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Corner Royston Parade and
Baldwin Avenue, Asquith

Pastoral Centre
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KU-RING-GAI CHASE
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Dear Families,

The current Sacramental Program began in 2023 with the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be followed by the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2024. Those candidates who completed the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 (or earlier) are invited to enrol now for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Candidates must be in Year 4 or above and have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Candidates in high school, please contact the Parish Office before submitting an enrolment form.

To enrol your child you will need to:

- Pay the \$100 enrolment fee to cover both Sacraments via online payment (please email the coordinators if you will have difficulty paying the full fee at enrolment);
 - Go to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/our-parish/online-payments>, select 'Sacramental Programs' from the drop down menu, enter the details required and on the last page enter an email address for your receipt. Please write the receipt number clearly on the bottom of the enrolment form before submitting.
- Complete the attached enrolment form and email to kccpsacraments@gmail.com before Saturday 10th February 2024.

IMPORTANT: If your child was **NOT** Confirmed at St Patrick's or St Bernard's, you **MUST** attach both their Baptism and Confirmation Certificates from the churches these Sacraments were received in.

Attached is a schedule of important dates regarding preparation for the Sacraments. By enrolling your child in the program, it is expected that families commit to attendance and participation in all scheduled talks, workshops and rehearsals to ensure that your child is well prepared for the Sacraments.

- One parent **MUST** attend the parent talk on **Tuesday 13 February 2024** (see schedule of important dates for details).
- Candidates **MUST** attend Mass every weekend during the program.
- Options for workshop dates and times will be emailed after enrolment numbers are finalised.

Workshops have been determined by the Diocese of Broken Bay and are designed to be delivered by volunteer facilitators.

Therefore, ~ we are seeking willing adults to facilitate sessions ~ and simply guide participants through the provided program.

- Training, workshop materials and ongoing assistance can be provided by the Sacramental Team and Clergy.
- Please email the Sacramental Coordinators at kccpsacraments@gmail.com if you are able to assist at either St Patrick's or St Bernard's or would like to find out more about what is involved in facilitating the workshops.
- The success of this program relies on the support of families ~ please consider 'leading' a workshop.

We are also seeking your help to prepare the church for the First Eucharist Mass which will include a general cleaning-bee prior to the weekend of First Eucharist. More details will be provided at the parent talk.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in the program. I pray for a graceful preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and look forward to celebrating these Sacraments with your children.

Rev Dr Biju Jose OSH
Parish Administrator

**KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2024**

SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES

What to attend	When and Where		Things to note
Parent Talk on the Sacraments <i>(Children do not need to attend)</i>	Tuesday, 13 February 2024 7.30 – 8.30pm Where: St Bernard's Church Warrina St, Berowra Heights. Parking: 1-19 Woodcourt Road		One parent must attend. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, this is not possible, please call Fr Biju on 9456 2450 (during business hours) before this date to discuss whether your child can proceed with the program.
Reconciliation workshops:	Asquith St Patrick's School	Berowra St Bernard's School	There are 4 Reconciliation workshops, approx. 45 mins each. Candidates attend one workshop each week with one of their parents.
workshop 1	19 Feb to 25 Feb		
workshop 2	26 Feb to 3 Mar		
Presentation of candidates	2 or 3 Mar At any of the weekend Masses		Children are presented to the Parish community during Mass.
workshop 3	4 Mar to 10 Mar		
workshop 4	11 Mar to 17 Mar		
FIRST RECONCILIATION (First rite)	Asquith Wednesday 20 Mar 6.30 – 7.30pm St Patrick's Church	Berowra Thursday 21 Mar 6.30 – 7.30pm St Bernard's Church	A timeslot will be allocated for each candidate to attend for First Reconciliation. Parents are strongly encouraged to set an example for their children by also going to Reconciliation on the evening.
<i>Easter Break: 29 March – 1 April</i> <i>Break for School holidays: 15 – 26 April</i>			
Eucharist workshops:	Asquith St Patrick's School	Berowra St Bernard's School	There are 4 Eucharist workshops, approx. 45 mins each. Candidates attend one workshop each week with one of their parents.
workshop 1	29 April to 5 May		
workshop 2	6 to 12 May		
Presentation of candidates	11 or 12 May At any of the weekend Masses		Children are presented to the Parish community during Mass.
workshop 3	13 to 19 May		
workshop 4	20 to 26 May		
Practice for First Eucharist	Asquith Sunday 26 May after 10am Mass St Patrick's Church	Berowra Sunday 26 May after 9am Mass St Bernard's Church	Candidates will have a practice for First Eucharist in the Church following Mass. Candidates MUST attend this Mass and stay for the First Eucharist practise which follows.
RECONCILIATION	Asquith Wednesday 29 May 6.30 – 7.30pm St Patrick's Church	Berowra Thursday 30 May 6.30 – 7.30pm St Bernard's Church	If unable to attend on one of these dates, please call Fr Biju on 9456 2450 (during business hours) before 23 May to discuss.
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST	St Patrick's, Asquith Sunday 2 June during the 10am Mass	St Bernard's, Berowra Sunday 2 June during the 9am Mass	
<i>Long Weekend: Monday 10th June</i> <i>Break for School holidays: 8 – 19 July</i>			

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RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORM 2024

First Reconciliation dates: 20, 21 March 2024

First Eucharist date: 2nd June 2024

[NB: Reconciliation will again take place prior to First Eucharist: 29, 30 May 2024]

*Information given on this form is subject to the Diocese of Broken Bay Privacy Policy
(available on the Diocese website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>)*

Candidate's Surname _____

Candidate's Christian Names _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Preferred contact number during working hours _____

Candidate's Date of Birth _____ Age at 2nd June 2024 _____

School Attending _____ Class _____

Father's Full Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's Full Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's **Maiden** Name _____

Was the candidate Baptised into the Catholic Church? _____

Candidate's **Date of Baptism** ____ / ____ / ____ **Place of Baptism** _____

If baptised overseas, please give full name and address of overseas church

Please attach a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate (if not already provided at the Sacrament of Confirmation in this parish).

Has the candidate celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? _____

If yes, name of parish and suburb _____

Has the candidate celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation? _____

If yes, name of parish and suburb _____

The first name of candidates and first initial of the family name will be published in the parish bulletin.

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Online payment receipt number: _____