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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30 - 11 -25

This week: Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44
Next week: Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Saviour of the world. We ask you to bless this Advent wreath, which we honour as a remembrance of your first coming at Bethlehem, your final coming in glory, & your daily coming amongst us in grace. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you each day with joy and gladness, & be prepared to meet you on the glorious day of our death.

The wreath is sprinkled with holy water and the first candle is lit.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world come that we might have life in its fullness.
All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the Flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.
All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.
All: Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.

Please resume singing the hymn.

REMEMBER: JUST ONE SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS FROM NOW ON:



A reminder that we now have a single Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturdays at our Killara church (There is no longer a 6pm Vigil Mass at Lindfield).

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES



are available on the pews in both our churches.

The contributions via the Christmas Offering supplements the funds raised via the First Collection for the support and upkeep of the priests of our parish and diocese. The fund it goes to depends very much on these special contributions at Christmas and Easter, without which it struggles to meet its commitments.

Please support the Christmas Offerings. The envelopes can be placed on the collection plates along with the normal collections over the next few weeks.

Gifts for children in Waterloo



Once again this year, through St Vincent de Paul Society, we will be providing gifts to children in the Waterloo area.

If you can help please take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the foyer of either church, purchase a gift and return by

NEXT SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER.

HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL & LINDFIELD KILLARA CATHOLIC PARISH PRESENT

Carols & Cuisine

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER
5-6.30PM FOOD STALLS
6.30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CAROLLING & MUSIC
Holy Family students, Parishioners and the audience!

FOOD STALLS
The wonderful families in our school & parish community, representing many cultural cuisines including:
CHINESE INDIAN ITALIAN PERSIAN LEBANESE THAI

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See p.8 for options.



Our Christmas Celebrations



CELEBRATIONS OF CHRISTMAS:

Children's Vigil Masses:

Wednesday 24th December:

5:30pm at Killara

6:00pm at Lindfield

Mass of Christmas Night:

Wednesday 24th December

10:30pm at Lindfield

preceded by a Service of Carols at 10:00pm

Christmas morning:

Thursday 25th December

8:00am at Lindfield

9:30am at Killara

10:15am at Lindfield

(no evening Mass on 25th December)

Some snapshots from the last week....



Above: Years 5 & 6 from Holy Family School came for a visit to our Seniors Group monthly gathering (sadly numbers were down because of terrible weather) and provided entertainment and then stopped to have a chat.



Above: At the 10:15am Mass last Sunday we welcomed the Kindergarten families for 2026 in our Parish School.

Our Christmas Choir

for the 10:30pm Mass of Christmas Night
on Wednesday 24th December
(preceded by the Service of Carols at 10pm)



We hope you can take part!

Rehearsals will be as follows:

Saturday 6th Dec. 3pm to 5pm in Lindfield Church

Saturday 13th Dec. 3pm to 5pm in Lindfield Church

Saturday 20th Dec. 3pm to 5pm in Lindfield Church

Please let Catherine Willis know if you can take part so that she can have music prepared for you:

catherinewillis@gmail.com

The Season of Advent

Our diocese has prepared a four-week Advent reflection programme based on the four Sunday Gospels of the Advent Season.

Booklets are available in the foyers of each of the churches.



End of Year Healing Mass & pre-Christmas Lunch

As always, our December Healing Mass (on Friday 12th December at Killara) will be at the later time of **11:00am** and will be followed by lunch in St Joseph's Hall. We especially invite all our senior parishioners.



To help with catering please put your name down on the sheets in the foyers of both our churches.

Advent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As the first season of the liturgical year Advent brings with it the invitation to renewal of heart, to 'prepare the way of the Lord'.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful and gentle way of entering into that movement of the heart.

The sacrament is celebrated on the Saturdays of Advent (see page 6 for times) and there will be a celebration of the **Second (community) Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 17th December at 7:00pm in Holy Family church.**



Please note though that there will be no celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the final Saturday before Christmas.

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Food for the spirit....

This week's appointment with the Doctor...



Pope Leo recently named St John Henry Newman, the famous 19th century convert from the Church of England to the Catholic Church, a Doctor of the Church - becoming one of the only 38 members of the Church in its 2000 year history to receive that title.

'Doctor' in this context comes from the original Latin meaning of that word - 'Teacher'. The Doctors of the Church are saints whose exemplary wisdom has been judged to offer a perennial teaching to the Church well beyond their own context and time.

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have released a series of six short articles which explore the life, wisdom and teaching of St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church. We are publishing them here each week....

Part IV: Education: Moral and intellectual 'under one roof'

I would like to pay particular tribute to his vision for education, which has done so much to shape the ethos that is the driving force behind Catholic schools and colleges today. Firmly opposed to any reductive or utilitarian approach, he sought to achieve an educational environment in which intellectual training, moral discipline and religious commitment would come together.^[1] Pope Benedict XVI

Newman clearly understood the importance of a both moral and intellectual formation of the human person. He had, and continues to have, a profound influence on modern approaches to education. As a tutor at Oxford University, Newman regarded himself as responsible not only for the academic progress of his students, but also for their moral formation. He regarded personal influence as fundamental. He stated that a university should be "an Alma Mater, knowing her children one by one".^[2] The tutorial system he introduced to enable personal contact with his students was central to the moral and intellectual revival of universities in the nineteenth century. This emphasis would later be expressed in his motto as Cardinal, *cor ad cor loquitur* – heart speaks to heart.

In the decade after his conversion, Newman became the founding rector of the Catholic University of Ireland. He set out his vision for the institution in lectures published as the *Idea of a University*, in which he defended liberal education as an end in itself: "To open the mind, to correct it, to refine it, to enable it to know ... [is] an object as intelligible as the cultivation

of virtue, while, at the same time, it is absolutely distinct from it."^[3] Later, Newman founded the Oratory School in Birmingham on the model of the English public schools to provide a liberal education to Catholic boys.

At a time when liberal (i.e., integral) education is under attack in favour of mere training for the workforce, Newman's contributions to education reinforce the dignity of the human person, the importance of the heart, the role of the intellect and the need to cultivate it. To think and reason is as essential to us as it is to feel or breathe, because this faculty affords us the dignity of creatures capable of union with God. It must not be limited to mundane things, but should be lifted up and perfected: "We attain to heaven by using this world well, though it is to pass away; we perfect our nature, not by undoing it, but by adding to it what is more than nature, and directing it towards aims higher than its own."^[4]

^[1] "Homily for the Mass with the Beatification of Venerable Cardinal John Henry Newman" (19 September 2010), in AAS, Vol. 102, no. 10 (2010), 620-623.

^[2] John Henry Newman, *The Idea of a University* (Longmans, Green, and Co., 1905), 144-145.

^[3] Newman, *Idea*, 122-123.

^[4] Newman, *Idea*, 123.

A Pastoral Letter to us all from Bishop Anthony



21 November 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Dear Fathers, Deacons, and my sisters and brothers in Christ,

In 2026, our local Church of Broken Bay will celebrate forty years since the establishment of our Diocese. This is a moment of grace for us all. We will mark the anniversary with a diocesan Liturgical Celebration on 28 May 2026 and a 40th Anniversary Diocesan Dinner on 29 May 2026.

As I reflected with you at our 35th anniversary, such occasions invite us to lift our hearts in thanksgiving for the countless ways the Holy Spirit continues to animate our Church, and to open ourselves to the new possibilities the Lord places before us.

Over these past five years, we have witnessed significant developments across our Diocese. Central among them have been the three regional Pastoral Discernments: the Central Coast in 2021; the Northern Beaches in 2023; and most recently on the North Shore in 2024. Each discernment has helped us listen more deeply to the lived experience of our people, identify pastoral priorities, and propose new initiatives to strengthen our missionary life.

While it will take time for their recommendations to bear full fruit, I am especially grateful for the establishment of the Ambrose Centre for Pastoral Formation at The Entrance, and the release of the new strategic plan for Catholic Schools Broken Bay, *Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith*. In this same period, we have also reviewed and renewed the work of the Chancery so that it may better serve the mission entrusted to us.

The XVI Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 2023-October 2024) has also been a significant moment in the Universal Church. One of its gifts has been the encouragement to rediscover our common mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. We stand on the shoulders of the popes who have guided the Church in our time:

- Saint John XXIII called the Church to renew herself in the spirit of the Gospel and to read the signs of the times.

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ENTRANCE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.
O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

*Then the blessing of the Advent wreath
and lighting of the first candle.
We join in singing one more verse of the hymn:*

O come, O branch of Jesse, free
your children from all tyranny;
from depths of Hell your people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: SEEK O SEEK THE LORD

Refrain: Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;
Trust Him, speak to Him in prayer, and He will hear.

God be with us in our lives,
direct us in our calling;
break the snares the world contrives,
keep us from falling. *Refrain*

God, increase in us the life
that Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint with mortal strife,
His blood will save us. *Refrain*

Strengthen in our hearts the love
we owe to one another.
How can we love God above
and not each other? *Refrain*

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COMMUNION: AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Twas Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home

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RECESSIONAL: SEND DOWN THE FIRE

Refrain: Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of
God.

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love. *Refrain*

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ. *Refrain*

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Continuation of Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter from previous page....

- Saint Paul VI reminded us that the life of the Church is defined by communion: that is, cohesion and interior fullness, in grace, truth and collaboration, and mission: that is, apostolic commitment to the world of today.
- Saint John Paul II deepened this vision, teaching that *koinonia* gives rise to the Church's mission to serve as a sign of the human family's intimate union with God.
- Pope Benedict XVI further developed this theology of *communio*, describing it as both the mystery and the gift of the Church's life in Christ. He reminded us that *communio* is not a mere sociological bond, but a participation in the very life of the Triune God, a unity grounded in truth and love, expressed in the Eucharist, and lived out in charity. He further reminded us that the Church is not an association for religious purposes, but a living organism, a communion born from the Eucharist. This *communio* draws us into deeper unity with Christ and with one another, forming the foundation of every authentic ecclesial mission.
- Pope Francis, in his call to Synodality, continued this living tradition, inviting the Church to walk together in communion, participation, and mission. These three words capture the essence of the mystery of the Church as described by the Second Vatican Council and call each of us to renewed dialogue, discernment, and shared responsibility. As Pope Francis reminded us, participation is not optional, it is an essential ecclesial duty flowing from our baptismal faith.
- Pope Leo XIV, has emphasised that synodality is not a programme but a way of being Church, grounded in listening, participation and mission. The Holy Father affirmed that there is no single template for synodality across all countries and cultures, urging local Churches to discern their particular path. He reminds us that the synodal journey is an ecclesial journey led by the Holy Spirit, to help us grow as a missionary Church, constantly undergoing conversion through attentive listening to the Gospel.

With these teachings in mind, and trusting in the Lord who continually renews His Church, I wish to dedicate our 40th anniversary year to preparation for a Diocesan Synod, which I propose will be held from 30 April to 2 May 2027.

The preparatory work will commence in the first half of 2026, with the appointment of a Synod Steering Committee in December 2025, and with the formal convocation of our diocesan journey at Pentecost 2026. The period from Pentecost 2026 (24 May) to Pentecost 2027 (9 May) will be a time for us to give thanks to God, to pray, to reflect upon our past, and to walk forward together in the power of the Holy Spirit, renewing our hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

A Synod invites the whole community to listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today. The three regional Pastoral Discernments have already guided us significantly. Building upon these, we now broaden our gaze to ask: What is the Holy Spirit asking of us as the Diocese of Broken Bay?

My Pastoral Letters responding to each regional discernment will play an important role in shaping the Synod Agenda. This Agenda will also be formed through consultation with the Council of Priests, the Council for Pastoral Mission (including Deans, Heads of Mission, and Agency Directors), and through three regional Assemblies in August and September 2026, following a period of parish and agency reflection across June and July 2026. **(concluded on page 7)**

We abstain from the joyful words of the Gloria as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Lord's birth at Christmas.

THE PSALM

PS 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow at the following words in bold):

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will 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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.

The sacraments for the children in 2026



The dates and details of our preparation programmes for Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are now available on our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) under 'Sacraments' → 'Children's Sacraments'.

Please note that there are significant date changes to the first edition which was posted on the website two weeks ago. As we advised last weekend we needed to make significant changes due to our diocese's special arrangements for Confirmation next year (to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Broken Bay).

Keeping the time of Advent



Let's not allow this Season which begins a new year of discipleship to pass us by:

* **Weekday Mass** in this Season provides us with the richness of the daily Scripture readings and our eucharistic encounter with the Lord whose birth we prepare to celebrate.

* **The Advent booklet 'History, Mystery, Majesty'** provided by our diocese is available in the foyers. It offers reflections based on the four Sunday Gospels of Advent. Please take one home and set a little time aside each week of Advent to enter into the reflection.

* **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** provides an opportunity to reflect on the year that has been and to seek the Lord's strength for a fresh beginning. Apart from the weekly times for this sacrament of mercy we also have our Second Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 17th at 7pm (see p.2)

Bishop Anthony's letters to us

As we begin our new Church year Bishop Anthony has set before us some exciting thoughts and opportunities:



A Pastoral Letter based on the discernment process for our North Shore Deanery and outlining directions ahead. Copies are available in the foyers or you can find it here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/pastoral-discernment-north-shore/pastoral-letter>



A Charter of the Ecclesial life of the Diocese of Broken Bay: Witnesses to the Resurrection: This offers reflections on what might mark us as a community of disciples. Copies are available in the foyers or you can find it here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/2025-diocesan-charter>



A Pastoral Letter announcing the 40th anniversary of the diocese in 2026 and a Diocesan Synod in 2027. This is re-produced over several pages in this edition of our parish bulletin.

Killara Church

5:30pm Vigil
9:00am*

Lindfield Church

8.30am 10.15am**
12noon Chinese Mass
6:00pm Youth Mass***

*Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays.
** 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass,
and is followed by morning tea.
*** Parish Pot Luck dinner follows 6pm Mass on the 3rd Sunday.

Weekday Mass this week

Mon. 8am at Killara
Tues. 8am at Killara
Wed. 10am Lindfield (Memoria, St Francis Xavier)
Thur. 10am Lindfield
Fri. 10am Lindfield

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (gathering in our church at Killara):

Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)
Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon
Evensong 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

Sunday Mass Roster

SATURDAY Killara 5:30PM	29 NOV. Fr Colin	6 DEC. Fr Stephen
SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara 9:00AM Lindfield 10:15AM Lindfield 12:00PM Lindfield 6:00PM	30 NOV. Fr Anselm Fr Colin Fr Stephen Fr Goonan Fr Colin	7 DEC. Fr Colin Fr Hien Fr Colin Fr Hien Fr Hien

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Ways that you can support our parish

1. Direct debit contributions from your bank A/C:

1st Collection:

(providing for the priests of the parish & retired & sick clergy):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection:

(providing for all the operating costs of the parish):

BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

2. Credit card: Scan the code & then select each of our two collections

3. Periodic payments from your credit card: Just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

4. The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.



DECEMBER

Wed 3. 11:00am Scripture study + end of year lunch
7:00pm PPC and PFC dinner
Fri 5. 5pm "Carols and Cuisine"
Wed 10. 7.30pm Scripture study (online)
Fri 12. 9:00am Playgroup
11am Healing Mass followed by luncheon.
1.15pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
Sun 14. 10:15am Children's Mass
Wed 17. 10:00am School Mass celebrating Advent.
7:00pm Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation
Fri 19. 11:00am Senior's Social Group

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara
Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

Our Chinese Catholic Community

將臨期第一主日30.11.2025

中文主日彌撒正午12時

讀經一 (上主將萬國萬民聚集於天國, 永享和平。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 2:1-5

阿摩茲的兒子依撒意亞, 關於猶大和耶路撒冷所見的事情:

到末日, 上主的聖殿山, 必要矗立在群山之上, 超乎一切山岳; 萬民都要向它湧來。將有許多民族前去, 說:

「來! 我們攀登上主的聖山, 往雅各伯天主的聖殿去! 他必指示我們他的道路, 教導我們遵行他的途徑。因為法律將出自熙雍, 上主的話將出自耶路撒冷。」

他將統治萬邦, 治理眾民; 致使眾人都把自己的刀劍, 鑄成鋤頭, 將自己的槍矛, 製成鐮刀; 民族與民族, 不再持刀相向, 人也不再學習戰鬥。雅各伯家! 來! 讓我們在上主的光明中行走吧! ——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠122:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9

【答】: 我喜歡, 我們要進入上主的聖殿! (詠122:1)

領: 我喜歡, 因為有人向我說: 我們要進入上主的聖殿! 耶路撒冷! 我們的雙足, 已經站立在你的門口。【答】

領: 耶路撒冷建築的好似京城, 確是內部劃一整齊的京城。各支派, 上主的各支派都齊集在那裡。按照以色列的法律, 稱頌上主的名字。那裡設立了執政的座席, 那裡有達味王室的寶座。【答】

領: 請為耶路撒冷祈禱和平: 願愛慕你的人獲享安寧; 願你的城垣內有平安, 願你的堡壘中有安全! 【答】

領: 為了我的兄弟和同伴, 我要向你說: 祝你平安! 為了上主我們天主的殿宇, 我為你懇切祈禱: 祝你幸福! 【答】

讀經二 (我們的救恩近了。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致羅馬人書 13:11-14

弟兄姊妹們:

你們該認清這個時期, 現在已經是睡夢中醒來的時辰了, 因為我們的救恩, 現今比我們當初信的時候, 更臨近了。

黑夜深了, 白日已近, 所以我們該脫去黑暗的行為, 佩戴光明的武器; 行動要端莊, 好像在白天一樣, 不可狂妄豪飲, 不可淫亂放蕩, 不可爭鬥嫉妒; 但該穿上主耶穌基督; 不應只掛念肉性的事, 以滿足私慾。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 亞肋路亞。

眾: 亞肋路亞。

領: 上主, 求你向我們顯示你的寬仁, 求你賜給我們你的救恩。 (詠85:8)

眾: 亞肋路亞。

福音 (你們要醒寤, 應該準備。)

恭讀聖瑪竇福音 24:37-44

那時候, 耶穌向門徒們說: 「就如在諾厄的日子怎樣, 人子的來臨也要怎樣。因為就如在洪水以前的日子, 人照常吃喝嫁娶, 直到諾厄進入方舟的那一天, 仍然沒有覺察; 直到洪水來了, 把他們都捲去了; 人子的來臨, 也要這樣。那時, 兩個人同在田間, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄; 兩個女人同在磨旁推磨, 一個被接去, 一個卻被遺棄。」

「所以, 你們要醒寤, 因為你們不知道: 你們的主人在那一天要來。這一點你們要明白: 如果家主知道, 盜賊幾更天要來, 他必醒寤, 不讓自己的房屋被挖穿。為此, 你們應該準備, 因為你們料想不到的時辰, 人子就來了。」——上主的話。

彌撒後, 請各教友參加午餐聚會

Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語)

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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Mary Moran, Gerard Say, Fr Paul Foley, Nicola ("Nick") Arena, Julie Moloney, Jenny Tesoriero, Maria Casella, John Pera, Dennis Tonitto, Sinead Walsh.

Anniversary: Shirley Smith, James Gibbons, Phil Ryan, Edward Hinds, Jean L'Hoste, Max and Eileen Waring.

And all those for whom Masses have been requested in November

Please pray for those who are sick: Diana Rosewell, Genevieve Larkin, Elvira Rodriguez, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, William Wise, Janette Brennan. Barbara and John McMullen

Continuation, and conclusion, of Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter from page 4....

To ground this work, I am issuing with this letter, A Charter of the Ecclesial Life of the Diocese of Broken Bay, prepared with the generous and thoughtful input of the Council of Priests and Heads of Mission.

In recognition of the special character of our 40th anniversary, I have requested that in 2026 the Sacrament of Confirmation be celebrated regionally, enabling our communities to gather in thanksgiving for four decades of grace and mission. These celebrations will take place as follows:

- **Central Coast** - Edmund Rice Centre, East Gosford
12 November at 6pm and 14 November at 11 am and 3pm
- **North Shore** - Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
20 November at 6pm and 21 November at 11 am and 3pm
- **Northern Beaches** - The Treacy Centre, Oxford Falls
26 November at 6pm 28 November at 11 am and 3pm

This is not the first time we have celebrated Confirmation in this way in the Diocese of Broken Bay, and I am confident that it will again strengthen us as disciples of Jesus Christ and unite us to one another as the Body of Christ, which is the Church. Further practical details will be provided throughout 2026.

As this Year of Jubilee draws to its conclusion, I pray that the year ahead will bring us a renewed joy in the Gospel and a deepened sense of our shared mission in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit guide our Diocese as we look with hope toward our Synod and continue to grow as a community in communion, participation, and mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay



Youth News

A time for waiting...

Advent is a special time of waiting for Christmas.

It's when we think about who Jesus is and try to become more like Him, so we can welcome Him more fully into our hearts and minds at Christmas. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again one day. No one knows when Jesus will come, so during Advent we prepare our hearts and lives, wanting to be ready whenever He comes.



Children's Masses & Nativity Plays

Christmas Eve

Weds 24 Dec

5.30pm Killara & 6pm Lindfield



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Small Announcement

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