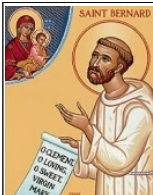


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Diocese of Broken Bay ~9th August 2020 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



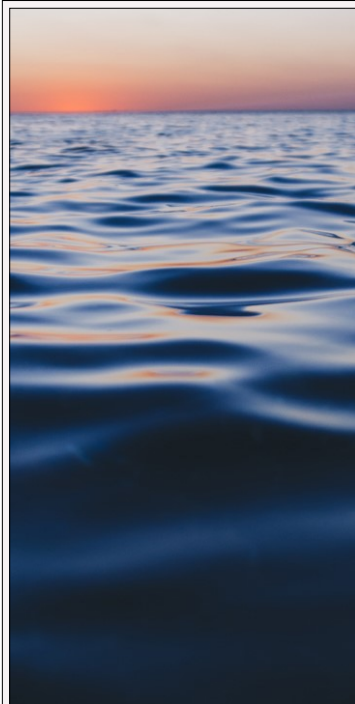
Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Communion Antiphon: The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

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'



HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

A conservative Protestant Church in a sleepy fishing village had to find a new minister. Over the protests of Jimmy, the senior Elder, a woman was hired as the new Pastor.

After the Reverend Gayle had been there a few weeks, Tom, a member of the congregation, offered to take her out fishing. Jimmy reluctantly agreed to allow them to use his boat for the day's outing but insisted that he lead the expedition.

The trio got into the boat and motored out on the lake. When they got ready to fish, they realised that all their tackle had been left on the dock. Tom concluded that they would just have to go back and get it. Reverend Gayle said that wouldn't be necessary, and she got out of the boat and started walking across the water toward the dock.

Jimmy, who refused to be impressed by Gayle's miraculous abilities observed, 'See I told you we never should have hired that woman. She can't even swim.'

The hit animation film *Shrek* was praised by critics for many things but most especially for the clever way it quoted from several other much-loved animation films. When writers do this, it's called 'intertextuality', where one text uses another text to tell the story. Some of the references in *Shrek* were obvious; others took a little longer to reveal themselves. Some were used in a new way that turned the original story upside down. Whether any of us got all or none of the references didn't affect the enjoyment we derived from the film, it only added to what was already a great tale.

The story of Jesus walking on the water is in a similar vein to *Shrek*. In eleven verses Matthew quotes several other stories in the Old Testament, uses them in his own way and re-interprets all of them in reference to Jesus. It might be lost on some of us who just enjoy the power of the story, but none of this intertextuality would have been lost on Matthew's first hearers.

Poor old Job found God in the midst of a storm, and winds and waves are a usual Old Testament shorthand for the perils of life. The image of the boat was an early symbol for the Church and Matthew has all Jesus' disciples in it. Jesus hovering over the waters has echoes of the action of the Spirit in the first account of creation in Genesis. Even Jesus restoring calm to the sea follows on from what the Prophet Jonah had done before. For the keen student there is much more besides.

Matthew's account is magnificent on its own terms, but with these details we can see he is also interested in a theological message. Jesus, the Son of God and Lord of creation, remains faithful to the disciples, no matter how treacherous the seas or how great their fear. He has come to them so that they may be saved and recreated as the Church who recognises that he is the fulfilment of creation, the one whom Israel has been longing to see and embrace.

And what does all this mean for us?

We are inheritors of Matthew's faith. We're here because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God who has saved us from ourselves and from destruction. But it also means that in every storm that threatens our lifeboat Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life.

Aren't we lucky Jesus never learnt to swim?

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Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

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Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

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.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday	9.30 am at St Patrick's
Every Friday	After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

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.*

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS
and PRAYERS**

ORDINARY TIME

**Monday 10/08 ~ Feast
St Lawrence, deacon, martyr**

Mass of Feast, Gloria
Preface of Holy Martyrs
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

**Tuesday 11/08 ~ Memorial
St Clare, virgin**

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Ezek 2:8 -3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 12/08

Mass *ad libitum*
Ezek 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 13/08

Mass *ad libitum*
Ezek 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday 14/08 ~ Memorial
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe,
priest, martyr**

Mass of the Saint
Preface of weekday or saint
Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 15/08

**The ASSUMPTION of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass of the Day
Gloria, Creed, Preface of Assumption
Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;
1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: James (Jim)
Cadger, Wilhelmine (Wilma) Brayshaw,
Tomas Joson III, Eleanor Malabonga,
Mary Ann Weir, Jocelyn Ibanez, Antonietta
(Toni) Dal Pozzo, Wilfreda Atillo, Ester
Filart, Sally O'Donoghue, Gabrielle Kirby,
Denise Plumber, Noelene Smith

ANNIVERSARIES: Gesmundo &
Concepcion Daria, Josie & Max Buie,
Arthur Marsh, Luz Turqueza, Mel Sheldon,
Jovencia Ferrer, John Barnett, Michael
Weir, Mary & Frank Jack, Lynette Maguire,
Anthony Gerard Smith, Pastor Alvarado

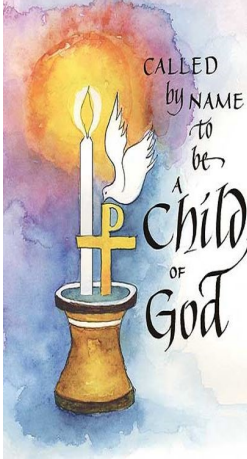
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Marie O'Hare,
Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Barbara McMullen,
Alan Brooke, Leslee (Joy) Mustey, Craig
Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell,
Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr),
Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan
Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins,
Marie Mickelson, Felicity Fone, Graeme
Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat
Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick
Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado,
Maureen Sharpe, Penny Rigor, Jwona
Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir,
Michael McGaullay, Estrellado, Cathy
Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts,
Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew
Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy,
Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden,
Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko
Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente,
Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene
Joson, 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.

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



The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on
Saturday August 15th at 9am at

St Patrick's, Asquith AND St Bernard's, Berowra Heights



**A Diocesan change to the
Reception of Baptism
in our Parish.**

A couple of weeks back we advise of
Bishop Anthony's new approach to the
Sacrament of Confirmation in our Diocese.
We now advise of some changes to the
requirements prior to the Sacrament of
Baptism in our Diocese.

*Given the times we live in and the various
styles of family life, going forward and
prior to a Baptism taking place, our priest/
s will need to ensure the following facts
are known/recorded:*

- * If parents are separated/divorced, the Baptism cannot continue until both parties have given consent.
- * Outside the context of the danger of death, no child can be baptised without their parents' consent.
- * If parents do not live with the parish boundaries, written permission from the proper Parish Priest must be obtained before Baptism can proceed in our parish.
- * All required information is to be supplied to the parish office before the Baptism. If not received it cannot take place.

The above is implemented to ensure that the celebrant is assured (prior to the Baptism) that they have full visibility of the circumstances related to the child and the request for Baptism.

Please note:

- * Children 4 years of age or older are now required to undertake the Diocesan Programme for Older Children.
- * This will involve the parents and children taking part in a programme of preparation over a 3 to 4 week period so the child being baptised may enter the celebration with as much awareness as possible.

Preparation for Holy Communion



With the restrictions in place on numbers attending weekend masses, this year we will be holding Eucharist across a mixture of masses but over just two weeks, however, this programme may change if restrictions change.

The reception of First Eucharist will therefore be received as follows:

St Patrick's Church, Asquith:

Saturday 22 August - a special 4pm First Communicants and their families Mass ONLY Saturday 22 August - is our usual 6pm Vigil Mass— and is for ALL parishioners to attend, however, a few Communicants and families will be present at this Mass also.

Sunday 23 August - a special 12midday First Communicants and their families Mass ONLY

St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights:

Sunday 30 August - A special 10.30am First Communicants and their families Mass ONLY

Sunday 30 August - A special 12midday First Communicants and their families Mass ONLY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Bernard's Restoration Appeal:

Your continued financial assistance towards this restoration is appreciated.

In this Golden Anniversary Year we ask that you consider making even a small contribution towards the works done to preserve St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights. Donations can be made over the phone with a credit or debit card, by cheque or direct deposit and even cash. For assistance or more information please call the office.

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

BSB: 062 784 **Account:** 1238 8001
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account

When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections.

The 250 Club!

**Week 17:
3/8/2020**

Winning No.: 317 ~ Amt: \$25



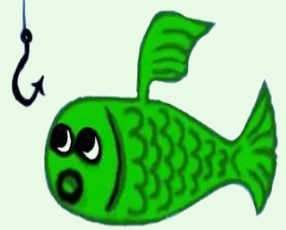
Peter Daly

Tax Receipts now available: from the back of the church if you have not already received yours via email.
A number of unclaimed Planned Giving Envelopes still awaiting collecting. Please collect yours asap

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: The Maritime World.



We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



**'THAT EMAIL'
most certainly
WAS NOT
from Fr Shaju !**

Earlier this week we became aware of an email 'phishing' scam with the email purporting to be from Fr Shaju.

In this instance the sender sends greetings and asks for a favour – please do not respond to this email.

Any email to you from Fr Shaju will be sent from the email service provider **@bbcatholic.org.au** (not @gmail.com as is used in this phishing example).

Unfortunately a user of a free email service such as gmail can give themselves any name they would like, which can allow scams such as these to appear legitimate.

As this is a manually written email with no advertising content, it is generally not possible for spam detection software to block such email, but by engaging with them by return email they know your email address is legitimate.

Covid Caretaking ~ Caring for our Community & each other



THE # 1 RULE - **You MUST follow** **ALL DIRECTIONS of the USHER/s**

At the moment; next to our Priest/s;
our Ushers are probably **THE** most important
people at our Masses.
They have taken on this volunteer role to help
ensure the safety of us all.

Please -

**it is vital that you follow all directions of our
Ushers without question.**
**Please sit only where you are directed to sit,
sanitise your hands on arrival and departure,
do not congregate after Mass
or on church grounds.**

Celebrating Holy Mass Together

- * **Reservations**
- * **Noting of your attendance**
- * **Collection of your contact details**
- * **Subsequent reservations**

Reservations: can be made by calling the office or preferably via
the office email, parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au

Noting of your attendance: you need to see the Usher on your
arrival at Mass and if you have made an advance reservation, have
your name marked off or, have your name recorded if not on the list.

Collection of your contact details: to comply with the NSW
Government's Covid-19 Safe Guidelines, it is a requirement that we
collect your contact numbers of the Mass reservation/attendance list.
Where possible the office has added numbers however we need to
ensure that your contact number is correct. Please check your
details with the Usher and amend if necessary and provide if absent.

Subsequent Reservations: can be made when registering your
attendance at the current weekend masses. Simply advise the Usher
of your intention to attend Mass the following weekend and you
name will be added to the list. Most parishioners always attend the
same mass but if you want to attend a different mass the following
week, the Usher can also note this preference on the list.

AFTER MASS CHURCH CLEANING: We are in need of volunteers
to remain at the end of weekend masses to disinfect the pews before the
next Mass. **Please consider giving 5 minutes of your time to keep
everyone safe. Thanks.**

Whilst Baptisms / Funerals / Weddings never stopped during Covid-19 it
is great news that restrictions on people attending these in our churches
have also been lightened inline with the numbers shown above.

Urgent call "Be there for Me", please listen and answer

Maxon has been receiving weekly SRE lesson since he began school in 2019. His parents were pleasantly surprised that these classes were part of what their local public school offered. Both coming from Catholic families and having baptised their three children, SRE was a positive choice for them.



During Term 2 when they were doing home schooling, Maxon and his brother requested video lessons from their Pop who is an experienced Catechist. As it turned out, their grandparents were home schooling two of Maxon's cousins so there was a SRE class of four boys for a few weeks.

Having not seen each other for a while, these family friends were keen to catch up before and after the lessons. Some told stories or shared news while the others were happy to just see each other. Maxon was often happy to play with a toy while others chatted. When the lessons got underway Maxon really engaged with the stories, the symbols and learning activities. He particularly liked answering question about what he had seen and heard. Aspects of these lessons sometimes came up later with parents and siblings in the course of their daily lives. Having enjoyed creating art from an early age, Maxon made beautiful Easter cards this year and sent them to all his extended family including great-grandmothers who were isolated in their homes. Unbeknownst to Maxon and his family, these gifts have been lovingly received, cherished and safely stored as reminders of special kindness in a most unusual time.

Now as Term 3 begins Maxon and his school friends are anticipating their catechist's return to teach them about God. Unfortunately, in the current situation it is a bit risky for some catechists to resume SRE lessons. What a shame for children like Maxon who enjoy learning about the faith of their families to miss out on this opportunity. Maxon and his friends are asking you to **Be There For Me**. To be a relief Catechist just call the parish office on 9456 2450. After a little training you could be presenting pre-packaged lessons to a group of keen kids like Maxon.

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE BY FOLLOWING:

The Aust. Govt. and DBB Guidelines.

- * The number allowed to be present in a church is now to be calculated on the basis of one **person to each 4m²**. Using this formula we can accommodate **100 persons in St Patrick's** and **60 persons in St Bernard's**.
- * **Names and contact details MUST be provided to the Usher.**
- * Once the capacity in numbers is reached, the doors of the church will be closed.
- * If unwell - **DO NOT** come to mass and please, see your doctor;
- * Sanitise your hands on arrival and departure;
- * Follow **ALL** directions from the **USHERS**;
- * **Normal Social Distancing is expected in and around the church at all times.**
- * When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning—please disperse immediately and **DO NOT** congregate outside the church after mass;
- * The collection plate will be brought to you—please **DO NOT TOUCH** the plate.
- * *Please, please* **DO NOT TOUCH Holy Pictures and Statues**
- * Tap n Go is available at the back of the church for those who do not want to handle cash.
- * **Weekday** attendees **MUST** write your name and contact details in the book (please use your own pen);
- * **Weekend** masses can be booked via the parish email: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au
- * **Your health is important to us.** To ensure your safety and that of each other, please help us by following all the above points. *Take care, stay safe, stay well.*

Strong recommendation to wear masks: from the Diocese of Broken Bay.

As many would already be aware, on Sunday 2 August the Premier, along with the Chief medical officer announced the strong recommendation to wear masks in the following situations:

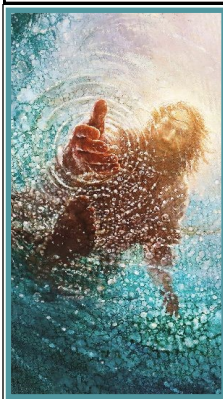
- in indoor settings where physical distancing is hard to maintain, such as on public transport or in supermarkets
- in indoor settings with a higher risk of transmission, such as for the staff of hospitality and customer-facing venues i.e. cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs
- **during attendance at places of worship.**
- **In line with this, we ask that you strongly consider the use of face masks when attending Mass or religious service.**
- Please note that at this stage, it is not a mandate and does not replace any other COVID-19 safe practices, such as social distancing.
- You are however encouraged to use face masks as this will be another step in helping to keep our community safe during this time.

ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 15th/16th August – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Denis Steiner	Mani Subramany	Sue Lum	David Massa	Keith Fone
Reader (1)	Mark Dunkley	Peter Collins	Celia Cox	Vivienne Schreiber	Simone Noel	Michael Halliday
Reader (2)	Natasha Steele	Paul Maher	Helen Chui	Russell Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Fiona Fone
Usher / s	Jerome Gomez	Paul Dryden	Chris Smith	Cynthia Gilbertson	Sue & Chris Newnham	Les Fogden
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Marlene Moloney (f), Gisela Muschal (S)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo, Leticia Wee			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		August: Sydney Fernandes, Richard Fellow, Helper needed			

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*.



The August Broken Bay News

(which didn't arrive last week, so our apologies if you went looking)

It is **NOW available** today from the back of our churches together with the **A Vocations Prayer Card** Bishop Anthony wrote for Vocations to Priesthood in Broken Bay. It is also available online at https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_august_2020

This issue celebrates Vocations Awareness Week, with a feature on our seminarians Roger, Sam and Aldrin all in their last stages of formation before diaconate, as well as spotlight on homelessness and CatholicCare's response in Broken Bay. We also feature the launch of our schools new vision *Towards 2025* and much more.

The Prayer Card features the image *The Hand of God* by Yongsung Kim.

The working document – or instrumentum laboris – for the Plenary Council will provide a constant reminder of the need for deep and ongoing discernment of God's will for the Church, the Council's president has said. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/working-document-next-step-on-plenary-council-journey>

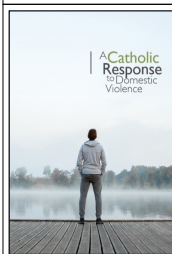


A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [Bishop Anthony 4 August 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week, I would like to offer you a short quote from Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose feast day we celebrate on Saturday 8 August. Our Saint, who suffered much due to the uncharitable ways of a couple of bishops and priests, and several of her own Sisters, simply said, "God gives me strength for what is necessary." I have no doubt that Saint Mary was familiar with the struggles of her time. She was a Prophetess for the poor, she advocated for children and the vulnerable, and she blazoned new ways of reaching out to those on the edge of the Church and society. To do all these things, and more, meant that she often stirred the minds and hearts of men and women who were happy with the status quo and who sometimes avoided change because change has a tendency to make some people feel uncomfortable. As a woman of faith, Mary MacKillop was a woman of prayer who meditated deeply on the Word of God and who fed on the Body of Christ. She knew Jesus Christ personally in her life and in the community of the Church. Despite her many hardships, hurts, and frustrations, she never abandoned her faith. Faith is a gift from God. Once given, God never takes the gift back, and no one can rob us of it. Saint Mary teaches us that all things are possible, if we realise that God desires only what is good and holy for us in our lives. God calls the Christian community to be a witness in human history. This is our vocation. Each one of us, like Saint Mary of the Cross, is called to proclaim by word and deed that God is our strength. In challenging times such as these, the world needs witnesses of faith. For our part, our discipleship as sisters and brothers of Jesus, leads us always into the world – where Jesus has gone before us. Not everyone is open to hearing or receiving the Good News. Some will reject it while others will reject the messenger. No one particularly likes rejection. Preaching the Gospel of Jesus is seldom an experience of comfort or ease. Yet, that is what we do as Christians. The great reward in evangelising is the joy we receive when others come to life in Christ. In his Encyclical on Christian Hope, Pope Benedict XVI gave us some insight into why we must persist in our joyful proclamation of the Gospel. He reminds us that we are created for greatness—for God himself; we are created to be filled by God. (Benedict XVI, Spe salvi 33) Our vocation is ultimately a calling to be with God. In a spirit of faith and hope, I invite you this week to discern once more your calling as a Catholic Christian. One part of your discernment will be asking God what you are to do in life. The other part of your discernment will be discovering

who God is calling you to be. Enjoy your time with the Lord who gives you strength for what is necessary. + *Anthony*



A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence - The Broken Bay Domestic Violence Booklet:

A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence

has been refreshed including a message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo who reminds us that "Through this, may we together become better educated so as to work against the various personal and social factors that contribute to all forms of abuse within our homes." View and download the booklet from: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/catholic-life-faith-formation/social-justice/domestic-violence>

A suite of refreshed resources on domestic violence, including other language translations will be available soon. For more information, please email evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au