

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~2nd August 2020 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

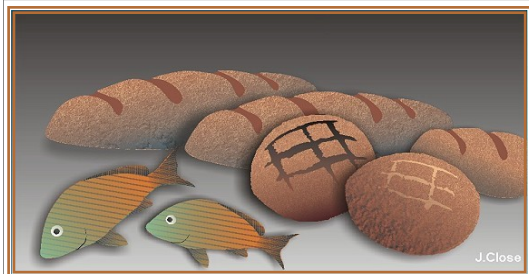
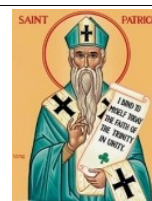
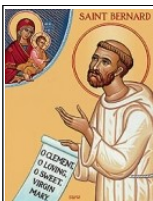
Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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'



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There is an old line that runs, 'If you feel distant from God – guess who has moved?' It picks up the theme in the Romans reading which we have just heard, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.'

In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that, even in their fear, desolation and grief, nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

St Matthew and Isaiah also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the **plenty** of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness.

Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus **'breaks and shares'**. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

Numbers are rarely random in the Bible. The echo of the seven days of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of this story as Jesus takes seven fruits of the earth to feed the crowd. Similarly, the twelve baskets of scraps, the remnants of the meal at which all were filled and satisfied, echo the sign of God through the twelve tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world.

The Church has always believed that the feeding of the crowd prefigured the Eucharist, this weekly time where we receive the fullness of God in his Word, in the life of the community, in the minister and through the transformation of the Bread and Wine.

It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. **'Those to whom much is given, much is required.'** The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all.

If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, **'How could God allow that?'** This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, **when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?**

Congratulations Isabelle!
Welcome to your Faith Family,
Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish.

May God's love and blessing be with you today, remain with you always
and may God's constant presence be your peace.

ALL THE CHURCH
SHARES YOUR JOY

BE STRENGTHENED
BY OUR PRAYERS
FOR YOUR
NEW LIFE
IN CHRIST



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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 03/08

St Dominic, priest
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday 04/08

St John Vianney, priest
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday 05/08

Mass *ad libitum*
Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 06/08

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of the Transfiguration
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

Friday 07/08

Mass *ad libitum*
Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7;
Mt 16:24-28;

Saturday 08/08

St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin
Mass of the Saint, Gloria, Creed
Preface of Saints I-II, Solemn
blessing
1Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17;
Mt 6:25-34

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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, Fely Ocampo
ANNIVERSARIES: John Barnett, Michael Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Lynette Maguire, Anthony Gerard Smith, Pastor Alvarado, Dr Ken Gray, Eric Geoffrey Warren, Jim & Marie White, Vicente & Filomena Bañaga, Ruby & Reginald Warren, Herminia Bañaga, Elde & Andrea Daria,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Marie O'Hare, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Barbara McMullen, Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy) Mustey, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Marie Mickelson, 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, Jaz 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.

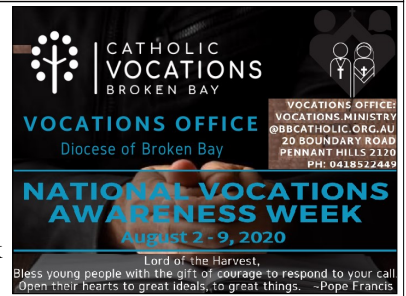
Please advise the office if names can be deleted from the sick list.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop ~ August 8
Mass for the Solemnity of the first Australian Saint,
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be celebrated on
August 8th at 9am at St Patrick's, Asquith
Please join us for this wonderful celebration.

National Vocation Awareness Week

is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church dedicated to the promotion of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer, and to renew our own prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. It is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).



UPDATED: As of Wednesday 1 July, the Aust. Govt. and the DBB introduced new 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 **101 persons in St Patrick's** and **60 persons in St Bernard's**.
- * 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**;
- * The collection plate will be brought to you—please **DO NOT TOUCH** the plate.
- * Tap n Go is available at the back of the church for those who do not want to handle cash.
- * **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;
- * **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.*

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 inline with the numbers shown above.

MASS BOOKINGS:

When you attend Mass you will be asked if you wish to book the same Mass for all weekends in August.
This will happen again in September when you may book for another month in advance and continue in this pattern. You may still book for individual Masses via the office email, parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au—in this way it is hoped you will be guaranteed a seat at Mass.

AFTER MASS CHURCH CLEANING:

We are in need of volunteers to remain at the end of weekend masses to disinfect the pews prior to the next Mass.
Please consider giving 5 minutes of your time to keep everyone safe. Thanks.

Preparation for Holy Communion



As mentioned last week our young parishioners are busily preparing to MAKE THEIR 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. **The reception of First Eucharist will therefore be received as follows:**

St Patrick's Church, Asquith:

Saturday 22 August - a special 4pm First Communicants and their families Mass **ONLY**
Saturday 22 August - is our usual 6pm Vigil Mass— and is for **ALL parishioners to attend**, however, a few Communicants and families will be present at this Mass also.

Sunday 23 August - a special 12midday First Communicants and their families Mass **ONLY**

St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights:

Sunday 30 August - A special 10.30am First Communicants and their families Mass **ONLY**
Sunday 30 August - A special 12midday First Communicants and their families Mass **ONLY**

St Bernard's Restoration Appeal:

Your continued financial assistance to pay for this much needed restoration is appreciated.

In this Golden Anniversary Year we ask that you consider making even a small contribution towards the works done to preserve St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights.

Donations can be made over the phone with a credit or debit card, by cheque or direct deposit and even cash. For assistance or more information please call the office.

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.

Please BE THERE FOR ME - CCD (Catechists / Scripture Teachers) Recruitment Campaign



Last week, most Catechists returned to classes in public schools, to share the Gospel message of love, service and hope. Some of our dedicated Catechists are unable to return at this time due to Covid-19 concerns, **and our parish is looking for a couple of relief catechists to fill in.**

CCD has developed a short recruitment video as part of the campaign: *Be There For Me.* YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/IONdRTBJwxo> **It really is worth a look !**

Darcy is a Catholic kid in Year 5 at a public school. She and her friends are looking forward to their catechist returning to teach them about Jesus and his Church. While over 900 catechists are heading back to this wonderful work, some are not able to return at this time. So, can you be there for them as a relief catechist?



Already there has been a positive response to the call for relief catechists. Some people have returned to the ministry after taking a break for a few years. Others are coming into the ministry because changed circumstances mean they have time. These relief catechists are doing Safeguarding training and will be offered a special introduction to managing classes with good lesson preparation.

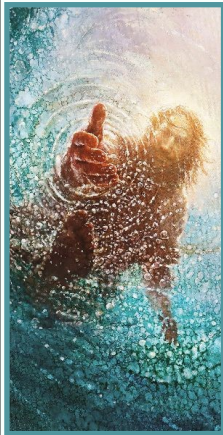
Special pre-packaged lessons have been developed to make life easier for everyone. Students are already finding these digital screen resources most engaging.

**In the first lesson a Year 5 student asked, "Why does the picture of Jesus calming the storm have a blue sky?"
The catechist replied, "Maybe it was a sun shower."**

**KCCP needs someone, just for a while, on Wednesdays
to go to Mt Ku-ring-gai Primary School from 12.45pm to 1.15pm
to tell Kindy students all about God.**

These kids are little sponges who, just like Darcy, are asking you to *be there for me.*

Please call the office and offer to be a relief Catechist.



The August Broken Bay News is available today from the back of our churches. Also available is **A Vocations Prayer Card** Bishop Anthony has written a special prayer for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim (opposite)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD – DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.
In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church
generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.
May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation;
open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.
For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

IMPRIMATUR: ✕ Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 28 July 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Over the past fortnight, we have seen an escalation of COVID cases, not just in the State of Victoria, but also in parts of Sydney. It is worrying, but not unexpected. Some of the most vocal critics are the very same people who advocate large public gatherings and demonstrations, as well as those who seem to flaunt the physical distancing recommendations and precautionary hygiene measures.

My dear people, now is not the time to relax our vigilance as a community of the Church. The Government measures that have been in place and that we have adopted as a Diocese are for the protection and well-being of all. I would like to thank you for implementing these measures and I urge you to continue to be observant and respectful of them. As a Catholic community, it is important that we take a leading role in good citizenship. I was reminded this week that the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918 swiftly spread around the world and was not "under control" until 1920. While the COVID-19 Coronavirus is different to the Spanish Flu, there is much for us to learn as a community regarding how we might contribute to the safety of our society. The Flu took a heavy toll on family life. Community wellbeing was threatened continuously over a three-year period. The economy was damaged as businesses closed, workers found themselves unemployed, and basic services such as mail delivery and garbage collection were hindered due to flu-stricken workers. Thanks be to God, we have a much stronger health system in 2020 than in 1920. We also have access to cleaning and sanitising products that were simply not available to the masses 100 years ago. However, family life is just as vulnerable now as it was during the Spanish Flu because human lives and relationships are always vulnerable in moments of crisis. Likewise, the economy and the availability of gainful employment is currently under threat. Being aware that members of the community are at risk or in danger is one of our major efforts at this time. Our Parishes, Catholic Schools, and CatholicCare communities are particularly well placed to be alert to risk and they are places where people feel secure. They are for many a safe harbour in the storm.

This week, I urge you to renew your efforts to ensure that you and your family remain attentive to the need for good hygiene, at home and when you are out and about. By being attentive, you will help limit the risk in the community of the Church and therefore in our neighbourhoods and social communities. I also encourage you to pray for an end to this time of trial.

"The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear" (Psalm 90: 5-6)

The words of the psalmist invite us to remain faithful and to take refuge in God's unwavering love. Central to our belief as a Catholic community is that God never abandons His people in time of suffering and hardship. My prayer this week is that God will protect you and bless you; keep you safe and defend you from all evil; and that you may persevere always in God's love. + *Anthony*



**Wk 16: 27/07/2020;
Winning #: 803;
Amt: \$25;
Winner: S & T Collins**

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.

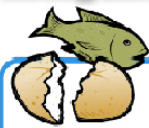
ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 8th/9th August – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; 1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Michael O'Neill	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Robert Pesavento
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Kerrin Enright	Sue Watts	Michael Halliday	Chris Newnham	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Barbara McMullen	Paul Worthington	Sue Lum	Sue Newnham	Mary Stokes
Usher / s	Jan Favalaro	Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith	Tess & Francis Lizardo	Peter Daly	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood, Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f), Chichi Dato (s)		Lyn Vila, Leila Fowler, Cynthia Gilbertson, Editha Palmer, Yovana Castro Guerrero			
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*.

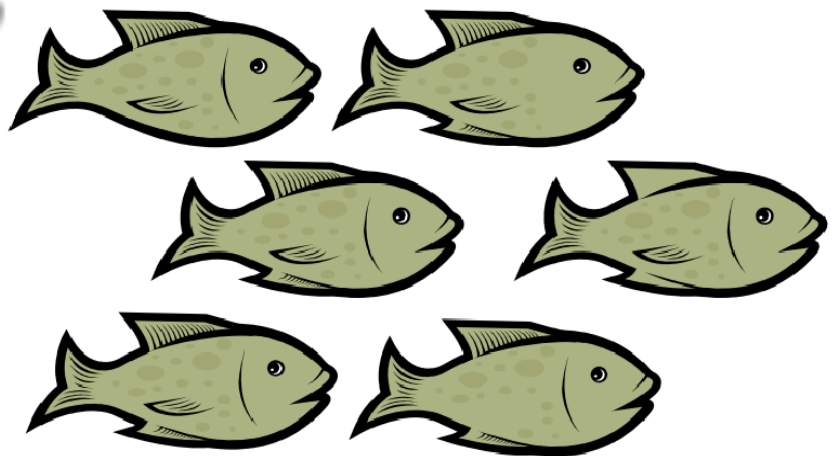
Everyone had plenty to eat



Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. And Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



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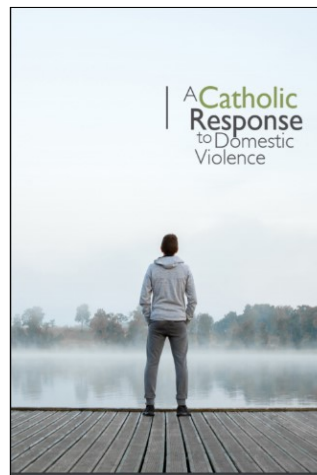
To mark Homeless Persons Week last year, CatholicCare launched their **Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate campaign**

in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy which is open to anyone who is homeless, needing a helping hand or is lonely.

They are currently sitting at just over \$15,000 of a \$30,000 target! Mary Mac's costs over \$150,000 a year to run. Over 20,000 meals a year are provided to those in need and they rely 100% on community support.

Every \$6 donation goes straight to providing much needed meals and resources to the most vulnerable in our local communities – and **every donation is 100% tax-deductible.**

Please help us mark **Homeless Persons Week (2 – 8 August)** and provide a hot meal to those in need. www.shoutamateaplate.org.au



A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence The Broken Bay Domestic Violence Booklet: **A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence**

has been refreshed including a message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo who reminds us that "Through this, may we together become better educated so as to

work against the various personal and social factors that contribute to all forms of abuse within our homes."

View and download the booklet from: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/catholic-life-faith-formation/social-justice/domestic-violence>

A suite of refreshed resources on domestic violence, including other language translations will be available soon. For more information, please email evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au



MEMORY INNOVATIONS CENTRE

Have you heard of the Memory Innovations Centre?

Programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Cooking, exercise, dance, art and mind exercise programs available. Visit us for a free trial session in Waitara or join our online programs – open to all in the Diocese! Call Jessica on (02) 9481 2659 or visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/mic