

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

19th August 2018 ~ The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

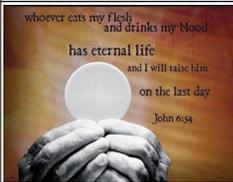
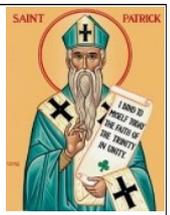
Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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'



John 6:51-58: Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent **new manna that will give eternal life**. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: **Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.**

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give

is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that **salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood**. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are **important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus**.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. **When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world..** (Loyola Press)

A Prayer for Those Affected by Drought

God of all creation hear our prayer;
bring us rain to renew the ground,
to replenish our dams, to activate seeds,
to bring the possibility of some reward
to those who have worked so hard.
We turn to you in faith and hope.
We pray for families, rural communities
and all affected by drought in our
Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.
We pray for all those who live
under the shadow of drought.
We pray for those who work with the land,
for farmers and their families,
for those who rely upon the land
for their life and relationships.
We pray for contractors,
merchants and truck drivers,
for rural counsellors and support workers,
for all in our rural communities.
May the revitalising power of your Spirit



be present in miraculous and truly human ways
and be with all of us as we move forward in the days ahead.

We pray too, for justice; for fair prices for our stock,
our wool and our grain.

We pray for governments,
banks and corporations

– may they be driven by wisdom, generosity,
justice and compassion.

We pray for each other,

keep us aware of the needs of those around us;
for those who are struggling,
and those carrying heavy burdens.

Restore those who are far from you
with the knowledge that they are
loved and valued.

Give them not just a sense of renewal,
but a sense of hope and purpose
for lives that are finding the journey hard.

Bring us rain to renew us, Lord.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross... Pray for us

During the Masses on 25/26 August at Berowra Heights, parishioner Laverne Saunders, will give a short presentation on some of the real world affects of this drought, which many are saying is the worst ever. After the Mass a special collection will be taken up. Laverne and husband Ray have been volunteering with 'Need for Feed Disaster Relief', transporting hay to drought affected areas of NSW. 'Need for Feed' is run entirely by volunteers so every cent donated goes straight to helping farmers in this time of dire need.

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Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price
Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine
Parish/School Liturgy L. Patricia Smith
Sacramental Team kccpsacraments@gmail.com



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

WEEKEND MASSES

| | | |
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| 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

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| 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

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| Every Saturday | 9.30 am at St Patrick's |
| Every Friday | After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, (except First Friday—see above) |

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

ORDINARY TIME 20th Week

Monday 20/08

St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Ezek 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday 21/08

St Pius X, pope
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Weekday or Saint
Ezek 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 22/08

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass of the Day, Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary I-II
Ezek 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 23/08

Weekday, Ordinary Time 20
Mass ad libitum
Ezek 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 24/08

St Bartholomew, apostle
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I-II
Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

Saturday 25/08

Weekday, Ordinary Time 20
Mass ad libitum
Ezek 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12
(Broken Bay: Anniversary of the dedication of Cathedral, 1991)

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Edward Tanner, Peter Carrodus
ANNIVERSARIES: Gerard Harant, Phyllis Newnham, Shirley Mosley, Paul Orban, Kathy Goodwin, Margaret Lees, Bill Lyle, Bill Davies, James Patrick Fitzgerald, Prisila John, Denis Rozario, Helena Noske, Lyn Maguire, Franklin Sebastian, Dolours Arthur

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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

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

Children's Liturgy KCCP This week at St Patrick's only

Please sign your child in at the hall from 9.45am prior to the 10am Mass commencing. We would like to invite our children of our parish to come to Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy is a great way for children to share in the Mass as the Liturgy of the Word is presented to the children at their level of understanding.

All children aged from 4 years old are invited to join us for Children's Liturgy (children under 4 years are also welcome when accompanied by an adult).



AUGUST CWF APPEAL ~ HUGE THANKS TO ALL

as we sneak up on our August target figure of \$11,296.

The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and 98.25 cents of every dollar goes to five beneficiaries supported by the Diocese of Broken Bay.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH ~

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

The Parish Finance Committee reports as follows on the financial position and performance of the Parish for the year ended 30th June 2018.

The cash position of the Church A/c has deteriorated by \$16,426 over the year to \$62,648 and the Loan A/cs. for the Pastoral Centre and computer system have been reduced by \$12,972 to \$60,245.

Since the end of the financial year a maturing term deposit was utilised to repay \$30,000 off the loan for the Pastoral Centre at no penalty, resulting in a considerable saving in interest expense for the current year. The revenue and expenses for the year recorded a surplus of \$6,002 compared to a surplus of \$16,409 for the previous year. This change was mainly due to operating income being down by \$4,650 due to falls in planned giving of \$13,605 and sacramental programs of \$3,247.

This was offset by increases in the loose second collection of \$9,207 and bulletin advertising of \$1,305 for the year compared to the previous year. Capital expenditure was up by \$32,526 due to expenses on the Churches of \$9,687, renovations on the Berowra Presbytery of \$12,371 and equipment costs of \$8,168. This was offset by operating expenses being \$26,866 less than the previous year due mainly to falls of \$10,714 in employment expenses, \$8,267 in repairs and maintenance, \$5,494 in pastoral programme expenses and \$2,066 in travelling and car expenses. This was offset by an increase in audit, accounting and legal expenses of \$6,151 due mainly to a fraud on the Parish of \$5,106 which was unable to be recovered.

A summary of these figures appears below and on the Parish's website which also includes a detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year.

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME helps our parish to PLAN OUR EXPENDITURE

Thank you to all Parishioners who are currently contributing via the planned giving scheme. With a number of repairs and maintenance issues to be attended to including further renovations at the Berowra Presbytery and plumbing work at St Patrick's Church, and a fall in income, particularly from planned giving we seek your continued support.

We urge those not currently in the planned giving scheme to join it either via the Envelope system or preferably by the Credit Card option.

For those already using planned giving and you haven't already done so, please review your commitment for this financial year. Also those using the credit card option please update the expiry date with the Pastoral Office if you have had a new credit card issued recently.

If you have any queries please contact any member of the Parish Finance Committee or the Office.



Thank you for your prayers, Stuart Fone is no longer on the Prayer List for the Sick, as Stuart has made remarkable progress and is well on his way to making a full recovery. Our thanks to everyone for your support and prayers during the last 6 to 8 weeks. Regards, Keith, Fiona & Stuart Fone



Children's Choir Asquith Children's Choir at Asquith celebrates the baptismal right of all young people to participate as fully as possible in the liturgy, in whatever ways are most appropriate to their gifts and abilities. Young people, whatever their musical ability or training, come together in the Choir as a microcosm of the community that is the Body of Christ, sharing themselves, their time, their work and their gifts with the wider community, proclaiming the Word of God by their example, in their words and actions.

Come and join us. The Choir practises every Friday afternoon during school terms from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church, and sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Further information: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or check out the parish website!



August Safeguarding Message "A child-focused complaints process is an important strategy for helping children and others in institutions to make complaints." (Royal Commission, Final Report 2017) This means:

- The process is not slow in addressing the concern/complaint,
- children know who to speak to if they have a concern/complaint,
- children are listened to, they are believed, they are supported and
- children feel comfortable and empowered by the complaints process.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August ~Universal - The Treasure of Families:

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Ku-Ring-Gai Chase

Catholic Parish proudly presents

The Year of Youth Cross



Today is just the beginning...

- ◆ **Aug 18—YOY Cross arrived at St Patrick's Church Asquith for the 6pm Vigil Mass**

The Broken Bay Year of Youth (YoY) Cross has arrived in style at Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, with a procession of youth and the YoY Cross preceding the 6pm Vigil Mass and two youth speakers giving an explanation about the significance of the YoY Cross during mass.

Itinerary of following Events

- ◆ **Aug 21—Whole School Liturgy at St Patrick's Primary School**

Fr Shaju will lead a whole School Liturgy for St Patrick's Primary School.

10am: Whole School Liturgy in the church by Father Shaju, and then

Michelle Chahine will speak about the significance/meaning of the YoY Cross

10:15am: Procession of Cross through St Patrick's School

10:30am: Blessing of the Cross at point of destination

- ◆ **Aug 23—YoY Cross returns to St Patrick's Church**

YoY Cross will make its way back to St Patrick's Church in preparation for weekend Masses.

- ◆ **Aug 26—Pilgrimage from Asquith to Berowra & BBQ with a special invite to all Youth & Families**

After the 10am Sunday Mass a pilgrimage following the YoY Cross will proceed from Asquith to St Bernard's Berowra Heights led by Father Shaju, Father Shiju and Mr. Matt Kean MP

Please join us for the pilgrimage from Asquith to Berowra, and build up an appetite for the BBQ which will be waiting for you.

10am: Mass at St Patrick's Asquith

11am: Mr. Matt Kean, MP to address Pilgrims and parishioners

11:15am: Pilgrimage begins from St Patrick's Church Asquith towards Mt Kuring-Gai, Nyara Road. From here pilgrims will continue via a convoy of cars, bus or train (TBC) to St Bernard's Berowra Heights.

12:30-1pm: Arrive at St Bernard's where there will be a Blessing of the Cross in the Church to be followed by a BBQ and refreshments/ Photos etc

- ◆ **Aug 27—Whole School Liturgy at St Bernard's**

Father Shiju will lead a whole School Liturgy for St Bernard's Primary School.

10am: Whole School Liturgy in the church by Father Shiju, and then

Michelle Chahine will speak about the significance/meaning of the YoY Cross

10:15am: Procession of Cross through St Bernard's School

10:30am: Blessing of the Cross at point of destination

- ◆ **Aug 30—YoY Cross returns to St Bernard's Church**

YoY Cross will make its way back to St Bernard's Church in preparation for Friday's Mass.

- ◆ **Aug 31—The YOY Cross will leave KCCP and make its way to Woy Woy Peninsula Parish**

The YoY Cross will make its way to Woy Woy Peninsula Parish. (Details TBC)

Advertising Opportunity: Space has opened up to advertise your business in our weekly bulletin. Printed in full living **colour** each week with exposure to 400+ it is also uploaded to the parish website and linked to the parish Facebook page. The rates are very reasonable and support the parish by offsetting the costs of printing in **colour**. Please call the office on 9456 2450 to discuss your needs. **See back page for the space and shape available which is currently titled what else but "Heavenly Rewards"**



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults AN INVITATION

Sometimes people wonder about what Catholics believe and how they live their faith. Sometimes they feel shy about asking these questions. In our parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase there is an enquiry group for people who are not Catholics but who are searching for faith, or those who have let it slide for a while but would like to reconnect with the Church.

An inquiry night will be held at the **Pastoral Meeting Room next to the Church at Berowra Heights on Wednesday 22 August at 7.45 p.m.** INVITE someone along. Come yourself to welcome the enquirers. You are welcome to contact the Pastoral Office on 9456 2450 or Sue Newnham 0400 500 598.

Plenary Council 2020



The Plenary Council agenda will be developed from the stories you share and the questions you raise. Keep a look out for dates of parish gatherings to discover one way for you to share! All people are welcome – come along, and bring a friend. Visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying. Initial 'Listening and Dialogue' sessions to be held on:

Saturday 8th Sept at the St Bernard's Hall - 3:30pm

Wednesday 19th Sept at the St Patricks Hall - 7:30 pm

A useful article to ponder: plenary-do-we-have-time-to-listen



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS & DINNER MEETING

Bishop Emeritus David Walker will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 23rd August 2018.**

Commencing with Mass at **6.30PM** a light meal follows with a short meeting. After the meal Bishop David will be our guest speaker. Topic: **Holy Father's recent Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and be Glad"**. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". *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.* Please Ph: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



Euthanasia debate in the Senate. Write to senators to oppose euthanasia.

The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

Rosters & Readings for weekend 25th/26th August—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



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 Shiju Simon

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shaju John

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shiju Simon

Fr Shaju John

Acolyte/Snr Server

Rachel Russell

Barbara McMullen

Sandra Sparkes

Malcolm Cross

John Messina

Matthew Cross

Server

Alex Rogers
David Russell
Arabella Stewart

Preston Nguyen
Suzie Thompson
Jessica Wilson

Jessica Pennings

Max Pryor
Brandon Lukich-Young
Jimmy O'Connor

Lucy Triantafili
Madeleine Drake
Chloe Thomas
Jake D.

Ellen Rawsthorn

Reader

Mark Dunkley
Donna Machado

Paul Maher
Clare McLoughlin

Lorraine Bongloy
Sue Lum

Nick Berman
Christine Berman

Anne Perez
Hayley Rodrigues

Fiona Fone
Michael Halliday

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy 19th August, 9th Sept.—Marta C..

Children's Liturgy 19th August Grace M & Melissa M, 2nd Sept. —Liz T, Tatiana F, Julie T.

Communion to Sick

Jane Hunter

Malcolm Cross, Sue Host

Sacristy Care/Church
Cleaning/Flowers

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

Scott Smith, Maria Hon(f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis

Maintenance

Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony

August: Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Filso Sebastian

Counters

Genevieve Funk, Lyn Beacom, Luisa Gomez

Malcolm Cross, Jessie Long, Graham Palmer, Col Gilbertson

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

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 call 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

RCIA Enquiry Evening:
**Pastoral Meeting Room next to the Church at Berowra Heights
 on Wednesday 22 August at 7.45 p.m.**
Plenary Council 'Listening & Dialogue' Sessions:
 Saturday 8th Sept at the St Bernard's Hall - 3:30pm
 Wednesday 19th Sept at the St Patricks Hall - 7:30 pm

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- * The Grail Meets Laudato Si' 2018 Seminar Series Aug/Sept
- * Social Justice Reflection Evening—'Putting rungs on the Ladder'
 22 August 6.30-9pm Caroline Chisholm Centre Pennant Hills
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- \* [Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB
- \* 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 Results** Week 14—13/8/2018—Winning Number: 052—Winner: Cecilia Waite—Amount: \$25

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