

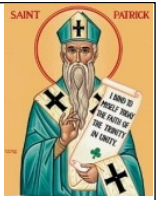
# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 29th March 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A**

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45**



**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'*

## ALL PUBLIC MASSES Weekday and Weekend have been SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY



### Rage against Death © Fr Michael Tate

When he heard of the fatal illness of Lazarus, Jesus decided to leave the safety of the far side of the Jordan and travel to Judea – a place of vulnerability and mortal danger.

Why? Why undertake such a perilous mission for Lazarus in the first instance, but also for you and for me, for the whole of humanity. This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, bordering on anger. He is raging against something. What?

He is raging against the seeming finality of death, against that border marked by the grave, a border he intends to cross.

It was his mission to overcome the apparent final dominance of death. The raising of Lazarus is a demonstration of His power to rob death of its supposed supremacy. We hope eventually to share in the fruits of that power.

In the meantime there are at least two ways in which we can place ourselves in this Gospel passage.

At times, you and I are Lazarus. You and I and the whole of humanity need to be liberated, sometimes from the tombs which we construct for ourselves. At other times we need to be freed from grave situations, deadening experiences brought about by others.

At some stage, we will hear the voice of Our Lord. We will be, we are, called by name as was Lazarus: 'Michael, or Mary, emerge from your tomb!' Strangely enough, sometimes it is more comfortable to pretend not to hear that voice. Am I, are you, willing to take the risk of starting life afresh?

The second situation in which we can place ourselves in the Gospel story is with those gathered around the tomb.

Did you notice that our Lord himself did not set Lazarus completely free? You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but it is only the start.

Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past.

This is where Our Lord needs assistants. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of *others* which enabled Lazarus to walk, not shuffle, to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience, who has suffered some event which has drained them of life.

So, at any particular moment we may be summoned like Lazarus, or commanded like those gathered around the tomb of someone else.

We get the courage to respond because it is the summons or command of the One who definitively conquered death, the One who in today's Gospel proclaims: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life, the one who believes in me, even if they die, will live.'

Lord, we believe in you. We will take the step from the situation in which we find ourselves entombed. We will help liberate others already helped by your grace. We are your faithful people moving towards the celebration of your victory over death. We believe that you are the Resurrection and the Life.

*Dear brothers and sisters.* We are going through a tough time, but remember, Jesus conquered all troubles, spiritual as well as physical.

I urge you to please look to the cross at this time and meditate on it. By the cross, Jesus saved all of us.

The story of Lazarus gives us hope. After the death of their brother, there was chaos and darkness in the lives of Martha and Mary. When Jesus resurrected Lazarus, and brought him back to full human life, there was light and hope again in their lives.

We are comforted in the knowledge that we are already, always united to one another in the Holy Spirit. This means that though we may not be able to go about interacting with one another, seeing one another in person or sharing real time together, the ordinary and extraordinary events of our lives, we are still bound to one another and connected to each other by God's grace.

We ask for your patience, assistance and understanding, during this unprecedented situation. We understand the difficulty these changes will have for many families, communities, our parish and our own country. Let us continue to pray for one another and remember that while we are separated by quarantine, self-isolation and social distancing, Pope Francis reminds us that united in Christ we are never alone.

As people of Faith, pray. We live in hope that our God is with us, even during this time of challenge and concern. Our God's hand is upon us – even when we are sick, suffering and in isolation, and making decisions about what to do during these times. We live in Christian hope that our God hears us, strengthens us and walks with us at all times and during every challenge.

I pray that God may walk with you, always. *Fr Shaju John*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS  
and PRAYERS**

**Lent 5th Week  
Monday 30/03**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;  
Jn 8: 1-11

**Tuesday 31/03**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday 01/04**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday 02/04**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday 03/04**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday 04/04**

Weekday, Mass of the day  
Preface of Passion of the Lord I  
Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Clare Daley, Greg Cooper, Peter Hanson, Peter O'Connell, Jillian Arthur, Win Colman, Jimmy Fitzgerald.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph Treacy, James Treacy, Denis Mulligan, Araceli B. Padlan, Rosalinda de Ramos, Concepcion & Gesmundo Daria, Elde & Andrea Daria, Geoff Warren, Luz Turqueza, Eufemia Tugadi, Rose Hayden, Neville Nicholson, Clem Salmon, Francis, Hilda & Terence Conlon, Dr Michael Way, Dr Frances Maung, Karen Fitzgerald, Bill Colman, Rita McEnroe, Wlodek Pieprzytic.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Patricia O'Malley, 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, Eve Davis (baby), Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Paula McGaulley, Michael Quinn, June Eileen, Patricia Smith (Carlton), Ramona Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Brookman, 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.

**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.*

**PASTORAL CENTRE**

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

**Latest information from the Diocese:**

As of Monday last, our church buildings are no longer open for private prayer. They are to remain locked with the exception of Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms.

- ◆ Weddings are restricted to the Priest, Bride, Groom, and two witnesses.
- ◆ Funerals (in the case of our churches) are restricted to the Priest and 9 other persons – (smaller churches may mean even less mourners)
- ◆ Baptisms are restricted to the Priest, the child, the parents and two (but preferably one) Godparent.

**Watch Mass live-streamed to your home.**

**Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass will be live-streamed via our Facebook page.**

Like our Facebook page so you are ready to live-stream Mass from our parish.

**During this period of suspension of masses,**

We want to keep in touch with you! We are doing so via:

**KCCP Website:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp>

**KCCP Facebook page:**

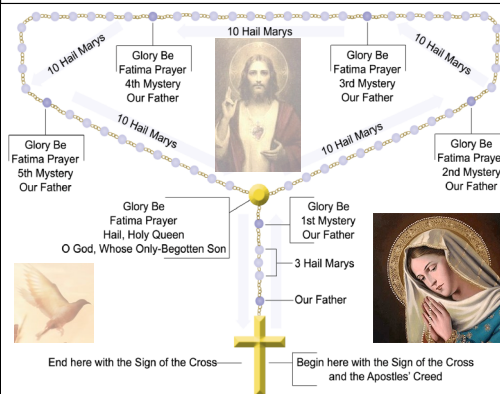
<https://www.facebook.com/Ku-ring-gai-Chase-Catholic-Parish-1789189034642054/>

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**Parish office:** 9456 2450

**Diocese of Broken Bay Website:** <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/>

**Something new:** We are sending out a **Regular Friday Email** to parishioners which we hope will be appreciated and informative. If you have not received an email or know of other parishioners who would like to receive this weekly update, please send email details to: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au) and insert in the subject line **"Please add me/us to the Friday Mailout List"**. This may also affect you if you have updated an email and not advised the parish office. *We are here for you. KCCP Staff.*



**The Holy Rosary to our Blessed Mother, Mary**

The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

**How to recite the Rosary**

**follow the diagram on the left, working anti-clockwise from the cross:**

**The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: He descended into hell: the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty: from thence He shall 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.

**Glory Be:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

**Fatima Prayer:** O my Jesus, Forgive us our sins Save us from the fires of hell Lead all souls to heaven Especially those in most need of Thy Mercy. Amen.

**Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)** Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy; hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**V.** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. **R.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Concluding Prayers:** O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
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**The JOYFUL MYSTERIES of the Holy Rosary** (suggested to pray on Mon. & Sat.)

1. The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38);
2. The Visitation of Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56);
3. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-21);
4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2:22-38);
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-52)

**The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES of the Rosary** (suggested to pray on Tues. & Fri.)

1. The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-56);
2. Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26);
3. Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31);
4. Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)
5. The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

**The GLORIOUS MYSTERIES of the Rosary** (suggested to pray on Wed. & Sun.)

1. The Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29);
2. The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven (Luke 24:36-53);
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Virgin Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41);
4. The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven (*Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII 1950);
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12:1)

**The LUMINOUS MYSTERIES of the Rosary** (suggested to pray on Thursday)

1. The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16);
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11);
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mark 1:14-15);
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matthew 26)