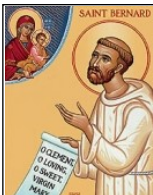


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 12th July 2020 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23



Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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'

SEA SUNDAY >> 12 JULY 2020



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



100 YEARS 1920-2020

The Apostleship of the Sea provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers visiting Australia.

If you wish to donate, volunteer or contact us, please visit our website:

aos-australia.org

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*Today is Sea Sunday,
when the church prays for those who live
and work on the sea.*

This year's theme is:

**"Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28)**



On Sea Sunday, the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

This year marks the centenary of the Apostleship of the Sea. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of seafarers working on cruise ships, risking exposure to the virus, prevented from returning home and caught in critical situations of isolation on sea vessels.

Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church that supports seafarers both practically and spiritually, attending to their welfare in many ports around Australia and elsewhere through Stella Maris Centres and Chaplaincies.

Chaplains, volunteers and staff visit to speak to the ship's crew, offer friendship, arrange Mass and attend Mass with them, listen to their needs, and provide access to Wi-Fi or Internet so they can contact their families. Hospitality within Stella Maris Centres is also offered which provides an important break from work routines onboard.

An annual appeal runs on this day to support this ministry. Further information can be found at: <http://www.aos-australia.org/>

"Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement as we mark 100 years of global ministry to seafarers in 2020 through the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). Yours sincerely in Christ, Bishop Bosco Puthur"

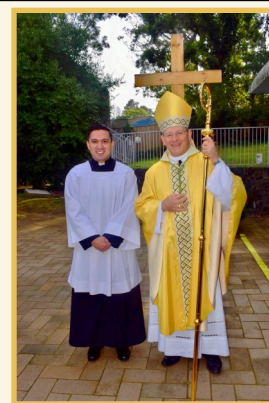
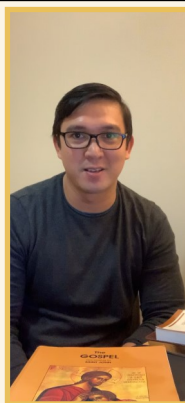
Congratulations ALDRIN

Aldrin (our Seminarian) will begin his new appointment on 15 July 2020 at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.

The purpose of this appointment is for the Candidate to progress his journey to Holy Orders in the Diocese of Broken Bay, having completed his academic programme of studies at Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush.

Thank you Aldrin for the time you spent with us and for being a wonderful member of our parish over recent years.

We wish you all the very best and assure you of our ongoing prayers on your journey to Holy Orders. **May God bless you always.**



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Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH

Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine

School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith

Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com

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	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

[NB: First Friday Healing Mass @ St Bernard's and Night Vigil @ St Patrick's, not yet restored to schedule]

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 101 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - 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.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME

Monday 13/07

Mass *ad libitum*
Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 14/07

Mass *ad libitum*
Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 15/07

Memorial ~

St Bonaventura, bishop, doctor

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 16/07

Mass *ad libitum*
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 17/07

Mass *ad libitum*
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:14-21

Saturday 18/07

Mass *ad libitum*
Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
Remembers & prayers for...**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sally O'Donoghue, Ester Filart, Gabrielle Kirby, Denise Plumber, Noelene Smith, Fely Ocampo, Mary Anne Weir

ANNIVERSARIES: Anthony Gerard Smith, Pastor Alvarado, Dr Ken Gray, Eric Geoffrey Warren, Jim & Marie White, Vicente & Filomena Bañaga, Ruby & Reginald Warren, Herminia Bañaga, Elde & Andrea Daria, Gary Simpson, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Reba Mackett, Marie Wilson, Tony Dirckze, Fr Boberg, Felicidad Lizardo, Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley, C J John, Dave Longford, Donna & Peter O'Donoghue, Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Barbara McMullen, Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy) Mustey, Craig Sequeira, Wilma Brayshaw, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGauley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Josen, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden,



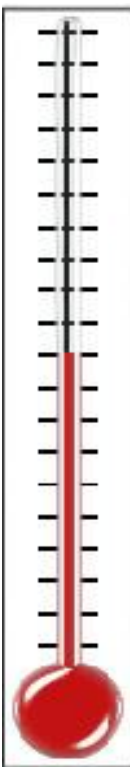
**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:
The Way of the Heart.**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

UPDATED: As of Wednesday 1 July, the Aust. Govt. and the DBB introduced new Guidelines.

- * The number allowed to be present in a church is now to be calculated on the basis of one **person to each 4m²**. Using this formula we can accommodate **101 persons in St Patrick's** and **60 persons in St Bernard's**.
- * Once the capacity in numbers is reached, the doors of the church will be closed.
- * If unwell - **DO NOT** come to mass and please, see your doctor;
- * Sanitise your hands on arrival and departure;
- * Follow **ALL** directions from the **USHERS**;
- * The collection plate will be brought to you—please **DO NOT TOUCH** the plate.
- * Tap n Go is available at the back of the church for those who do not want to handle cash.
- * **Normal Social Distancing is expected in and around the church at all times.**
- * When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning—please disperse immediately and **DO NOT** congregate outside the church after mass;
- * **Weekday attendees MUST** write your name and contact details in the book (please use your own pen);
- * **Weekend** masses can be booked via the parish email: parishkccp@bbatholic.org.au
- * Your health is important to us. To ensure your safety and that of each other, please help us by following all the above points. *Take care, stay safe, stay well.*

Whilst Baptisms / Funerals / Weddings never stopped during Covid-19 it is great news that restrictions on people attending these in our churches have also been lightened inline with the numbers shown above.



**Hey diddle diddle,
we're
somewhere
in the middle**

**Loose change
and a lot of
restoration to
undertake.**

St Bernard's Restoration Appeal:

We sincerely thank you for your financial help assistance to date allowing this much needed restoration.

From a final figure of \$40,000 so far, you have contributed \$19,520!!

In this Golden Anniversary Year of this church we ask that you please consider making a contribution to balance the books on this restoration, thereby preserving and keeping St Bernard's looking its very best for many decades to come.

**Thank you so very much.
Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.**

MASS BOOKINGS: The new system.

When you attend Mass you will be asked if you wish to book the same Mass for all weekends in July.

This will happen again in August when you may book for another month in advance and continue in this pattern. You may still book for individual Masses via the office email, parishkccp@bbatholic.org.au—in this way it is hoped you will be guaranteed a seat at Mass.

AFTER EACH MASS CHURCH CLEANING:

Our regular cleaning roster has returned, however, we are in need of volunteers to remain at the end of weekend masses to disinfect the pews prior to the next Mass. **Please consider giving 5 minutes of your time to keep everyone safe. Thanks.**

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

**BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account**

When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections.



Please BE THERE FOR ME - CCD (Catechists / Scripture Teachers) Recruitment Campaign

In a few weeks, most Catechists will return to classes in public schools, sharing the Gospel message of love, service and hope. Some of our dedicated Catechists are unable to return at this time due to Covid-19 concerns, so parishes are looking for relief catechists to fill in.

CCD has developed a short recruitment video as part of the campaign: *Be There For Me.*

YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/IONdRTBJwwo> It really is worth a look !



Looks like we will be the only Christian church not represented

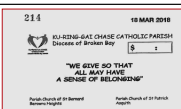
We have had no response to our appeal to have a person or persons from our Parish join the Combined Churches of Berowra committee for the 2020 local event:

'Carols under the Star'.

All you need to do is: * Attending a monthly meeting; * Organising a Colouring Competition.

If we have no response this week we will inform the committee that our church will be unable to assist this year, which would be a shame as it is such a beautiful, well received local Christmas event.

Please contact the office on 9456 2450 as soon as possible if you can help out.



**AVAILABLE NOW:
July 2020 – June 2021
Planned Giving Envelopes
at the back of our Churches**

[For details to make the switch to credit card giving, please call the office on 9456 2450].



**Week 13:
07/07/2020**



**Winning number:
085**

Amount: \$25 ~ Winner: Ronnie Tan

A newcomer to a city known for its wind and rain arrives on a rainy day. She gets up the next day and it's raining. It also rains the day after that, and the day after that. She goes out to lunch and sees a young child and, out of despair, asks, 'Hey, kid, does it ever stop raining around here?'

To which the child replies,

'How should I know? I'm only six.'

With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology.

In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now.

Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously. One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment.

For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort.

For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then.

For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are **'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands'**, are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children.

By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.

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A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 7 July 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The Evangelist Matthew describes a simple, but powerful encounter between Jesus, little children, their parents and carers, and Jesus' disciples (Matthew 19:13-14). Matthew tells us that the children were being brought to Jesus so that he might lay hands on them and pray. It is a beautiful, intimate and pure moment of communion. In that moment of encounter with Jesus the wellbeing of the children is paramount. With Jesus, the children are happy, healthy, and holy. They are safe. Meanwhile, the disciples and those who brought the children to Jesus are caught up in an altercation. It seems that their daily schedule had not provided space for this meeting. Maybe the structure of the timetable did not allow for spontaneous moments or the needs of others. Whatever the case, Jesus intervenes saying, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them"*. This is clearly a God moment, and the disciples cannot quite see it. In the Gospel according to Mark, the Evangelist reports the episode of the blind man of Jericho named Bartimæus (Mark 10:46-52). Sitting by the side of the road, this person was both blind and a beggar. He is alone and looking for compassion. At one level, he desires human companionship, because on his own he is vulnerable and isolated. At the same time, this person desires healing and he asks for mercy. It is tempting to think that the healing he desires is outward looking, that is, his eyesight. However, his vulnerability is also inward looking. Bartimæus shouts out to Jesus because he seeks inner healing and spiritual well-being. In sum, this vulnerable person realises that Jesus will understand him and suffer with him, which is the deepest sign of compassion and mercy. In that moment when Jesus calls Bartimæus, they become one. In that moment, we have a glimpse of Jesus suffering on the cross for the salvation of all. These two passages from the New Testament are a powerful reminder of how the business of discipleship can sometimes distract us from the true purpose of following Jesus. The busyness of activism can reduce the Christian life to a series of meetings, debates, and endless conversations about strategy and process. The mindfulness of belonging to Jesus, of being present in and through him, and of being sent on mission to proclaim Christ to the world, primarily by a life of witness to the Good News, can often be missing. As the community of the Church of Broken Bay, we can never risk being so caught up in this kind of bureaucracy. The two examples from the Scriptures above are powerful reminders of how Jesus cares for children and vulnerable people. The safety and well-being of all people in the community of the Church and beyond is part of who we are as disciples of Jesus. Likewise, the conviction that all people in the community must be respected and cared for will inform and direct what we do as we live out our Christian vocation. Beginning with my own ministry as your bishop, I hope that the determination to live the Gospel is something that each of us will commit to. In this way, we will be faithful to Christ who respected, protected, and cared for the children, the vulnerable, and indeed all people. Peace be with you, + Anthony

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 18th / 19th July – 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

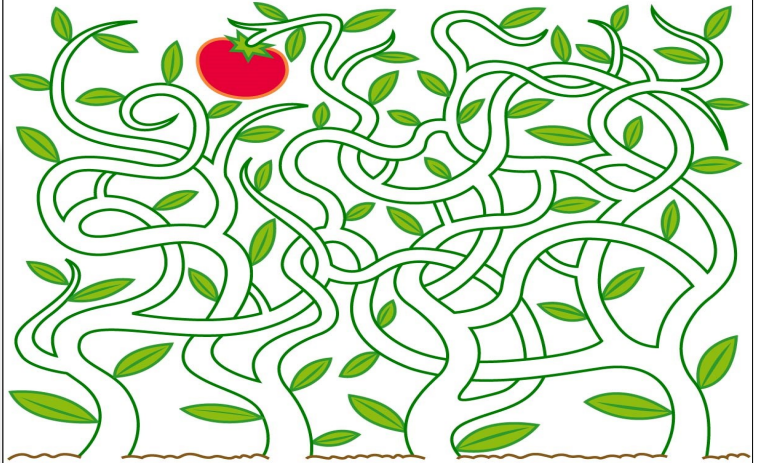
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	David Massa	Robert Pesavento
Usher / s						
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	Elizabeth Fernandes	Michael Halliday
Reader (2)	Donna Machado	Peta Tonkin	Edwina Subramany	Russel Schreiber	Susie Gates	Fiona Fone
Altar Servers	<i>Not returned just yet</i>	<i>Not returned just yet</i>	<i>Not returned just yet</i>	<i>Not returned just yet</i>	<i>Not returned just yet</i>	<i>Not returned just yet</i>
Children's Liturgy	<i>Not returned just yet but available via Friday Mailout</i>		<i>Not returned just yet but available via Friday Mailout</i>			
Communion to Sick	<i>Not returned just yet</i>		<i>Not returned just yet</i>			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Mooney (f), Brenda Brooks (s)					
Maintenance	Teams A & B		July: David Hartmann, Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy			
Counters	<i>Not returned just yet</i>		<i>Not returned just yet</i>			

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*.

The seed fell on good ground

Help tell Jesus' story of the farmer sowing seed. Draw the farmer, add the scattered seed among the birds, rocks and thorns, then draw the plants that grew from good soil.



Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?



Position Vacant - Facilities & WHS Officer, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay -

The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Facilities & WHS Officer**. This is a full time, one year fixed term role based at Pennant Hills. The Facilities & WHS Officer provides facilities management and expertise in maintaining Diocesan assets as well as assisting with the coordination and management of Chancery and Parish WHS responsibilities. For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

A GATHERING OF MEN CALLED BY THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS.

REVISED Online Program
Saturday, 15 August 2020
catholicmensgathering.com.au

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online programme for registered participants. This modified programme will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The programme offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE **Registration:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Plenary Council 2020 - Official New Dates for the Plenary Council Assemblies

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from 3-10 October 2021, and in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022.

The full media release is at <https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/546b4bd4-6c0d-4bf5-818c-a2bef105584d/>

For more information on the latest Plenary Council news, subscribe at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenary-post/>