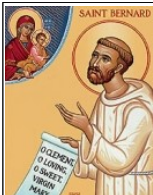


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~16th August 2020 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28



Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you.

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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'



HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence. Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said,

'Don't you know who I am?'

The woman replied, 'I sure do.'

Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?'

'No, certainly not' said the woman.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 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.

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.

RECONCILIATION

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

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 17/08
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday 18/08
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 19/08
 Mass *ad libitum*
 Ezek 34: 1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 20/08 ~ Memorial
St Bernard, abbot, doctor
 Mass of the Saint
 Preface of weekday or saint
 Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 21/08 ~ Memorial
St Pius X, pope,
 Mass of the Saint
 Preface of weekday or saint
 Ezek 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 22/08 ~ Memorial
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mass of the Day
 Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1-11
 Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Mickelson, James (Jim) Cadger, Wilhelmine (Wilma) Brayshaw, Tomas Joson III, Eleanor Malabonga, Mary Ann Weir, Jocelyn Ibanez, Antonietta (Toni) Dal Pozzo, Wilfreda Atillo, Ester Filart, Sally O'Donoghue, Gabrielle Kirby, Denise Plumber, Noelene Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Phyllis Newnham, Charles & Agnes Mosley, Shirley Mosley, Bill Lyle, Fran Lyle, Bill Davies, Gesmundo & Concepcion Daria, Josie & Max Buie, Arthur Marsh, Luz Turqueza, Mel Sheldon, Jovencia Ferrer, John Barnett, Michael Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Lynette Maguire, Anthony Gerard Smith, Pastor Alvarado

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Rodney Porter, Marie O'Hare, Araceli 'Chichi' Dato, Barbara McMullen, Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy) Mustey, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, 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, Zaz 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 Joson, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

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

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay

~ [Bishop Anthony 11 August 2020] ~ My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.



Have you ever noticed that some people are incredibly passionate about issues in life? Issues such as the family, work, religion, politics, the environment, beginning and end of life, racism, justice and peace – the list is endless.

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word passionate as “having or showing strong feelings of enthusiasm for something or belief in something”. Yet, the word itself means so much more than having strong feelings. It is derived from the Latin word passio, which is a term found in Christian theology from the Latin word pati, meaning suffer. It is linked to the word compassion, which means to suffer with.

Looking around our Church and society, we do not have to go far to see or experience human suffering. Many people are doing it tough at the moment, and so it is good that as a community, we have strong feelings of enthusiasm towards life issues. It is even better that as a community of the Church we can stand alongside others and, in Christian solidarity, suffer with them.

Saint Paul spoke about suffering on many occasions. One of his most beautiful instructions can be found in his Second Letter to the Corinthians. Reminding the Christian community that we are never to lose heart but always to be filled with hope, he said, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies”. (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)

For Paul, and indeed for all Christians, the paradigm of suffering is Jesus Christ, who underwent the agony of the cross and died for our salvation and the life of the world. The Apostle reminds us to put things into perspective by always placing Jesus and his cross at the centre of our lives. By doing so, we do not succumb to some sort of vague spiritual escapism, as the non-believer might have us think.

We do find ourselves in communion with Christ – through his life, death, and resurrection. Each day brings a deepening of that communion if we open our minds and hearts to the Spirit of Jesus. In the community of the Church, no one need ever be alone because we are one in Christ.

This week can I encourage you to keep an eye out for those who might be alone and suffering? Through our faith in Jesus, we will be able to reach out to others. With the compassion of Christ, we will be able to suffer with them.

In our love for Jesus, we will be passionate about issues of life over death, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Blessings on your week ahead. *+ Anthony*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

With the restrictions in place on numbers attending weekend masses, this year we will be holding Eucharist across a mixture of masses but over just two weeks, however, this programme may change if restrictions change.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23 August 2020 at St Patrick's Asquith and then on Sunday 30 August at St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights. *Please keep these children in your prayers.*

A Diocesan change to the Reception of Baptism in our Parish.

Given the times we live in and the various styles of family life, going forward and prior to a Baptism taking place, our priest/s will need to ensure the following facts are known/recorded:

- * If parents are separated/divorced, the Baptism cannot continue until both parties have given consent.
- * Outside the context of the danger of death, no child can be baptised without their parents' consent.
- * If parents do not live within the parish boundaries, written permission from the proper Parish Priest must be obtained before Baptism can proceed in our parish. * All required information is to be supplied to the parish office before the Baptism. If not received the Baptism cannot take place.

Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on.

We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!**

One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.

Thank you for your generosity. Donations made through these devices help to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of both our churches.

St Bernard's Restoration Appeal Continues:

We haven't balanced the books on this worthy restoration just yet, but, we are inching our way forward.

The restoration was a much needed investment in the future of the parish. Please consider even a small contribution if you can, **remember little fish are sweet.**

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.

The 250 Club! **Week 18: 10/08/2020**

Winning No.: 797 ~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ Unfinancial

Tax Receipts now available: from the back of the church if you have not already received yours via email.

A number of unclaimed Planned Giving Envelopes still awaiting collecting. Please collect yours *asap*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World.

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



A COVID-19 Update from our Vicar General, Fr David Ranson

As reported on the weekend, St Agatha's Church at Pennant Hills is closed for deep cleaning following a parishioner testing positive to COVID-19. The church will remain closed until further notice. This is a timely reminder of our need to be vigilant and to keep lines of communication open. [...] Again, the importance of implementing the Parish COVID-safe plan has been highlighted in this incident. **Please ensure that all contact details are taken by every person attending the parish so contact tracing can occur in the event of an outbreak.**

Please encourage your parishioners to wear masks, [...] I need to stress with the utmost urgency: **If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have any flu-like symptoms you must cease work, stay home, isolate and get tested.** This advice is paramount for our clergy who are in contact with such a wide range of people in the course of their ministry.

Please be hyper-vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms. These include;

- * fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- * cough
- * sore/scratchy throat
- * shortness of breath
- * loss of smell
- * loss of taste.

Let us be sure to look after one another with great care during these challenging times.

THE # 1 RULE - You MUST follow ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s

At the moment; next to our Priest/s;
our Ushers are probably **THE** most important
people at our Masses.

They have taken on this volunteer role to help
ensure the safety of us all.

**Please - it is vital that you follow all directions of
our Ushers without question.**

**Please sit only where you are directed to sit,
sanitise your hands on arrival and departure,
do not congregate after Mass
or on church grounds.**

Strong recommendation to wear masks: from the Diocese of Broken Bay.

As many would already be aware, on Sunday 2 August the Premier, along with the Chief medical officer announced the strong recommendation to wear masks in the following situations:

- in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain, such as on public transport or in supermarkets
- in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission, such as for the staff of hospitality and customer-facing venues i.e. cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs
- **during attendance at places of worship.**
- **In line with this, we ask that you strongly consider the use of face masks when attending Mass or religious service.**
- Please note that at this stage, it is not a mandate and does not replace any other COVID-19 safe practices, such as social distancing.
- You are however encouraged to use face masks as this will be another step in helping to keep our community safe during this time.

Celebrating Holy Mass Together

- * Reservations
- * Noting of your attendance
- * Collection of your contact details
- * Subsequent reservations

Reservations: can be made by calling the office or preferably via the office email, parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Noting of your attendance: you need to see the Usher on your arrival at Mass and if you have made an advance reservation, have your name marked off or, have your name recorded if not on the list.

Collection of your contact details: to comply with the NSW Government's Covid-19 Safe Guidelines, it is a requirement that we collect your contact numbers on the Mass reservation/attendance list. Where possible the office has added numbers however we need to ensure that your contact number is correct. Please check your details with the Usher, amend if necessary and provide if missing.

Subsequent Reservations: can be made when registering your attendance at the current weekend masses. Simply advise the Usher of your intention to attend Mass the following weekend and your name will be added to the list. Most parishioners always attend the same mass but if you want to attend a different mass the following week, the Usher can also note this preference on the list.

AFTER MASS CHURCH CLEANING:

We are in need of volunteers to remain at the end of weekend masses to disinfect the pews before the next Mass.

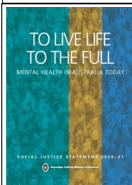
Please consider giving 5 minutes of your time to keep everyone safe.

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 and are inline with the numbers shown above.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE BY FOLLOWING:

The Aust. Govt. and DBB 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 **100 persons in St Patrick's** and **60 persons in St Bernard's**.
- * **Names and contact details MUST be provided to the Usher.**
- * 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**;
- * **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;
- * The collection plate will be brought to you—please **DO NOT TOUCH** the plate.
- * **Please, please DO NOT TOUCH Holy Pictures and Statues**
- * Tap n Go is available at the back of the church for those who do not want to handle cash.
- * **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@bbcatholic.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.*



Social Justice Statement 2020-21 The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 22nd/23rd August – 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

	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	Barbara McMullen	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Darrin Patterson
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Clare McLoughlin	Penny Loughland	Vivienne Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	Sue Lum
Reader (2)	Francesca Parrino	Matthius McLoughlin	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Mary Stokes	Fiona Fone
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Freda Alaalatoa	Chris Smith	Phil Daidone	Michael Halliday/Sean Doyle	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Anne Bourke (S)		Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		August: Sydney Fernandes, Richard Fellow, Helper needed			

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*.

For more information visit
bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding
or call 8379 1605

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Date Saver - Safeguarding Awareness Month September 2020:

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child.

It has been 30 years since Australia ratified the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

During September the Diocese will post a number of significant messages via online platforms. Please follow the Diocese of Broken Bay social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with the release of resources and events.

Expression of Interest for FUTURE FOCUSED SCHOOL LEADERS

"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

We are seeking ambitious, inspirational and future-focussed leaders to join our Broken Bay system of Catholic schools in 2021. The Diocese of Broken Bay encompasses 44 systemic Catholic schools stretching across Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches, and up through the Central Coast. Creating positive outcomes for our students and enriching our school communities imbued with the Spirit of Christ is at the heart of everything we do in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Experience the benefits of a forward looking, growth focused system of Catholic schools with opportunities for quality leadership development and targeted professional learning. Be inspired by the vision of authentic professional Catholic education delivered with care and compassion. Under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, we are entering an exciting time of transformation to equip our schools and our people to be future ready, inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning and to use their talents to be the very best they can be. To express your interest in positions of responsibility including Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, please email our recruitment team at hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9847 0596. We look forward to hearing from you.

Position Vacant ~ Catechist Coordinator, Lower North Shore Parish ~Casual Role: 4 - 10 hours per week

The Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore requires a committed person to lead the Special Religious Education (SRE) ministry in the Parish. This involves supporting the catechists; coordinating classes and resources; communicating with the various stakeholders at the schools, Parish and Chancery; and looking after the administration of the ministry in the Parish. The successful applicant should be enthusiastic for the work of SRE, and be able to inspire and direct the catechists in their implementation of classroom programmes and the organisation of activities beyond the classroom, in the spirit of the Parish Pastoral Plan. For a position description or more information, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or call Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667. View the full advertisement on the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant> The successful applicant must be eligible to work in Australia; hold a current unrestricted driver's licence; and will be required to undertake a pre-employment National Police History Check and WWCC.

The August Broken Bay News is NOW available from the back of our churches together with **A Vocations Prayer Card** Bishop Anthony wrote for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. It is also available online at https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_august_2020

The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim.

The working document – or instrumentum laboris – for the Plenary Council will provide a constant reminder of the need for deep and ongoing discernment of God's will for the Church, the Council's president has said. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/working-document-next-step-on-plenary-council-journey>

Little Way Sunday School is an online evangelisation tool for children developed by a family in the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland. The engaging videos are produced weekly and are designed to connect children to the teachings of the Church by providing videos with

1. an explanation of the Gospel of the day
2. a reflection from a priest
3. a weekly mission for the kids

The Little Way Sunday School's videos are free to use and suitable for families, children's and youth ministries or school education. This resource can be accessed via their YouTube channel or Facebook