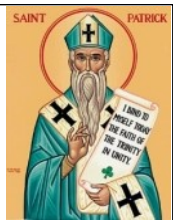


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

17th June 2018 ~ 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B



Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4: 26-34

### 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'



Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom. The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest

that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But, just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith (Loyola Press)



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Parish/School Liturgy L. Patricia Smith  
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### 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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9am Wednesday  
9am Friday  
First Friday-St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration  
11.00am Reconciliation  
11.30am Healing Mass  
St Patrick's 8am Wednesday and Friday  
9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.  
RECONCILIATION  
Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's  
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's,  
(except First Friday—see above)

## Enrolment for The Sacrament of Confirmation

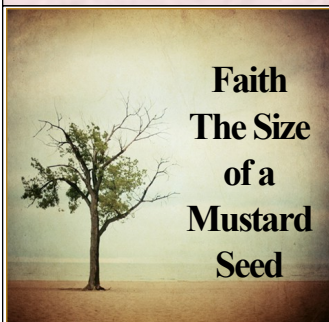
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 14 September** at  
**5pm** at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith and  
**7pm** at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights

Enrolment is open to any child who is over the age of 7 and has been baptised in the Catholic Church. Enrolment form and schedule are available on the Parish website and at the back of the Churches.

### Enrolments for Confirmation

will take place at both churches on **June 23 & 24.**

**Mandatory Parent Talk** on the sacrament will be held **Wednesday July 4, 7.30 - 8.30pm** at St Patrick's Church, Asquith.



Just recently, a group of friends and I got together to study scripture. A priest friend of ours was also present at the meeting. During the course of discussion our priest friend brought up Jesus' quote about the mustard seed.

**"For truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." Matthew 17:20**

After asking what it personally meant to each of us, the priest expanded on some historical facts about that statement. In Jesus' day the mustard plant was considered a common weed. It was everywhere and so prolific that it had become a nuisance. It was something people readily disposed of. To His contemporaries at the time, Jesus' words would've been thought of as scandalous because matters of faith were considered something "high and lofty." Scribes and Pharisees, for example, were revered for their holiness just because they were so far removed from the problems and concerns of the average person on the street. And this is the problem that Jesus ultimately had with the Scribes and Pharisees.

What Jesus was trying to show the people in his time, as well as today, is that faith can be found in the simplest of things. Faith isn't something that's unattainable for the common man or woman. We don't need to "get right with God" for Him to love and bless us. In fact, it's when we're in the midst of our trials and sufferings that we should turn our eyes to God. And, if we truly take Christ at His word, then all we need is a little bit of faith. We only need to trust in God's promise that He will "never leave nor forsake" us. (Deuteronomy 31:6) © Paul Oakes (Catholic Stand)

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS**

**ORDINARY TIME 11th Week**

**Monday 18/06**

Weekday, Ordinary Time 11  
Mass ad libitum  
Preface of Weekday  
1 Kg 21:1-16;Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday 19/06**

Weekday, Ordinary Time 11  
Mass ad libitum  
Preface of Weekday  
1 Kg 21:17-29;Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday 20/06**

Weekday, Ordinary Time 11  
Mass ad libitum  
Preface of Weekday  
2 Kg 2:1, 6-14;Mt 6:1-6,16-18

**Thursday 21/06**

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious  
Mass of the Saint  
Preface of Weekday or Saint  
Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday 22/06**

Sts John Fisher, bishop &  
Thomas More, martyrs  
Mass of the saints  
Preface of Weekday or saints  
2 Kg 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday 23/06**

Weekday, Ordinary Time 11  
Mass ad libitum  
Preface of Weekday  
2 Chr 24:17-25;Mt 6:24-34

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robert  
Conlon, Vince Ryan, Jack Murphy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Manuel  
Gomez, Edward Sebastian,  
Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley,  
Reba Mackett, Fr Jim Boburg,  
Marie Wilson, Tony Dirckze

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Stuart Fone, Maureen Sharpe,  
Ewa Rakoczy, Barbara Halliday,  
Jean Cook, Morrie Ramsden,  
Betty Borg, Frank McLenaghan,  
Edwina Subramany, Brian Neary,  
Aiko Concepcion, Darcy Green,  
Ellen Asistente, Alfredo De  
Ramos, Marcelina De Ramos,  
Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,  
Matthew Conlon, John Buckley,  
Kath Lock, Narelle Cartwright,  
Arlene Joson, Dn Jim Caulfield,  
John Macy, Mary Fernandes,  
Maciej Maciejewski, Matthew  
Sutton, Barbara Jones, Patricia  
Sanders, Cadia Maestri,  
Monique Leyden, Patrick Dorahy,  
Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara &  
Frederick Novak, Tom Dawson

**Safeguarding Safeguarding  
Msg: June ~**

"A child safe institution pays  
attention to equity by taking  
into account children's  
diverse circumstances."  
(Royal Commission, 2017)



**Year 6 Alpha  
Retreat Day  
What a success !**

It was lovely to spend last  
Friday at St Benedict's  
Church in Arcadia Parish  
with Year 6 from St  
Bernard's for our very first  
Year 6 Alpha Retreat Day.  
A fun but spiritually  
enriching time was had with  
quite a few laughs as well.  
Thanks Year 6 for making it  
a genuinely memorable day.

*We would love to see some of you at our next Youth Group on July 1. Fr Shiju & Michelle Chahine.*

**THANK YOU from  
Vinnies Asquith Conference**



**THANK YOU from  
Vinnies Berowra Conference**

The **Asquith Conference** of the St Vincent de Paul Society  
sincerely thanks Parishioners for your generous donations to  
last weekend's Winter Appeal. Funds raised will go towards  
assisting our clients suffering hardship for various reasons.  
**For those Parishioners who donated at St Patrick's  
Asquith and requested receipts, could you please collect  
them from the box at the back of the Church.** If you  
missed our Appeal and would like to make a donation, there  
are envelopes at the back of the Church. There are also  
clothing donation bags available if you wish to assist in that  
way. Also a big thankyou to our regular donors via the poor  
boxes throughout the year. *Les Fogden, Treasurer, Asquith.*

St Vincent De Paul - Berowra conference,  
we would like to thank the St Bernard's  
Parish community for their very generous  
donations of money, food and clothing for  
the 2018 Winter Appeal. The donations  
will be distributed to the families we are  
helping in the area from Berowra to  
Mooney Mooney. For those Parishioners  
who donated and requested receipts, they  
will be delivered to your postbox. Thank  
you once again for your generosity.  
*John Ryan, President.*

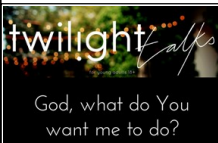


**Children's Choir** will be celebrating its **Anniversary next Sunday**, 24th  
June, with a blessing and commissioning during 10am Mass. Certificates will  
be distributed acknowledging the contribution and commitment of Choir  
members over the last year. Mass will be followed by a family picnic for all  
Choir families and friends, at Crosslands Reserve, immediately after Mass.

Children's Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except during school  
holidays. The Choir practises on Fridays during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church.  
Any young person from Year 3 and up is welcome to join at any time. Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Many **thanks to Mejia and Mitchell families** who have volunteered to assist with music at Sunday  
evening Masses at St Patrick's! They would welcome any other singers/instrumentalists who would like  
to give them a hand.

Music ministry is struggling to supply enough musicians to cover all parish Masses at the moment: if  
you have felt the Holy Spirit stirring you, don't hesitate! All training and support are provided for this  
most exciting and enjoyable of all ministries! Contact Patricia Smith 9482 7935 (St Patrick's) or Peter  
Brooks 9456 2402 (St Bernard's).



**Catholic Youth Broken Bay  
Twilight Talks**

Join Young Adults (18+) from  
around the Diocese to connect, share  
a meal, pray and be nourished by  
inspiring speakers. Special guest Mr Isaac Demase, SJ a  
young Jesuit novice who will break open the theme:  
**"God, what do You want me to do?"**, which focuses on  
helping distinguish the plan and call of God in our lives -  
whether it be in a relationship, profession and/or life  
circumstances! **Where:** Hotel Pennant Hills, 352  
Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills **When :** Tuesday 19  
June 2018, 6:30-9pm **RSVP:** [youth@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:youth@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Our Youthful 'Yes'**

"Mary's 'yes' to God  
stands above and  
beyond any 'yes' we  
might hesitantly make to the Lord, for she  
responded to God with a heart full of grace.  
Yet, our hearts are no different from hers to  
the extent that we too, like her, are God's  
beloved, lowly servants. Our re-created  
humanity, shining with baptismal grace,  
received the same fullness of grace as Mary."  
*A quote from our Bishop's recent Spiritual  
Letter. To read in full go to: [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)*



**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT—  
Paul Cramsie**

Thousands of people seeking protection while living in the Australian  
community are at risk of destitution and homelessness due to the latest  
government move to completely cut income support for people who need it the most. The government is  
planning to make cuts to the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) program that provides a basic  
living allowance (typically 89% of Newstart allowance, equating to just \$247 per week), casework  
support, assistance in finding housing, and access to torture and trauma counselling. The Refugee  
Council of Australia, Australian Council of Social Service and an alliance of close to 100 civil society  
organisations, including the Australian Catholic social Justice Council are calling on the government to  
urgently reverse their position to cut **income support for people seeking asylum** from 1 April 2018.



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June ~ Universal –  
Social Networks** That social networks may work towards  
that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**MULCH** is again  
available for the taking in  
the Berowra Church Carpark.



# Rosters & Readings for week-end 23rd / 24th June—The Nativity of St John the Baptist

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE**

**Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80**



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

## St Bernard's Church

## St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)

5.00pm

9.00am

6.00pm

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shiju Simon

Acolyte/Snr Server

Sam Funk

Denis Steiner

Sandra Sparkes

Bill Martin

Francis Wong

Darrin Patterson

Server

Karina Bednarz  
Arabella Stewart  
Molly Summerhayes

Liam Gallagher  
Isaac Tonkin  
Freya Tonkin

Jessica Pennings

Max Pryor  
Brandon Lukich-Young  
Jimmy O'Connor

Lucy Triantafili  
Madeleine Drake  
Chloe Thomas  
Jake D

Ellen Rawsthorn

Reader

Alysha Berry  
John Ryan

Clare McLoughlin  
Barbara McMullen

Yvonne Thomas  
Henning Schneider

Dan Leavy  
Millie Wong

Norma De Couter  
Simone Noel

Ethleen Low  
Don Low

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy 17th June –Marta C.

Children's Liturgy 17th June—Dan M & Marcela F

Communion to Sick

Chichi Datoc, Isabel Henson

Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien

Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers

Cecilia Waite(f), Ning Biyo, Reese & Peter Nguyen, Brenda Brooks(s)

Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Deirdre Lethbridge, Anthony Drake

Maintenance

Team B: David, Phil, Denis, Justin, Chris, Ralph

June: Brian Gleeson, Paul McLoughlin, **Volunteer Needed**

Counters

Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacom, Luisa Gomez

Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrison

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

## LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

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**Rosary**

After weekday Masses both Churches

**Visit Housebound**

Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450

**Urgent sick calls**

Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery)  
Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)  
**Nursing Home Visits** By request

**Clergy Days Off**

Fr Shaju John – Monday  
Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday

**Home Visits**

For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests  
Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

**Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.**

- \* Confirmation Enrolment June 23 & 24
- \* Confirmation MANDATORY parent talk July 4 St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm

### ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- \* Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB
- \* St Anthony's Toongabbie - 9 Day Novena and reception of First-Class Relic of St Anthony 13—22 June (Relic arrives 21 June 6.30pm)
- \* BB Bible Conference 27-28 July
- \* Healing after Abortion - Retreats offering sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild & redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential & non-judgmental environment. [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au) or call confidentially on 0400 092 555 or email [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au) ~ Next retreat 10-12 August '18.
- \* Vocations Office DBB 2018—you're invited to attend opportunities for prayer, discernment and inquiry if considering a vocation to priesthood or diaconate. [Vocations.Ministry@dbb.org.au](mailto:Vocations.Ministry@dbb.org.au)

**250 Club**



Week 5: 11/06/18 -- \$500 -- # 909 -- congratulations to M Cooper 🙌😊

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