to us.

Thank you all for your prayers and may God bless you. Fr Biju OSH, PP.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Fatherhood is a vocation; it is a call.

I believe you would agree with me that they give us unconditional love in whatever stage of life we find ourselves. And this is not always an easy task for them, given the changing culture and climate of the society that we are in.

Fathers almost always sacrifice their own needs and priorities to fulfill their responsibilities to their children with grace, patience, understanding and love.

Today, is our opportunity to show our appreciation for all dads.

Giving them gifts, giving them a hug, writing them a note, preparing a meal, or taking them out to a restaurant are good gestures. But let us not forget to lift them up in our prayers.

Let us ask God, who is the Father of all, to bless our earthly fathers with good health and protection from harm. I believe that is one of the best gifts we can give them this Father's Day! Blessed and Grace-filled Father's Day to all. Fr Biju OSH

Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all, send your blessing down on these men who are fathers.

For those who in the night worry for their child, grant them your comfort.

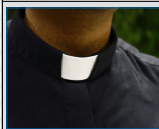
For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child, send them your strength.

For those who mourn a child, hold them in your love.

For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child, you share in their joy.

Lord God, who is Father of all, walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark. Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



And of course we mustn't forget ... while many fathers wear ties ... some wear collars ... to all Fathers who bring us life through the Eucharist and the Sacraments,

Happy Fathers Day



'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.'

LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only
in SPA school grounds



- Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde **ONLY**.



Pope's intention for September:

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Monday 02/09

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 03/09 ~ Memorial

St Gregory the Great,
pope, doctor

1 Cor 2:10-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 04/09

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 05/09

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 06/09

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday 07/09

1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Ng, Fiona Loughland,
Grace Italiano

ANNIVERSARY: Shirley Gray,
Patrick & Dennise Labay, Anita Perilla,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Gina Ku, Sue Lum, Paul Lam,
Ruth Carlos, Leanne Scott, Ann Leslie,
Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali,
Cita Del Rio, Vince Hughes,
Georgina Hughes, Pat Bowden,
Bill Holmes, Mary Burns, Chris Enright,
Isabel Henson, Mary Mathew,
Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza,
Rey Hilario, Patrick Dorahy,
Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club!

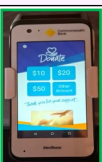
Week 6 ~ 26/08/24

Winning #: 649



Amount: \$25.00

Winner: Unfinancial



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In fact, your 'Tap' is
vital in helping the
parish to 'Go'

Your donations help to pay for
regular parish expenses, eg
Hosts, electricity, water, etc.

Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!



Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Save the
Date:
29 Sept. '24

KCCP: MULTICULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL— 29 September 2024

Your PPC is organising a multicultural day to celebrate all the different ethnic cultures here in our community. A day of celebrating different backgrounds through food/dance/costume. Come along to participate and celebrate with us.



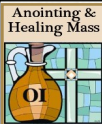
If you would like to help us by getting your group together to prepare your favourite dish, I would love to meet with you all to answer any questions and to plan together.

I would like to touch base with as many cultures as possible so this event will increase the



community spirit within our parish by celebrating diversity in faith across the globe and as a bonus, we also hope to raise some much needed funds for our youth activities.

I look forward to your help and cooperation,
Moauli Griffiths (PPC Vice Chair) 0451 664 592.



First Friday of the Month ~ This Friday ~ 6 September 2024
ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;
 Healing Mass: 11.30am



NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All are welcome.*



Sometimes, things just seek up on you don't they??
Our Youth Mass & Meeting planned for this Sunday night has been cancelled due to it being ... 'Father's Day'

Our Youth apologise in advance for any disappointment caused but are looking forward to meeting many new Yr 9 to 23yo's at our next 'Youth Group' - please see below.



'The Search'

is a video-based program designed to enkindle wonder as it takes people on a journey through life's enduring questions! This series explores life and faith for Christians old and new to our faith!

The programme has begun but it isn't too late to come along and join in ~ in fact ~ we would love you to join us !!

7:30pm on Thursday Evenings in the Fr Pat McMaugh Hall, (within St Pat's school grounds), Royston Pde Asquith. Enq: Sue on 0400 300 598.

Just imagine ~ Christian Meditation for your Soul!

Meditation can give a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit your emotional well-being and your overall health.



A great inaugural KCCP Christian meditation meeting was held last month and parishioners are looking forward to meeting again. If you'd like to experience more of God's peace and presence in your life come and join us.

Next Christian Meditation ~ Saturday 7 September ~ 11am to 12pm St Patricks church forecourt.

All are welcome. Got questions?

Please contact Sarah via sarahfoleymassa@gmail.com



NEXT YOUTH GROUP:

Sunday 15th September after 6pm Mass till 8.30pm

@ St Pat's Asquith

Open to all youth Yr 9 to 23yo.

We share food, games, music and social time, a short video, with a discussion and finish with a prayer. All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend!

NEXT COMBINGED

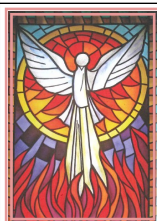
YOUTH MASS & GROUP:

Sunday 6th October

Mass @ 6pm Youth Group till 8.30pm

@ St Pat's Asquith

F or more info. E: Dn Adrian at adrian.gomez@dbb.org.au



CONFIRMATION 2024 IS FAST APPROACHING!

Our young candidates continue to prepare for their upcoming Confirmation by studiously attending their workshops.

Please know children that we are keeping you in our prayers.

Confirmation Masses at KCCP on 15 September 2024 are:

During 10am Parish Mass: St Patrick's, Asquith

(parking will be tricky at SPA ~ you might wish to go to another Mass that weekend)

and 2pm at St Bernard's, Berowra Heights.



We are planning to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word in our parish.

We have secured 2 groups of 2 parishioners to lead this ministry at St Patrick's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month commencing in October (details will follow).

We are now seeking volunteers to re-invigorate this ministry at St Bernard's and would love to hear from anyone who is interested in co-ordinating or just being part of this very worthy ministry.

Interested?? We hope so! Please show your interest by contacting the office by emailing: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or by calling 9456 2450.

New Junior Servers for KCCP ~

Recently our parish held training sessions to instruct 6 new Junior Altar Servers for our parish. Two (2) were trained for SBB by Vince Hughes and Four (4) were trained for SPA by Malcolm Cross, to whom we are very grateful and thank them most sincerely for their time and dedication to this instruction. These 6 young people will be installed at upcoming Masses. **We hope to introduce them to you soon via our bulletin.**



Pastoral Discernment North Shore (PDNS)

Listening to One Another Guided by the Holy Spirit



Booklets are available today from the back of our churches, explaining the aim of the PDNS project, which is, to understand the unique challenges and opportunities distinct to the North Shore Deanery in order to develop a Pastoral Mission that enables all in the community the opportunity to participate more fully in the Mission of Jesus Christ. **Please take a copy home with you today.**



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

If your child is in Year 3 or above, why not come and join the Choir? Sporting commitments? You're welcome to come to choir in the off-season. After-school-care?

SPA school carers bring singers to the church at 4pm and collect them afterwards. Attend a different school? No worries, we have singers from eight different schools. Don't have any friends in the Choir? Bring a friend with you, or come and make new friends! Not a great singer? None of us are but we're learning all the time. Not sure if you'll like it? Come along and see - you'll never know if you don't try.

The Choir practises every Friday after school from 4 to 5pm in the church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for further information.



Bi-Annual OSH Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in 1921 our religious society was founded in Kerala, India and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

At present our members are working in different parts of the world and since 2004, the Oblates have been representing our ministry in the diocese of Broken Bay.

Since 2020, to support the missionary activities of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart (OSH), the Diocese of Broken Bay, has graciously granted the members of OSH to hold two special appeals each year in the parishes they are serving.

The second of our two annual appeals for 2025 will be held next weekend, however, envelopes are in the pews now for placing on either collection plate during Mass this weekend or next.

We are so grateful to you for your valuable generous support in the past years.

Your support has greatly helped our mission ministry. To fulfill the mission and charism of our Society we do many pastoral works in Kerala. In tune with the Universal Church, we have recently initiated our mission ministry in two states of India—Punjab and Maharashtra. As we see in the Acts of the Apostles, they are all only in the preliminary stages and must be fulfilled. So, fulfilling the mission works in these centres we humbly request your generous contributions in your own ways and means. Your priests, *Fr Biju & Fr Joy OSH*

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 7th/8th September 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time - Year B - Is 35:4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mk 7:31-37

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Matthew Waite	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer Now
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Sophia Cottrell Elliott Gow	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Thomas Clarke Lucy Henao Vila	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Alodie Wheeler	School	Sue Watts	Jim Fitzgerald	Sue Newnham	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	School	Paul Worthington	Michael Halliday	Chris Newnham	Volunteer Now
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Leticia Wee, Ben Edwards, Michelle Hwang (f) (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		September - Malcolm Cross, David Chui - (help always needed & appreciated) (exception: 22/9 when John & Sue O'Malley do maintenance)			

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*.

Would you like to be a reader at Mass?
We'd dearly love to have you join the ranks of this ministry!



There will be a general training session for anyone who would like to come along and learn about (and try out for) this ministry on

Sunday September 8
St Patrick's Church Asquith 9am for 30-40mins

If interested, please contact Sue Newnham on 0400 300 598 to let her know you will be attending. Thank you for considering and answering this call from the Holy Spirit.



Bernie's Ladies
next catch-up
is being planned

SAVE THE DATE:
September,
Sunday 15th

Lunch at King Tide Café (Moauli's restaurant)
- more details to follow soon.

Enquiries to Gen on 0418 866 250

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