

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

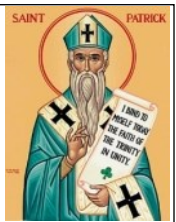
Diocese of Broken Bay

29th April 2018

5th Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This **unity between Jesus and his disciples** is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the **Gift of the Holy Spirit** enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. **These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus.** Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name. (Loyola Press).

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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)



The *images of vine and vineyard* are brought together beautifully in that well-known passage from Lumen Gentium, No. 6, the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The Church is a piece of land to be cultivated, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the Prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly Husbandman. The true vine is Christ who gives life and the power to bear abundant fruit to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ without whom we can do nothing."

This week, *let us pray* that our belonging to Christ be profound and real, going beyond all of the turbulence that exists on life's surface. May Christ's very life flow through us, building up the Body of Christ that is the Church.

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB CEO, Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation



First Friday of the Month:

4 May 2018

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am Reconciliation: 11.00am Healing Mass: 11.30am
followed by a shared community luncheon

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

7.30 - 8pm Silent Adoration 8 - 9pm praise and worship
9 - 9.45pm Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet and silent prayer
9.45pm Benediction.

Matt. 7:7: "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."

Heartfelt
Thanks

A personal note of thanks: "To Fr. Shiju and everyone who attended the 8am Mass last Sunday, my sincere heartfelt thanks to all. As I came to, I saw concerned faces all around me! They each helped in various ways. The quick action, care and patience from everyone was a proof of true Christianity in action. I was well and discharged from hospital 3 hours later. May the Lord bless you always." **Millie.**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

5th Week of Easter Year B

Monday 30/04

Monday of the 5th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 01/05

Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday

St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Mass of the Saint
Preface of Easter I-V or saint
Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

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

Friday

Friday of the 5th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Mass of the Day
Preface of Easter I-V
Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jolanta Uchman,
Donna O'Donohue,
Peter O'Donohue,
Peter O'Halloran,
Krystyna Maciejewska,
Brian Fernandez

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Barbara Halliday, Jean Cook,
Morrie Ramsden, Betty Borg,
Frank McLenaghan, Edwina
Subramany, Aiko Concepcion,
John Messina, Brian Neary, Darcy
Green, Ellen Asistente, Alfredo
De Ramos, Marcelina De Ramos,
Patricia Pascuzzo, Sam Calacoci,
Matthew Conlon, Ivy Daria, John
Buckley, Kath Lock, Narelle
Cartwright, Arlene Josen, Dn Jim
Caulfield, Mary Fernandes, John
Macy, Maciej Maciejewski,
Matthew Sutton, Barbara Jones,
Patricia Sanders, Cadia Maestri,
Monique Leyden, Robert Conlon,
Patrick Dorahy, Alfredo De
Ramos Sr, Barbara & Frederick
Novak, Tom & Moya.

Join us ...
Oz Rosary #53
to pray for
Australia

Join us on 13th May 2018 to
PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA
ITS PROTECTION, FUTURE AND YOUTH
at your nearest church or beach
with other Catholics at locations across Australia.

**On May 13 (Fatima Day) please join us for
Oz Rosary #53 to pray for Australia**

Over one million Catholics recently gathered around the borders of **Poland** to pray the rosary for protection of their country. **Italy** and **France** followed suite then Ireland with over 280 locations praying around their coastline.

The **UK** Rosary is to be held on the 29th April. With more than 220 locations and still growing, many Priests and Bishops are supporting the event by leading the people in prayer to local beaches, cliffs, boat piers and coastal areas. **Pope Francis has already given an apostolic Blessing to this initiative**, which is being called **'The Coast to Coast Rosary'**.

Australians, under the patronage of Bishop David Cremin who has Irish links, are holding theirs around the country on **Sunday 13th May, (Fatima Day)**. Already we are getting close to 100 locations: Legion of Mary, Fatima, youth, prayer and rosary groups are coming on board right across the nation to pray the rosary for the protection of Australia and for families and youth in response to the blessed Mother's request.

Major centres like Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane, Tasmania and Perth, all have multiple venues. St Mary's Cathedral in Perth is having a Living Rosary with numerous young people participating. Darwin Catholics are meeting at Lee Point on the beach as are Coojee people. One parish priest in Canberra is leading a gathering of people up to Black Mountain to pray for the city, while Esperance parishioners in WA are heading to the local lookout over the ocean with their local parish priest to pray. Another town in Western Australia, Manjimup, will see their congregation gather at the local church to pray the rosary and have a 'cuppa' afterwards.

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Eight Jesuits during World War II living only 10 blocks from the epicentre of the atomic blast in Hiroshima prayed the Fatima Rosary everyday for protection. All survived without any side effects of radiation and the building remained intact.

After World War II Russia invaded Austria—the Catholics were called to pray the rosary every day to end the communist occupation. After some years, the Russians pulled out of the country with no explanation. There are many other instances of **Mary's powerful intercession through the rosary** bringing protection to countries and people.

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**Mary said to the children at Medjugorje
that the rosary would work miracles in their lives.**

So if you would like to join in praying for the **Protection Of Australia**, you can either initiate your own rosary, join with other KCCP parishioner at the times and venues below or join in a group already happening.

The contacts and locations of which can be found at <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53> or go to 'Oz Rosary 53' Facebook site.
For further details please call Jane on 0476535595.



Oz Rosary #53 for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, NSW

The Rosary will be recited after each **Sunday Mass on 13 May** as follows:
Church of St Bernard, Berowra Heights: 9am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 8am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 10am Mass, followed by Rosary
Church of St Patrick, Asquith: 6pm Mass, followed by Rosary



Children's Choir practices resume this Friday, 4th May, at 4 to 5pm in St Patrick's church. This is a multi-age group that sings music from a broad range of traditions, at 10am Mass twice per month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during school terms.

Practices are held every week, to learn new music and improve our choral singing skills. New singers are always welcome, from Year 3 and up. Please just come along to our next practice.

Select Choir will also resume rehearsals this Friday, 4th May, at 5 to 6pm in St Patrick's church.

Senior Parish Choir will be singing at the regular monthly parish Mass of Anointing this Friday, 4th May, at 11.30am in St Bernard's church. Brief practice before Mass at 11.15am. New singers always welcome - no age restriction! Light luncheon follows! Enq: Pat Smith 9482 7935 or contact parish office.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

The 2nd Collection: Is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH** to **FUNCTION FINANCIALLY** and goes to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars, petrol etc etc.

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





CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL
100% tax deductible



The 3rd and final CWF Appeal for the 2017 / 18 financial year commences next weekend May 5 / 6

Are you wanting to help the church with the bonus of a 100% tax deduction? Then this is the perfect time of year to consider supporting the CWF Appeal.

Where does the money I provide go to?

The Diocese has made a YouTube video to answer this very question and it can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/pRkfOfM_xM4 OR <https://youtu.be/tAiTIT6CgEI> and next weekend our parish finance committee members will speak regarding this appeal.

In short though, the CWF provides for 5 important works throughout the Diocese being: 5 Pastoral Care Practitioners across 7 hospitals, CatholicCare, The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), St Edmund's and St Lucy's Schools & the Ephpheta Centre.

The full 2017/18 quota payable by KCCP to the DBB is \$34,803, And the amount we are hoping to realise at this final stage of the current appeal is \$11,601.

Each Parish in our Diocese is set a levy which has to be met, but **if unmet by donations to the appeal, the 'shortfall' is taken from parish funds** (which would otherwise be used for essential maintenance work).

Envelopes will be available next weekend ~ please place on either plate at Mass.

Above all, please remember your ongoing support to the CWF (great or small), is greatly appreciated and I sincerely thank you for giving whatever you can. Fr Shaju.



A big welcome back to our Parish Priest Fr Shaju John.

Father returns to us this weekend having enjoyed a refreshing break at home.

Father is keen to get back into his pastoral work among us, *(he's not quite so keen on his 'in-tray' though !!)*

You were missed Father.



We take this opportunity to **sincerely thank**

Fr Duck and Fr Johny for their pastoral care of us during Fr Shaju's absence.

We were yet again blessed to have you both minister to us during this time.

We ask Our Lord to bless you both and the good works you do for Him always.

Youth News

'It was a great turnout at last month's KCCP Youth Group. There was some fun, some games and lots of food! **Don't forget our next gathering is coming up on May 6 following youth mass.** If you would like to participate in Youth Mass by reading, singing, offertory or altar serving please email me or contact me at the Parish Office.

* **Pymble Parish: Praise & Worship night** on April 29 @ Sacred Heart Church, to celebrate the Year of Youth with the Salvatorian Fathers. Come along to what promises to be an amazing night of music, testimonies and supper, in the presence of our diocesan Year of Youth Cross. Special performers will be coming for the night, and we know this will make it even more inspiring! For more info contact Sacred Heart Parish, Pymble.

* **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory, will be exploring the fascinating topic of how faith and science co-exist. Join him @ the Light of Christ Centre Saturday April 28, 10am – 12:30pm. RSVP 20 April www.trybooking.com/ucj For more info on any of these events please contact me at michelle.chahine@dbb.org.au.

See you all on May 6 @ St Patrick's!

Alpha 5 may have finished ... but don't be fooled, Michelle never rests on our laurels for long!

Our 5th offering of Alpha concluded at St Bernard's during the week and whilst small in number was big on output. The retreat day was especially enjoyed by all who attended.



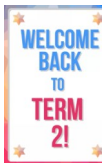
'I decided to participate in Alpha to refresh and deepen my spirituality, to find purpose in life. During the course of Alpha I felt more at peace and that my existing Faith was strengthened. I've made new friends and feel more loved and have found new meaning in life.'

and no one would dispute our singling out Michelle Chahine for individual thanks in her organising and running of Alpha 5. *There's no one quite like you Michelle, sincere thanks from us all.*

Alpha 6 starts on Monday 30 April 2018 and is taking a whole new direction.

Michelle, in consultation with Fr Shiju, the Principal, and Year 6 teachers of St Bernard's Catholic Primary will guide our Year 6 SBB students on their very own version of Alpha.

We ask that you keep our students in your prayers for the success of this wonderful initiative within our parish and parish school.



Teachers and students at our schools are welcomed back to Term 2.

We trust that you have had a relaxing holiday and are ready to begin Term 2.

We ask God's blessings on all your endeavours throughout the term and that you work with joy and fulfilment.



With one breath we say 'thank you' with the next we implore 'help, please'

Our thanks go to Bob Nichols who is the latest of our parishioners to retire from the **Maintenance and Gardening Roster at St Patrick's.**

We now appeal for others to step-up and fill the growing gaps on this roster.

Our need for willing helpers is becoming a little desperate! Can you help? Please?

The roster covers **1 month in every 7** and involves essentially 'outside work'.

Please call the office to help.



Safeguarding Message: April ~ A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April ~ For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters:
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



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CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 5th / 6th May—6th Sunday of Easter

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

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

	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 Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shaju John	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shiju Simon	Fr Shaju John
Acolyte/Snr Server	Sam Funk	Vince Hughes	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	Malcolm Cross	Robert Pesavento
Server	David Russell Alodie Wheeler Isara Wheeler	Alena Hartmann Jake Scully Freya Tonkin	Jessica Chacon Maddie Lever Ben Montgomery	Felix Holm Conor Collins	Georgia Osborne Sam Valderama Joshua Tay Sophia Gomez	
Reader	Donna Machado Francesca Parrino	Paul Maher Peta Tonkin	Henning Schneider Yvonne Thomas	Rosemary Pendlebury Simone Noel	Sandra Maloney Mary Stokesr	Dom De Gula Cherry De Guia
Children's Liturgy	May 6, 2018, Jackie T		May 6, 2018 Karen P, Belinda A & Kathleen Q.			
Communion to Sick	Gus Davis, Kerrin Enright		Susie Gates, Sue Lum			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Natasha Steele, Genevieve Funk, Ted Cook, Fiona Cunningham, Annette Shapter(s)		Sophie Kwok(f), Meralyn Tarte, Lea Mead, Barbara Folkard, Rosemary Pendlebury (Friday)			
Maintenance	Teams B: David, Phil, Denis, Justin, Chris, Ralph		May: Bill Holmes, Bill Hester, John Hajduk			
Counters	Ann Hard, David Funk		Mary and Peter McAleer, Imm and Thomas Lui, Annie Wong			

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	LITURGICAL SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE
<p>Rosary After weekday Masses both Churches</p> <p>Visit Housebound Fr Shaju John & Fr Shiju Simon 9456 2450</p> <p>Urgent sick calls Fr Shaju John 9456 7012 (Presbytery) Fr Shiju Simon 9476 8843 (Presbytery)</p> <p>Nursing Home Visits By request</p> <p>Clergy Days Off Fr Shaju John – Monday Fr Shiju Simon – Tuesday</p> <p>Home Visits For Masses, House Blessings & Pastoral Requests Please phone the Pastoral Centre 9456 2450.</p> <p>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></p>	<p>* ALPHA 6 — a special journey of faith with our Year 6 students at SBB</p> <p>* Oz Rosary #53 - Sunday May 13 after each of our parish masses</p> <p>* CWF Final Appeal for 2017/18 financial year - <i>please provide whatever you can</i></p>
<p>250 Club:</p> <p>Wk 17: 16/4/18 Winning number 572 - \$25 - Unsub'd</p> <p>Wk 18: 23/4/18 Winning number 740 - \$25 - goes to: Anne Eastaway</p>	<p>ON THE NOTICEBOARD—full details of:</p> <p>* Palms Information Sessions Parramatta and Sydney in May.</p> <p>* Father Factor—practical things to do to build your relationship with your children. 3 opportunities during May.</p> <p>* Men's Breakfast—12 May 2018 Berowra Heights.</p> <p>* Oz Rosary #53 - Sunday May 13 after each of our parish masses</p> <p>* World Meeting of Families in Ireland – August 2018.</p> <p>* Life Marriage & Family Weekly Notice from the DBB.</p> <p>* 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</p>

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