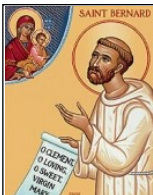


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 21st June 2020 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A  
Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

## Responsorial Psalm:

**Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

**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'*

## House-tops and Sparrows

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**When I was a schoolboy, we would write at the top of our exercise books**

**AMDG (Latin for 'All for the Greater Glory of God').**

**The signage went on the top of our exam papers also.**

But before the public exams the Brothers used to sternly warn us not to make the mistake of heading our exam papers in that way for fear that a Protestant examiner would realise we were Catholics and mark us down. This was hardly proclaiming our faith from the housetops as called for in today's Gospel! But in those days there was still fear of sectarian hostility. Certainly, there was discrimination in employment and access to finance, etc. So, at times we whispered among ourselves, and certainly no AMDG from the house-top of the exams held at the City Hall.

Of course, compared with what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century, ours was the mildest of persecutions, if it could be called that. But, that mild experience leads to unrestrained admiration for those who suffer real persecution because they remain faithful to the Gospel.

**How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?**

If you or I were part of a Sudanese village of African Christians with an Arab Muslim militia swooping down on a mission of destruction, would we take solace from the fact that God knows about the fate of a couple of sparrows?

### Our Gospel read:

**'... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'**

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to, does, enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing being torn apart by lions. I *could* take courage from that.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. For almost 2000 years these Chaldean Christians have maintained their allegiance to the Gospel and to the successor of St Peter (though they are not *Roman* Catholics). Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims who, of course have dominated the country since their emergence centuries after the Gospel was first preached along the Tigris.

One hundred and fifty thousand have fled as refugees to neighbouring countries. Many others have fled to the north to Kurdistan. The Archbishop of Mosul was killed. Kidnapping, torture and killings are common.

We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, the pathetic few, left in Baghdad today, those few who refuse to deny Christ, those few who remain true to the Gospel.

For myself who made sure I didn't write AMDG at the top of my exam paper, I know I have no right to expect others to show heroism and courage to the ultimate degree, even facing death. But, I can pray for them.

**This is the gut wrenching stuff which, as last week's Gospel taught us, is the surest foundation for authentic prayer and action.**

**Let us show real solidarity with those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.**

**May God preserve them from all danger.**



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**Parish Priest:** Fr Shaju John, OSH; **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

**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 22/06**

Memorial ~

**Sts John Fisher, bishop, Thomas More, martyrs**

Mass of the Saints/Preface of weekday or saints

2 Kg 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Mt 7:1-5;

**Tuesday 23/06**

Mass *ad libitum*

2 Kg 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36;

Mt 7:6, 12-14;

**Wednesday 24/06**

Solemnity ~

**The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

Mass of Day, Gloria, Creed

Preface of John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;

Lk 1:57-66, 80;

**Thursday 25/06**

Mass *ad libitum*

2 Kg 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29;

**Friday 26/06**

Mass *ad libitum*

2 Kg 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4;

**Saturday 27/06**

Mass *ad libitum*

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Anne Weir, Per Bratlie, Selma Cabezas, Eve Davis (baby), Angelo Marson, Emilia Corpuz

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gary Simpson, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Reba Mackett, Marie Wilson, Tony Dirckze, Fr Boberg, Felicidad Lizardo, Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley, C J John, Dave Longford, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, 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 Rakoz, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Josen, 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.



**Week 10:** 15/06/2020 ~

**Number:** 203 ~

**Winner:** ~ Mr Paul Maher

**Amount:** \$500.00 !!!

*Congratulations Paul!*

**St Bernard's Church update:**

**SBB is currently open for WEEKEND MASSES only**

**Stage 1:** New roof complete;

**Stage 2:** Exterior works complete;

**State 3:** Interior works ongoing.

**Can you help financially to achieve this restoration?**

We still have a very long way to go to balance the books on the restoration of St Bernard's which has not had a major makeover since built 50 years ago.

In this Golden Anniversary Year we ask that you please consider

making a donation to assist this restoration.

*Thank you, Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.*

**The finishing touch ~ Our Lady's Walk**

For a while now, a statue of Our Lady has been in the shed at Berowra awaiting a new home.

**We need help from someone who can tell us how to build a retaining wall.**

We have volunteers at the ready to do the job, we even have *some* railway sleepers, but we don't know how to proceed.

**The wall will be approximately 8 metres long x half a metre high.**

Once the retaining wall is in place, **Our Lady's Statue** will be placed in a grotto in the garden bed.



**WEEKEND MASSES**

~ reservations highly recommended

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

**CURRENT WEEKDAY MASSES**

~ reservations no longer required

St Patrick's, Asquith

Monday and Tuesday: **9am only**

Wednesday to Friday: **8am and 9am**

Saturday: **9am only**

**RECONCILIATION:** Every Saturday: 9.30 am at St Patrick's

**The Reading / Senior Servers Rosters :** Are now reinstated and you should have received notification. They will commence on the weekend of July 4 and 5. Any questions please call the office.

**RESERVING YOUR SEAT AT WEEKEND MASSES:**

*'Semi-Permanent' reservations for our weekend Mases are proving very popular and we still have reservations available for all Masses over the next two weekends only.*

*The situation going forward will then be reviewed and details published here.*

*To secure your reservation contact the office via: **Email (the much preferred option)***

***parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; and Please include in the body of your email:***

***1. Name of church; 2. Time of Mass; 3. Full names of all for reservation; 4. Contact details.***

*(NB: Father reserves the right to ask a semi-permanent reservation holder to withdraw at any time; to allow others an opportunity to partake in Holy Mass; until the current situation improves, thank you.)*

**Please ensure we all follow the Government Regulations on returning to Mass**

- \* If unwell - **DO NOT** come to mass and please, see your doctor;
- \* Follow **ALL** directions from the **USHERS**.
- \* Remain 1.5m away from others - please **DO NOT** embrace others;
- \* Sanitise your hands on arrival and departure;
- \* Stay in your allotted pew - communion will be brought to you;
- \* **Weekday** attendees **MUST** write your name and contact details in the book (with your own pen);
- \* When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning
- \* **UPDATED: Collections—please note well:** The plate will be **TAKEN** around at weekend Masses, and you are asked **NOT TO** touch the plate - however, *we understand that may not want to carry or handle cash.*
- \* Therefore, *please do not feel uncomfortable as the plate moves past you. No-one at Mass will think any the less of you for protecting you own health and safety.*
- \* If you prefer, you have the option of using our Tap N Go at the back (which we strongly recommend the use of for the health and safety of all) or perhaps you would prefer to do a direct deposit into our bank (see details below) or set up a regular Monthly Credit Card Deduction, by completing the Authority form on the page opposite.

**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.*



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June:**

**The Way of the Heart.** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

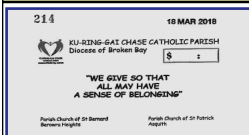
Date	Time	Usher—SBB	Senior Server
27-Jun-20	5pm	Jerome Gomez	Justin Berry
28-Jun-20	9am	Paul Dryden	Alex Jarominek
Date	Time	Usher—SPA	Senior Server
27-Jun-20	6pm	Chris Smith	Sandra Sparkes
28-Jun-20	8am	Cynthia Gilbertson	Sue Lum
28-Jun-20	10am	Sean Doyle & Michael Halliday	Cristina Gomez
28-Jun-20	6pm	Les Fogden	Robert Pesavento

## OUR 9AM SUNDAY MASS IS LIVE—STREAMED

If you are unable to join us physically, please gather with us Spiritually, as we celebrate Holy Mass

**via Facebook** To live-stream Mass from our parish, simply 'like' our Facebook page and you'll be all set.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>



**AVAILABLE NOW:**  
**July 2020 – June 2021**  
**Planned Giving Envelopes**  
**from the back of our Churches**

[For details to make the switch to credit card giving, please call the office on 9456 2450].



*Penny Loughland and Margaret Collins*  
 are retiring after many years of stewardship in our Eucharistic Ministry.  
*Ladies, we thank you both for your time and dedication to this ministry and ask God to shower you with His abundant blessings always.*



**NEEDED a person or persons from our Parish to join the Combined Churches of Berowra committee for the 2020 local event: 'Carols under the Star'.**

Unfortunately our representative for last year cannot continue in the role and we take this opportunity to thank Kirsten MacKinnon for all her time and skill at the 2019 extravaganza.

The role involves: \* Monthly meeting; \* Organising a Colouring Competition.

Please contact the office if you help out by representing St Bernard's Catholic Church at this very well received annual event.

*A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 9 June 2020] My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Since my appointment as Bishop of Broken Bay, I have tried to engender a spirit of generosity and enthusiasm for the mission of the Church. I do so, because the community of the Church is an evangeliser, and to evangelise we must be generous and enthusiastic for the Lord. We begin by being evangelised ourselves. As Pope Saint Paul VI taught, the Church "is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love" (cf Evangelii Nuntiandi 15). To engage faithfully in our mission, we must be led, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to conversion, renewal and reform, so that the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church will be recognised, known, and loved as the living Body of Christ. Throughout our Diocese of Broken Bay, hundreds of women and men generously and enthusiastically carry out their mission on a weekly basis as catechists. Their participation in this mission is not to be underestimated. These women and men of faith are called and commissioned to be spiritual guides, teachers of the faith, and leaders in the community. They work with the priests and deacons of the Church. Under my episcopal oversight and care, they are engaged in the mission of evangelisation and catechesis – which is first and foremost a work of faith. This week I would like to acknowledge the marvellous work that our catechists do by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their students in the faith see Christ in them. In many instances, our catechists are the first proclamation of the Good News in their lives of their students. Their support of parents and carers strengthens the family and the community. Others believe and hold to the teachings of Christ because of what our catechists teach by word and deed. As the public school system reopens to our catechists, I would ask that you keep them in your prayers, especially in this COVID environment. The work of evangelisation and catechesis is one that belongs to every member of the community of the Church. It can be a daunting thought for some, who might not think that they are "qualified" to teach the faith. Our catechists know how to overcome many obstacles to evangelisation. The starting point is not a book; rather it is a living relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the Good News. Accepting him into our lives as Lord and Saviour is the first work of being evangelised. Thank you to our catechists for leading the way. Blessings of grace and peace for the week ahead, + *Anthony*

### Corpus Christi Homily from our Vicar General, Dr David Ranson:

Fr David's homily for Sunday's feast Corpus Christi is well worth reflection particular as restrictions continue to ease and we are allowed greater access to the Eucharist. Fr David loads all his homilies onto his blog page, [davidranson.com.au](http://davidranson.com.au), where you can find text versions from the homilies to read or if you like Podcasts you can listen along. During this period he has also been loading his homilies on YouTube – an option for everyone to access.

- \* Text Corpus Christi Homily: <https://davidranson.com.au/homily/sunday/year-a/2020/06/13/corpus-christi-2020/>
- \* Podcast Corpus Christ Homily: <https://davidranson.com.au/podcasts/2020/06/13/corpus-christi-2020-podcast/>
- \* YouTube Corpus Christi Homily: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YtPUpCDmSc&feature=youtu.be>



The St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations to the **Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal**, helping people doing it tough in our communities due to coronavirus. To echo the words of Jesus to his disciples in this week's gospel: "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me." Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, 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 of non-perishable food, clothing or monetary donations to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, please visit our **Vinnies Drive Thru at Our lady of the Rosary Cathedral on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am-4.00pm on both days** and support our local youth as they help us care for our community. Please help us to help others. *Thank you (envelopes are at the back of our churches)*

**Facebook Video Link** - <https://www.facebook.com/SVDPYOUTHCONFERENCEASQUITH/videos/291003388945064/?vh=e>

### Divorced? Interested in finding out about a marriage annulment?

During this time of social distancing the work of the Marriage Tribunal continues remotely. Rather than coming to the Tribunal in person, applicants and witnesses can be interviewed by phone. For further information about the annulment process, please have a look at our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/agencies/marriage-tribunal> To contact the Broken Bay Marriage Tribunal, phone: 8379 1681 or email: [tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au)



**Broken Bay News is back!**  
 Available in digital form, it can be found at:  
[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_june\\_2020](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_june_2020)

Included is \* Ordination of Fr Paul Tran; \* Kind, Careful & Creative during COVID-19; \* How our schools fared with home-based learning; \* Feature on Fr Bogdan Skupien; \* Plenary Council updates and more!

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Penitential Act:** (All.) I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(and, striking their breast, they say):* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; *(then they continue):* therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(P.) May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. (R.) Amen.

**The Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** Jer 20:10-13 ~ **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Rom 5:12-15 ~ **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 10:26-33 ~ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord (R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow).*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.