

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 28th April 2019 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy—Year C

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

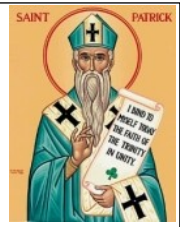
Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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'



Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the **encounters with the resurrected Jesus** described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: **Jesus' appearance to his disciples** after his Resurrection and **Jesus' dialogue with Thomas**, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples **not as a spirit but in bodily form**. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that **in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door**. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion. In today's Gospel, **Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit**. Jesus also **commissions his disciples** to continue the work that he has begun. **As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples**. This continuity

with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.**

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus**. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus **must believe without seeing**. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. **He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died**. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

(Loyola Press)

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us—all of us.

And, he wants us to recognise that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

A ~ Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B ~ Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C ~ Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

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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	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.
First Friday —	St Bernard's	
	10.30am	Adoration
	11.00am	Reconciliation
	11.30am	Healing Mass
First Friday —	St Patrick's	
	Night Vigil	7.30pm
	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
& Prayers

2nd week of EASTER

Monday 29/04

St Catherine of Sienna, virgin, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Easter I-V or saint,
Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 30/04

Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V,
Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday 01/05

Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V,
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 02/05

St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Easter I-V or saint,
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 03/05

Sts Philip and James, apostles
Mass of the Feast, Gloria
Preface of Apostles I-II
1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday 04/05

Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter
Mass of the day
Preface of Easter I-V,
Acts 6:31-7; Jn 6:16-21

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vojtech Stranak, Eileen Leyden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Moya Dawson (1 yr), Peter O'Halloran,
Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

David Rogencamp, Sheryl Sanchez
Reyes, Rodney Porter, Maureen
Cullen, Irena Fellmann, Jwona Nowak,
Jennifer Hindmarsh, Elaine Longmuir,
Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June
Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), Jude
Maatouk, Ramona Estrellado, Cathy
Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Peter
Todd, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers,
Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin,
Jeanette Bakker, Maureen Sharpe,
Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Greg Cooper,
Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg, Brian
Neary, Darcy Green,
Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion,
John Buckley, Ellen Asistente,
Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones,
Arlene Joson, Alfredo De Ramos,
Kath Lock, Marcelina De Ramos,
Cadia Maestri, Matthew Conlon,
Patrick Dorahy, John Macy,
Narelle Cartwright, Dn Jim Caulfield,
Tom Dawson, Mary Fernandes,
Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden,
Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej
Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr

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



*"You
believe
because
you have
seen me.*

*Happy are those
who have not seen
and yet believe'*

It's time for the many to give thanks for the few

Each year things seem to become busier and busier
and the lead up to Easter was no exception, however,
we have been blessed with many volunteers who made time in their own busy schedules
to step up, and for that,

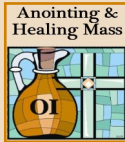
we sincerely thank each one of you.



We thank all our congregation,
who came together so full of hope and faith to celebrate
the Resurrection of Our Lord in Ku-ring-gai Parish,
many of whom came and celebrated with families and friends.
We offer gratitude and thanks to our RCIA team who spent months in
preparing Fiona, Min Yee & Matthew to be received into the Church
and to our Lenten programme facilitators for preparing us!
From our church cleaners and decorators, to our gifted florists
and leaders of our liturgies —
Readers, Senior Servers (Thurifers), Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Prayer of the Faithful writers and
to our amazing musicians and choirs at both churches.
What a wealth of talent has been given by God to our parish.

Heartfelt thanks go to our priests, Fr Shaju and Fr Joy, who with humility and sincere reverence,
led our liturgies and instilled the very real and tangible meaning of Easter in all of us.
They continue to show us the hope of the Risen Lord in all they say and do
and not just at Easter, but always.

Let us rejoice and be glad.



First Friday of the Month: 3rd May 2019

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's:

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11am;

Healing Mass: 11.30am

[shared community luncheon follows]



NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm - 10pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Praise & Worship, Rosary,
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

*"Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find.
Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7*



Christian Initiation of Adults -- perhaps you've wondered?

After their long time as inquirers and then catechumens, we continue our celebration into
the seven weeks of the Easter season. For the Neophytes this final period of Christian
Initiation is also called mystagogy.

*"The third step of Christian Initiation, the celebration of the Sacraments, is followed by the final period
of ...postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy. This is the time for the neophytes and the community
together to grow in their grasp of the paschal mystery, ..."*
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults # 234

Prayer for a New Bishop

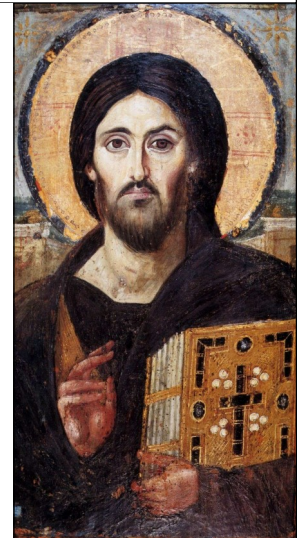
Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd,
you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern.
In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor
who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.
In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd
formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the
power of the Holy spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty
of the Gospel.

Grant wisdom, O Lord,
to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new
bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the
intercession of our mother, Mary Star of the Sea.

Amen.



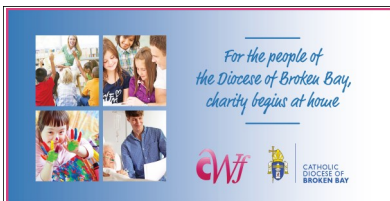
WEEKENDS COLLECTIONS

*It is the 2nd Collection which is ESSENTIAL for our PARISH
to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY*

and is used to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications,
pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, wages, Priests' petrol etc.

The 1st Collection: goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.





NEXT WEEKEND May 4 & 5,
we begin the
FINAL Charitable Works Fund Appeal for the 2018/2019 financial year.

The Charitable Works Fund
Supporting the CWF puts your gift to work in your local faith community.

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to ensure that there are trained Catholic Care Pastoral Care Practitioners in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to create the resources and train the catechists (Catholic Special Religious Education Teachers) to the public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.



If you haven't already done so, please return your

Project Compassion boxes

Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please support Caritas Australia.



- WELCOME -
BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to our students and Teachers for Term 2. We hope you are all ready for the challenges and the fun stuff which await you over the next 10 weeks and we look forward to seeing you all at Mass. *Good luck to each of you.*



Many thanks to all parish musicians for bringing such beauty and inspiration to all our parish Holy Week and Easter liturgies! Thanks for your assiduous rehearsing and your extraordinary efforts at each event, and your great generosity in sharing your gifts. **We're very blessed to have you!**

Children's Choir at St Patrick's is in recess over the school holidays, and will resume regular practices on Friday 3rd May at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. All singers from Year 3 and up very welcome at any time. The Choir sings at 10am Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Cherubs Choir for Kinder to Year 2 children did extremely well on their debut at Palm Sunday Mass! We can look forward to a great future for this expanding group! Practices will resume on Tuesday 30th April, at 8.15-8.45am in St Patrick's church. New singers very welcome!

Enquiries on any of the above to: Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or come along to our next practice.



The Grail in Australia's brand new series of **Twilight Talks 2019**. These action-oriented events will provide a space for us to share our concerns on today's major environmental issues and find ways in which we can each make a difference in our personal lives.

The first talk in our series – **Let's Act On...Waste to Landfill** – will be held on **Tuesday 7 May**. Do you care about the environment but find yourself confused about recycling? This interactive session will give you the information and practical tools you need to act on the issue of waste to landfill. Join us and other like-minded citizens as we share our unique sustainability journeys. We'll hear from **guest speaker Ryan Collins, Head of Sustainable Resource Programs at Planet Ark**, followed by a session focused on take-home actions. Bring your questions, concerns and passion!

Tickets: \$10 for a single talk or \$30 for the entire Twilight Talks series (see flyer attached for other topics).

Venue: The Grail Centre - 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney. Easy to reach via public transport. Street parking available.

I hope to see you there! ☺ Cheers, Kendall

Pope's intention for APRIL

Workers in War Zones
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



Safeguarding

A culture of Safeguarding values **COMMITMENT....**
"Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy." - see Proverbs 31:9

ESTABLISHING A SERRA 31 CLUB IN OUR PARISH

We are all aware that there has been a lack of new vocations in our Diocese and in Australia generally over recent years and the question is what can we do to help?

We know that many of you already pray for new and existing vocations but it would be great if we could all join in a Diocesan supported initiative known as

"the Serra 31 Club"

which encourages everyone to pray every day for vocations and to attend an extra Mass and/or Adoration each month especially for vocations.

A member of Serra will be speaking briefly at our masses next weekend when they will ask if you are willing to participate by taking a prayer card home with you upon which you are asked to decide on the date you will endeavour to attend an extra Mass/Adoration and place it in a prominent place to remind you of your prayer commitment and your special date with the Lord.

All family members are encouraged to become involved in asking the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into His harvest field.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, Pray for us!



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Robert Borg, Parish Priest of The Lakes Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 2nd May 2019.**

Mass at **6.30PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Robert 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.

T: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or

E: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com

if you would like to attend.

VINNIES YOUTH PRESENTS

Mother's Day
BAKE SALE
May 12th



After morning mass
St Patrick's: 8 & 10am
St Bernard's: 9am

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Helping local migrants learn English

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 04/05 May—3rd Sunday of Easter—Year C

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19



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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
	Fr Satheesh	Fr Joy	Fr Joy	Fr Satheesh	Fr Satheesh	Fr Joy
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Sandra Sparkes	Malcolm Cross	Sue Lum	Robert Pesavento
Server	Megan Chung Suzie Thompson Adam Waite	Levi McLoughlin Alex Rogers Isaac Tonkin	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderrama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	Donna Machado Sophia Smith	Paul Maher Peta Tonkin	Helen Chui Penny Loughland	Rosemary Pendlebury Dan Leavy	Susie Gates Hayley Rodrigues	Youth Reader 2 Youth Reader 1
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday Recess.- May 5, 2019 –Jackie T.		School Holiday Recess. Then May 5, 2019— Cathryn C. & Cristina G.			
Communion to Sick	Gus Davis		Millie Wong, Cynthia Gilbertson			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Brenda Brooks (s).		Marie Bright, Imm Lui, Jeanette Hester, Anthony Drake, Fiona Fone (f)			
Maintenance	Both teams A & B		May: David Hartmann, Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy			
Counters	Pat Connor, Lyn Beacom, Ruth Maher		Malcolm Cross, Jessie Long, Graham Palmer			

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 Joy Thomas 9456 2450
Urgent sick calls	Fr Shaju John 9456 7010 (Presbytery) Fr Joy Thomas 9476 8843 (Presbytery)
Nursing Home Visits	By request
Clergy Days Off	Fr Shaju John – Monday Fr Joy Thomas – Tuesday
Home Visits	For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please call the Office 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

◇	3rd May: First Friday Anointing and Healing Mass SBB 11.30am. (Adoration at 10.30am and Reconciliation at 11am)
◇	3rd May: First Friday Night Vigil SPA from 7.30pm to 10pm
◇	4th & 5th May: Final CWF Appeal for 2018/2019 Financial Year begins.
ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:	
◇	Insights into Catholic Social Justice: Sat.25 May 10am-12md Chatswood. "From Scripture to Pope Francis: Church Tradition and the Call to Justice".
◇	Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, St Agatha's Pennant Hills
◇	[Weekly] Life Marriage & Family Notice from the DBB
POSITIONS VACANT—within the Diocese of Broken Bay:	
Graphic Designer, Full time (at DBB) & Sacramental Programme Assistant, Part-Time - Catholic Parish of Epping Carlingford	

The 250 Club!

RESULTS: Week 10: /4/2019 ~ Winning Number: TBA ~

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