

### **KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**

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

23th September 2018 ~ The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

#### The Lord upholds my life.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**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'



In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees.

Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private

place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that **to** 

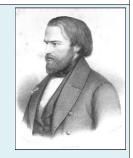
receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone. (Loyola Press)



#### Thursday 27 September—Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

## Reflecting the theme of today's Gospel and the message of Safeguarding in everyday works.





The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by a 20-year-old student named Frederic Ozanam in 1833. It was established by likeminded individuals who wished to put their faith into action and that which aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. This compassionate outlook, enthusiasm and vision continues today in Australia. There are thousands of people who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people all around Australia.

Vincentians are called to feed, clothe, house and assist our brothers and sisters who are forced onto the margins of society. They are also called to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, protect the rights of those who are helpless.

Speak out and pronounce a sentence of justice, defend the cause of the wretched and the poor." (Proverbs 31:8-9) They give voice to those who are voiceless, standing with them and advocating for them. As Vincentians they do not close our eyes to the growing division in Australia and the world between the increasingly prosperous and the increasingly poor. They seek to share both bread and hope with their brothers and sisters, recognising Christ in their painful stories and witnessing to the Good News of justice and compassion.

Those they assist, entrust a little of their lives to 'Vinnies people', and these 'Vinnies people' honour this trust by speaking the truth of their stories and calling on the people of our nation to address the structural causes of poverty and inequality.

#### PASTORAL CENTRE **WEEKDAY MASSES** 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082 8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday St Bernard's P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights 2082 9am Wednesday Phone (02) 9456 2450 9am Friday Parish Email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au First Friday-Parish Website: www.kccp.dbb.org.au St Bernard's 10.30am Adoration **WEEKEND MASSES Centre Hours:** 9am - 3.30pm. 11.00am Reconciliation Fr Shaju John, OSH 11.30am Healing Mass **Parish Priest** Saturday 5pm St Bernard's 8am Wednesday and Friday Fr Shiju Simon, OSH St Patrick's **Assistant Priest** St Patrick's 6pm 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat. **Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper** Sunday St Patrick's 8am **Karen Price** Bookkeeper RECONCILIATION 9am St Bernard's Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine **Every Saturday** 9.30 am at St Patrick's 10am St Patrick's After 9am Mass at St Bernard's, Parish/School Liturgy L. Patricia Smith **Every Friday** St Patrick's 6nm Sacramental Team kccpsacraments@gmail.com (except First Friday-see above)

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

#### ORDINARY TIME 25th Week

Monday 24/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 25 Mass ad libitum Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

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#### Tuesday 25/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 25 Mass ad libitum

Prov 21::1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

#### Wednesday 26/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 25 Mass ad libitum Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday 27/09

St Vincent de Paul, priest Mass of the saint Preface of weekday or saint Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday 28/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 25 Mass ad libitum Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

#### Saturday 29/09

Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels Mass of the Feast, Gloria Preface of the Angels Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51

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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Evelyn Owen, Vincenzo Monardo, Sr Margaret RSM, Fr Eric Burton, Sr Dorothy Bray RSM (Sr Isadore)

Antonia Alzona Uy, Newton Long

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bronislawa Pieprzyk, Robert Dorahy, Augusta, Yoke Thye, Boyd Long, Wilson Long, Raymond Gomez, Francis Lyle, Joe Augustas Fernandez

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Rosalinda de Ramos. John Goudie. Peter Todd, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Jaz Pitts, Greg Cooper, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Anne Singleton, 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 Joson, 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, Patricia Sanders, Barbara & Frederick Novak, Matthew Sutton, Monique Leyden, Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

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

## SAFEGUARDING

MONTH

COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

# The children, young and vulnerable people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay must be kept safe.

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

**TELL** us about dangers

– and what's being

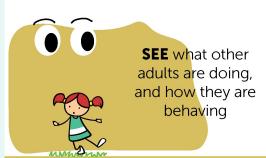
done to protect us





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COMMUNITIES OF SAFETY AND CARE

### **Our Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding**

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people,

#### especially for children and to others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ who teaches the fundamental sanctity of each human person,

and by our dedication to sustained education, practise, and conversation about our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all those within our community.

At the back of our churches you will find two framed Commitment Statements (an adult and child version)

### Children's Choir

Children's Choir at Asquith will be practising this Friday, 28th Sept. from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church and after that will be in recess over the school holidays. There will be NO PRACTICE on Friday 5th October or Friday 12th October. All members of the choir who are available will be singing at 10am Mass on 14th October. Practices resume for 4th term on Fri. 19th October. New singers from Year 3 and up always welcome! Enquiries: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

SAVE THE DATE: The diocesan Choir Games will be held at St Philip Neri church in Northbridge, on Sunday 21st October, and parish children's choirs will be attending. This event is for ANY interested young person from Year 2 to Year 12, regardless of whether you belong to a choir or not. Don't miss this great afternoon of singing, games, socialising, competition and prizes! Pick up a flyer from the back of the church, or ring Patricia Smith 9482 7935 for more information.



# Parish Choir

has a beautiful ministry bringing music and comfort to grieving families by singing at parish funerals. This deeply-appreciated ministry has continued for more than ten years now, and our numbers are decreasing.

The Senior

If you feel you would like to be part of this group of generous volunteers who are available on weekdays usually during school hours, please call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or the parish office 9456 2450, or come and talk to me or any one of the Choir members that you see at Mass. You don't have to be available for every funeral: a larger group means that when some members have other activities and can't attend, the Choir can still provide good quality music.

You don't even have to have a great voice - the beauty of a choir is that every voice contributes to one magnificent whole. Any time that you can give would be appreciated.

#### September is Safeguarding Month

'Communities of Safety and Care'
During September the parish will actively pray for and raise awareness about Safeguarding. Masses and events during September will highlight our commitment to being communities of safety and care.



#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September The Mission of Religious:

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice. Counting roster St Patrick's, Asquith

 Vacancy. Angela Smith, a 'long-time counter' would like to retire from this ministry but would like to know someone has taken her place first! ~ now that's dedication! Will someone please volunteer? Commitment is only once every 6 weeks, Angela will thank you, and we all thank Angela.

#### **Advance Notice -**Mark your diary's please... October 4 to October 13 10 days of the Rosary ~ SPA, 7pm

With the resounding success of last years initiative this wonderful show of devotion to our Blessed Mother will again be held during the month of October in our parish. 10 days of the Rosary will follow the same format as last year, with the Rosary being prayed for

10 consecutive evenings at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, with each evening having its own special intention. We hope you will be able to join us for one or all of these evenings of prayer.

Also, and again on the success of last year, we will hold a Procession Event in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. This event will comprise of a special evening with Reconciliation, Candlelight Procession (whilst praying The Holy Rosary), and Holy Mass. More information will follow.



## "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" Your voice is needed! **Plenary Council 2020**

Join the conversation about your experiences of faith, life and the Church.

Our next Listening & Dialogue Encounters

are on:
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am
St Bernard's Hall
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11am St Patrick's Hall

#### **Memorial Mass**

for parents who have experienced pregnancy, infancy and child loss Saturday 10 November 9am Memorial Mass 9.45am Family Hospitality Corpus Christi Parish, St Ives



POSITION VACANT: Facilities & WHS Officer - Pennant Hills, Full-time The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay extends from Sydney's Northern Beaches, the North Shore and the Central Coast. We are seeking an experienced Facilities & WHS Officer to provide facilities management and expertise in maintaining Diocesan assets as well as coordinating and managing Chancery and Parish WHS responsibilities. Full details of the position and required criteria can be found on https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions -vacant If you are interested in applying for this position, please apply online or via recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au and include a cover letter, statement as to the selection criteria (which explains how you meet the requirements of this role) and a current CV. Applications close 4pm on Friday, 26 October 2018. Please note the successful candidate may be required to undergo pre-employment screening.



Social Justice Reflection Afternoon What does it mean to be involved in social justice as a Christian? How have we lived out this dimension of our Christian life in the last few decades? Where is the way forward for the practice of social justice in our parishes? If you are looking to revitalise or start a social justice group in your parish, come along to this reflection and workshop afternoon with Cristina Gomez, Justice and Integral Development Coordinator, and Krishmalie Perera from the

Catholic Youth Broken Bay Office. We encourage you to attend as part of a group interested in or working in social justice from your parish, if possible. Please RSVP for catering and logistical purposes. Presenters: Cristina Gomez & Krishmalie Perera

Date: Saturday 13 October 2018 **Time**: 1.00pm—4.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (vehicular entry via City View Road)

RSVP: 9 Oct. 2018 to Cristina Gomez - faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1628 or to Krishmalie Perera at krishmalie.perera@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1635

#### For the Love of God Encore Screenings

For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined, a documentary by the Centre for Public Christianity, confronts the worst of what Christians have done - and also traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility, and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus.

The film is showing at Events Cinemas Hornsby on Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 7:00pm; and **Avoca Beach** Picture Theatre on Monday 29 October at 7:00pm. Further information at: <a href="https://www.publicchristianity.org/documentary-screenings/">https://www.publicchristianity.org/documentary-screenings/</a>



#### Women in the Scriptures: Discovering their Stories

There are many intriguing stories in the Bible which feature women across both the Old and New Testaments. Over two evenings, rediscover these stories with biblical scholars and educators Dr Michele Connolly, RSJ and Dr Debra Snoddy from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Hear the voices of courageous, faithful, strong, gentle, and shrewd women, and understand their contexts, roles and relationships in the society and households of their times, as well as the way in which they are portrayed in the biblical texts.

Date: Mondays 15 & 22 October 2018

**Time:** 7.00pm—9.00pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

(vehicular entry via City View Road)

RSVP: By 11 October 2018 faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au Pina Bernard 8379 1627



#### **SERRA VOCATIONS** MASS AND DINNER **MEETING**

Father Vincent Musindalo, Assistant Priest of Lower North Shore Parish

will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church,

2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 27th September 2018.

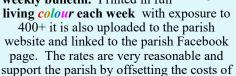
The evening will commence with Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. After the meal Father Vincent will be our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email

terry scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

#### Advertising Opportunity:

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9456 2450 to discuss your needs. See back page for pace and shape available titled "Heavenly Rewards"

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#### Rosters & Readings for weekend 29th/30th September—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	John Messina	Darrin Patterson
Server	Blayde Arthur Alex Rogers Adam Waite	Max Jarominek Bronte Tonkin Isaac Tonkin	Aidon Hon Ambrose Hon	Nicholas Ward Lachlan Onslow Abbey McAdamr	Jack Nilson Lachlan McCredie John Cosgrove Holly Harmon Pedro Rodrigues	Anika Campos Olivia Ratcliffe
Reader	Alysha Berry John Ryan	Kerrin Enright Peta Tonkin	Henning Schneider Helen Chui	David De-Fina Rosemary Pendlebury	Deborah de Voss Sandra Maloney	Fiona Fone Simone Noel
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy		Children's Liturgy			
Communion to Sick	Garth Graham, Isabel Henson		Malcolm Cross, Sue Host			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marlene Maloney (f), Paul Waite, Sarah Jane Sibelja, Anne Bourke (s)		Scott Smith, Maria Hon (f), Winston Rodrigues, Paul Mathew, Antony Davis (Thursday evening)			
Maintenance	Team B: David, Phil, Denis, Justin, Chris, Ralph		September: Peter Hourigan, Patrick Dias, Volunteers Needed			
Counters	Mark Birrell, Peter Formby		Keith Loughland, Les Fogden, Alan Henson			

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

Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) **Urgent sick calls** 

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

Plenary Council 'Listening & Dialogue' Sessions: 23rd September St Bernard's Hall 10am Sunday 30th September St Patrick's Hall Sunday

#### ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- The Grail Meets Laudato Si' 2018 Seminar Series Aug/Sept
- Social Justice Reflection afternoon, CCC Pennant Hills Oct 13
- Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, St Benedict's Arcadia Oct 14
- Women in the Scriptures CCC, Pennant Hills Oct 15 & Oct 22 Healing After Abortion—Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Nov 16-18
- [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

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