

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

26th August 2018 ~ The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

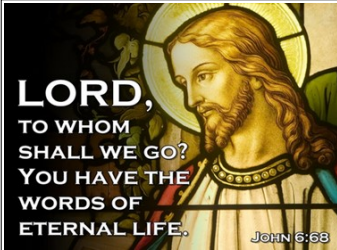
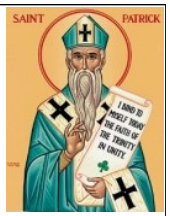
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

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'



For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel...

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus'

teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And

it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: **Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.**

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal **faith in the life of Christian discipleship**. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. **God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess** as his or her own the belief **that Jesus is the one from God**. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life. (Loyola Press)

During the Masses at Berowra Heights this weekend, 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 Masses 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.



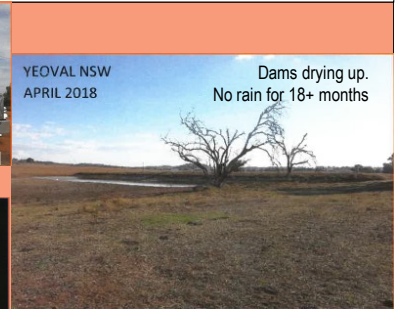
COBAR NSW APRIL 2018

100's of 1000's of acres without grass



Donated Hay
Donated Truck \$4000 per week to fuel
Volunteer Driver

Stock are dying
Farmers are suiciding
They need our help



YEOVAL NSW APRIL 2018

Dams drying up. No rain for 18+ months

DONATIONS NEEDED FODDER & FUNDS - Also Volunteers for Hay Transport TO ASSIST THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES & DROUGHT Victoria & New South Wales IF YOU CAN HELP CONTACT www.needforfeed.org or call Graham on 0459 444 111
Need for Feed is a project of Lions Clubs



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation—1 September & the Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October

We are faced with the devastating effects of climate change as we have seen lately in the experiences of extreme drought by our farmers here in Australia and people dying from floods in Kerala, India.

It is without a doubt that the need to care for our creation is even more urgent today.

On 1 September, Christian churches all over the world will be celebrating the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation' on 1 September, and the 'Season of Creation' between 1 September and 4 October – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We pray that all people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God. For further information please visit SeasonofCreation.org

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Assistant Priest Fr Shiju Simon, OSH
Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper
Bookkeeper Karen Price
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KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
	9am Wednesday
	9am Friday
First Friday- St Bernard's	10.30am Adoration
	11.00am Reconciliation
	11.30am Healing Mass
St Patrick's	8am Wednesday and Friday
	9am Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Sat.
RECONCILIATION	
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 21st Week
Monday 27/08**

St Monica
Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 28/08

St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Weekday or Saint
2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 29/08

**The Passion of St John the Baptist,
martyr**

Mass of the Day,
Preface of St John the Baptist
(Jer 1:17-19); Mk 6:17-29

Thursday 30/08

Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Mass ad libitum

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday 31/08

Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Mass ad libitum

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 01/09

Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Mass ad libitum

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Edward Tanner, Peter Carrodus

ANNIVERSARIES:

Shirley Gray, Gerard Harant, Phyllis Newnham, Shirley Mosley, Paul Orban, Kathy Goodwin, Margaret Lees, Bill Lyle, Bill Davies, James Patrick Fitzgerald, Prsila 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 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, 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.



**Worst flooding in
the Indian state of
Kerala
in a century**

A letter from the
Very Rev Dr David Ranson
PP / Diocesan Administrator



As much of eastern Australia battles one of the worst droughts it has experienced for many years, the state of Kerala in India is experiencing massive floods with dreadful destruction. **Eighteen of our own priests come from Kerala**, and so this is a very anxious time for them. I ask that you keep them all in your prayer.

The families of two of our priests have been particularly affected.

The home of Fr Vincent Chirackalmanavalan Varghese VC
was under water for almost four days.

Though it has taken some days to make contact with them, Fr Vincent shares with me that his mother and family got shelter on the first floor of their neighbour's house and later they were shifted to rescue camps, of which there are 430 across the state seeking to accommodate over 700,000 people who have been displaced.

The family of Fr Tomy Kurevelil CFIC has also been displaced.

Water is a metre high in their house and they have sought safety in a hospital. Thankfully, everyone in both families is safe but the damage is very severe.

Given the massive damage to infrastructure caused by the flooding and subsequent landslides it will take many, many years for Kerala to recover.



At times such as these we can feel quite powerless to respond in the face of the enormity of the tragedy. Yet, our prayers and heartfelt wishes are with all our brothers from Kerala and all those affected by the enormity of this natural disaster. I would be very grateful if we could also give some thought to how we might offer practical support. Given the generosity of the state of Kerala to us through our wonderful men here, it would be important for us to give something in return at this difficult time.

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Caritas India has already conducted rapid needs assessments in the worst affected districts of the state. Four of Caritas India's partners have already responded with immediate food assistance. Emergency water and sanitation (WASH) activities are currently being developed to address need and reduce the potential for disease outbreaks. Therefore, our parishioners may find it helpful to support Caritas Australia's Asia Emergency Appeal online (<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal>) or by calling 1800 024 413.

In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the situation of those families of our brothers who are especially affected by the tragedy.

With my appreciation Fr David



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



Itinerary of continuing Events

THIS SUNDAY IS THE BIG ONE

◆ 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, or train - leaving Mt Kuring-gai Station at either 12.18pm or 12.48pm arriving Berowra Station at 12.22pm or 12.52pm then walk 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



Children's Choir Asquith Children's Choir at St Patrick's is very excited to be part of the celebration of the Year of Youth, as we sing at 10am Mass this weekend during the visit of the Year of Youth Cross to our parish. Our parish children's choirs are great exemplars of the leadership of young people in our parish, and for us the YOY cross is a symbol of our commitment, and the gift of ourselves that we make through our work for our community.

Children's Choir at St Patrick's sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and practises every Friday from 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church except during school holidays. All welcome, from Year 3 and up. Further information: Patricia Smith 9482 7935

Senior Parish Choir will be singing at the regular parish **Mass of Anointing** at 11.30am on Friday 7th September at St Bernard's. Save the date!

Further information: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or check out the parish website!

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 space and shape available which is titled "Heavenly Rewards"



AUGUST CWF APPEAL RAISED approx.: \$11,000

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



We have had our Enquiry nights and still have room for anyone else who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If you know someone who might be interested, ask them and bring them along. We are a friendly group and do not pressure people to join up if they don't want to. Give us a telephone call if you would like to come along. Just a nice group of people sharing what they believe and eager to listen to your story. Contact the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or Sue Newnham on 0400 300 598.

Plenary Council 2020

'You are invited to gather with other parishioners for Plenary Listening and Dialogue Encounters. We are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, life and the Church.

'Listening and Dialogue' sessions to be held on:

Sat. 8th Sept @ St Bernard's Hall 3:30pm
Wed. 19th Sept @ St Patrick's Hall 7:30 pm

Want to know more? - Some informational videos will be shown after the 8am, 9am and 10am Masses next week. Just an extra 15-20 mins!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMENT Paul Cramsie

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2018-19

A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land, calls on all Australians to look beyond the immediate challenges of high housing and rental costs on the average household budget, to consider the lot of those who are homeless or at serious risk of becoming homeless. In a letter to all Catholic parishes and church communities of Australia, the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has promoted this Statement and highlighted the critical issue of homelessness – the damage it does to individuals and families and the harm it does to the social fabric of a community that still champions the notion of a 'fair go'.

'It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health', the Archbishop says.

Rosters & Readings for weekend 1st/2nd September—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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 Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon
Acolyte/Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Michael O'Neill	Sandra Sparkes	Trevor McAdam	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Server	Blayde Arthur Karina Bednarz Molly Summerhayes	Matthius McLoughlin Bridie Savage Freya Tonkin	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	John Ryan Sophia Smith	Peter Collins Denise Harant	Helen Chui Paul Worthington	David De-Fina Millie Wong	Deborah de Voss Susie Gates	Youth Reader 1 Youth Reader 2
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy 9th Sept.—Marta C..		Children's Liturgy 2nd Sept. —Liz T, Tatiana F, Julie T.			
Communion to Sick	Chichi Dato, Isabel Henson		Penny Loughland, Janette O'Brien			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Fiona Cunningham, Gwen Wood (s)		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake (Saturday)			
Maintenance	Team A: Peter, Paul, Mark, Tony		September: Peter Hourigan, Patrick Dias, Volunteer Needed			
Counters	Barbara McMullen, Fabiola Rew		Bill Smitheram, Henning Schneider, Coral Thaddeus			

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 Requests	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral 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. <i>Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.</i>

LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE

Year of Youth Cross Pilgrimage—on now until 31 August—full details on inside page of this bulletin!
Plenary Council 'Listening & Dialogue' Sessions:
Saturday 8th Sept at the St Bernard's Hall - 3:30pm
Wednesday 19th Sept at the St Patrick's Hall - 7:30 pm

ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:

- * The Grail Meets Laudato Si' 2018 Seminar Series Aug/Sept
- * Voices from the Water—workshop on Saturday September 1st, OLOR Waitara
- * **Liturgy of Commitment & Care OLOR Waitara 4th Sept.**
- * MT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – Benedict's Tools for Peace Saturday 8 September
- * [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

250 Club Results Week 15—20/8/2018—Winning Number: 619—Winner: Unsubscribed—Amount: \$500

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