

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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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.

DECONOLIUM, TUESUM, TIL

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

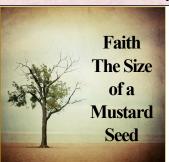
Enrolment is open to any child who is over the age of 7 and has been baptised in the Catholic Church. Enrolment form and schedule are available on the

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.

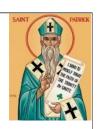


Just recently, a group of friends and I got together to study scripture. A priest friend of ours was also present at the meeting. During the course of discussion our priest friend brought up Jesus' quote about the mustard seed.

"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

St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious Mass of the Saint Preface of Weekday or Saint

Sirach 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15 Friday 22/06

Thursday 21/06

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 Macket, 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, Maciei Macieiewski, 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)

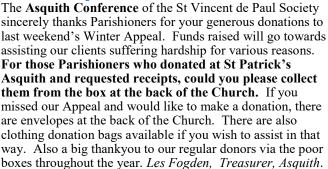


Year 6 Alpha Retreat Day What a success!

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 good works Vinnies Berowra Conference

> 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

Our Youthful 'Yes'

beyond any 'ves' we

"Mary's 'yes' to God stands above and in Christ:

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

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes - 2018/2019 Financial Year—available for collection TODAY

(St Bernard's parishioners, our apologies about the mix-up last week—your envelopes are *really* available **TODAY**!)

In the foyer of each church today are the planned giving envelopes for the 2018/19 financial year for collection by parishioners. You may notice you have a different number from last year. This has taken place to reduce the printing costs by re-using lower numbered envelopes no longer in use. 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 2017/2018 we offer sincere thanks.

To anyone thinking about joining Planned Giving, to assist in necessary maintenance and general running costs, there are two ways you can help:

- 1. The **Planned Giving Envelope** system itself. (envelopes placed on plate). To opt into the **Planned Giving Envelope** system, call the office on 9456 2450 or email your request to parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- 2. Monthly payments via your credit card. (more economical for the parish). To opt into the Monthly Credit Card system, please complete and return the form opposite to the parish office or scan and mail to: parishkcep@bbcatholic.org.au

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TO: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish (the Merchant)

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Can't commit regularly but would still like to assist the parish financially? (all figures shown are approximations)

By listing *just some* of our annual expenses it is hoped you might prefer to *see* where your money goes.

Are you able to assist with a one off contribution towards the annual purchasing costs (or part thereof) towards:

* Altar Breads (hosts) - \$1235 pa

* Various mass candles - \$1200 pa

* Printing of Planned Giving Envelopes - \$700 pa

* Paschal Candles - \$275 - \$400 pa

* Easter Expenses eg Palms \$220 pa

All items above are necessary expenses in the week by week, year by year life of our parish.

Enquiries can be made to the office on 9456 2450.

7 NEW MEMBERS HAVE JOINED WILL YOU BE NEXT TO JOIN

The 250 Club!

We sure hope so! Don't delay, join today!

What do I do? Pay just \$20 for 20 chances over 20 weeks ... **What's in it for me?** Potentially - Weeks 1 - 4: \$25.00 & Week 5: \$500 !!!

Numbers available, so please get on board this HISTORIC parish initiative, where once upon a time the prizes were TV's, now they're cold hard cash!

To join please call parish office 9456 2450 for entry & payment options.

Bishop Peter Comensoli, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 28 June 2018.

Beginning with Mass at **6.30pm** a light meal follows in the Prayer Room. Bishop Peter will then speak on and discuss the **Holy Father's recent Apostolic Exhortation**"Rejoice and be Glad". Please "come and see". Everyone is welcome to join us. Also, please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations. Ph: Terry on **0438 887 295** or

E: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

Bernie's Ladies



Next function is dinner on Friday 22 June, 7pm at Asquith Bowling Club, 1 Lodge St Hornsby. RSVP to Genevieve Funk by Tuesday June 19 on 0418 866 250 or E: david@barnettsroad.com

Please let Gen know if you need a lift. If enough interest we can meet in the church carpark to arrange carpooling.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 8 July** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**, at **10.30 am**. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or

<u>LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org</u>. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

Voices From The Waters

is hosting its next **workshop on Saturday June 23rd**. Featuring Rob Maxwell Jones, who leads community choirs in Balmain, Neutral Bay and Rozelle, plus the staff choir at the State Library. Come along for a great afternoon.

Time: 1–4pm, Saturday 23 June 2018

Where: OLOR Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara, NSW Cost: \$25 (includes the 'sumptuous' afternoon tea). For further details call Jacqueline 0419 605 285 or Karin 0414 965 069.



INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018

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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

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	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church (Sacristy Phone 9476 6904)					
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm		
KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia	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 Triantafilis 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 Henrisson Patrick O'Donoghue, Paula & Jim Hand, Fiona Henrisson							

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

After weekday Masses both Churches Rosary

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.

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

- 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 or call confidentially on 0400 092 555 or email 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

250 Club



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



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