



# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

16 June 2024 ~ Year B

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Seek God,  
Find God,  
Embrace God in Jesus'

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### 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

### 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*

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Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper

Admin Assistant: Catherine Hutchison

Parish Bookkeeper: Karen Price

Vol. Office Assistant: Jan Favaloro

Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill

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### Dear Parishioners,

We had a wonderful Clergy Conference from Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024 at Mercure, Koindah Waters Central Coast.

It was a great occasion to come together and spend time in prayer and discussion. The theme for this year's conference was "Towards a Synodal Church". We had many facilitators who shared their varied and valued knowledge. Based on their inspiring talks we had a wonderful discussion to implement the concept of synodality as a reality in the life of the diocese as well as in the parishes.

I am so happy that we have already been on the process of synodality through our parish discernment sessions. Through those sessions we listened and discerned the needs, concerns and priorities of the parish and it is in progress. There are various ministries and ministers in the Church. To each one is given different gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, Church. As people of God, let's work together for the building up of KCCP.

As you know, Fr Joy was on his annual leave and returned to our parish. I welcome him wholeheartedly to our midst.

I am so happy to introduce Catherine Hutchison, our new Parish Administration Assistant. Hearty welcome Catherine into our parish office. I wish you all a blessed weekend. *Fr Biju OSH, PP*



### Reflection ~

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'. In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world. Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.



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### We have a Parish Administration Assistant Introducing ... Catherine Hutchison !

Catherine will be a permanent presence in the parish office for the next 3 months Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Catherine has come to us with a wealth of administrative experience having worked in advertising, medical, office manger roles, team leadership roles and enjoys watching movies across all genres. Starting last Tuesday, Catherine is finding her feet fast, so please make her feel welcome when you meet her in person or speak with her over the phones. Born in Camperdown, she was baptised at St Patrick's Asquith and lived in the parish until she married and now lives with her family on the Central Coast.

We warmly welcome you Catherine and hope you feel at home in the parish office in no time! *Fr Biju.*

PS: Catherine will be flying solo from Monday 8 July 2024 to allow our work weary Parish Secretary, to take some of her long service leave.



## LIMITED PARKING!

**Sundays only**  
in SPA school grounds



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



### Pope's intention for June:

**June:** For migrants fleeing their home. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### Ordinary Time ~ Year B Monday 17/06

1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

#### Tuesday 18/06

1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

#### Wednesday 19/06

2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday 20/06

Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

#### Friday 21/06 ~ Memorial

St Aloysius Gonzaga,  
religious

2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20;  
Mt 6:19-23

#### Saturday 22/06 ~ Memorial

Sts John Fisher, bishop, and  
Thomas More, martyrs  
2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Jose Mampuzhackal OSH,  
**ANNIVERSARY:** Irene De Souza,  
Harry Fox, Geoff Hore, Maree  
Hayden, Judith Huntley.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Vince  
Hughes, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio,  
Fiona Loughland, Pat Bowden, Bill  
Holmes, Margaret Patterson, Chris  
Enright, Mary Mathew, Philomena &  
Rex D'Souza, Isabel Henson, Chichi  
Datoc, Mary Burns, Rey Hilario,  
Georgina Hughes, Patrick Dorahy,  
Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr),  
Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

### The 250 Club!

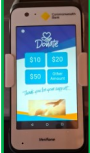
Week 17 ~ 10/06/24

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Winner: **Mary Nicholson**

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to **'Go'**

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eg Hosts, electricity, water, etc.

## Readings

### First Reading Ezekiel: 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

**(R) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R)**

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of

confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

### Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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### from front page ... Gospel Focus – Binding the strong man

The incarnation of Jesus in the world – God becoming fully human and physically present in the world – was an act of supreme love for the world. The image of binding the strong man echoes this act of love. The image is reminiscent of a bully or tyrant who is wreaking havoc and terrorising a community. Before justice can be restored and the victims/survivors lifted up, the 'strong man' must be restrained and subdued. To bring about the loving act of God in the world, the power of evil must be resisted and bound up.

### Living the Gospel – Who is my mother or brother?

At the end of the today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in First Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus.

**Scriptural context – Mark's Messiah** Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the author explores the question of who people believe Jesus to be. Whilst his disciples have a less than perfect understanding of the question, 'Who do you say I am?', those whose faith reveals the truth of Jesus are quickly sworn to secrecy. In today's gospel, the misunderstanding of Jesus' family and the misunderstanding of the Scribes show their incomplete grasp of who Jesus is. Whilst the language about Satan, evil and unclean spirits is unfamiliar language today, the gospel writer uses this imagery to further his point that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who saves the world. © Greg Sunter



## Expression of Interest ~ Calling all Junior Altar Servers

We are looking to bolster the ranks of our Junior Altar Servers across all weekend Masses in our parish and especially at St Patrick's, Asquith. Once we have an idea of numbers, a formation evening will be arranged to be held at each of our churches for any young people, who would like to become Junior Altar Servers, and we especially encourage our New Communicants to join this wonderful and rewarding ministry. Please advise of your child's EOI by emailing the office at parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au together with your child's name, which church they would like to serve at and a parent or guardian's contact phone number. **Please reply by July 7, 2024, thank you.**

## Remember this bloke? It's Fr Joy of course!

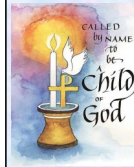


Father returned to Australia on Friday (late) and will be back on deck offering Mass for us tomorrow evening! We have missed you Fr Joy(ful) and are happy we have you back with us ~ where you belong!



It's all happening at St Bernard's this weekend. Our 9am Mass is a Parish/Family Mass and we extend a very warm welcome to the students and families of our Year 2 & Year 6 students of SBB School.

Also, our youth who attended Saturdays Youth Day will be assisting with many ministries during our 5pm Vigil. We very much hope to see you again next week.



Welcome to our Faith Family Baptism congratulations to **Mateo Timothy Finn**

who is to be baptised this weekend.

Please keep him, his parents & Godparents in your prayers.

## Corpus Christi Rosary Process through the streets of Sydney.

On June 2nd, whilst some of our parish families celebrated First Eucharist, our St Patrick's Rosary group (and friends) attended the Sydney Archdiocese's Corpus Christi procession. Starting at St Mary's Cathedral the procession wound its way through the centre of Sydney with thousands of Catholics in attendance.

The faithful followed the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney, whilst praying the Holy Rosary and singing hymns. It was incredibly moving and inspiring for all!

## Our Rosary Group

The SPA Rosary group meets on the first Friday of every month in the Chapel with Father Joy for adoration and prayer.



## Planned Giving Envelopes - 2024/2025 Financial Year



Please collect your PGE's from the back of our churches today.

You may have a different number from last year but don't worry, this has been done to reduce printing costs and please be assured the recording of contributions against your name will not be interrupted by the number change.

To all who have given so generously to the upkeep of our parish through the planned giving programme during 2023 / 2024 we offer sincere thanks. Taxation receipts will be issued after the finish of the current financial year.

If you would like to know how you can join the PGE programme or other ways you can assist the parish financially, please call the Parish Office on 9456 2450.



Next week-end the St Vincent de Paul Society will be making their Winter Appeal at St Bernard's and St Patrick's Parish. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. **If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please help us to help others.**

"Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire the power to change lives-is in everyone. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

**We thank the Parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish who have always been generous in the support of Vinnies and we hope that continues.**

## BAKE SALE

With plenty of sweetness and a hint of Arts & Literature

IN AID OF VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

SUN, 23 JUNE 2024 AFTER 10AM MASS

We appreciate your contributions in the form of cakes (whole/slices), cupcakes, muffins, cake pops, brownies, pastries, jams.

Strictly no nuts and please wrap & label all the ingredients on the box to accommodate allergies.



## Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

will be celebrating our anniversary next Sunday 23rd June with a blessing and presentation of certificates, followed by a fabulous BAKE SALE after Mass. Look out for special exotic treats and one-off items from our creative parents including pottery and woodwork, as well as plants and books, as well as cakes, cookies and slices. All proceeds go to Vinnies Winter Appeal, so bring loads of cash and take home beautiful, hand-made, tasty treats. Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or come and have a chat at our great Bake Sale!

**Rosters & Readings for W/end – 22nd/23rd June 2024 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41**

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Paul Dryden	Sue Lum	Francis Lizardo	David Massa	Robert Pesavento
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Olive O'Keefe Penelope O'Keefe	Miranda Tablizo Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Oscar Braga Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Mary Dorahy	Isaac Tonkin	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Elizabeth Fernandes	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Peta Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Jim Fitzgerald	Cora Cuasay	Volunteer now
Sacristy/Cleaning/Flowers	GC, Cecilia Waite (f), Tina Manti (s)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Bernadette Or, Ellen Downey (f) - (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B -(help always needed & appreciated)		June: Malcolm Cross and David Chui - (help always needed & appreciated)			

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*.

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**Cecilia Castle on Tuesday, 20 August 2024  
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**at The Epping Club, Epping.**

To know more, please send an email to [events@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:events@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Presenter  
Cecilia Castle**

Principal of Castle Lawyers, will present and answer questions from her legal expertise of over 35 years. Cecilia is a regular speaker and writer on legal topics, and a parishioner in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

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