



St Patrick's Catholic Church  
Cnr Baldwin Ave & Royston Pde, Asquith

St Bernard's Catholic Church  
1-19 Woodcourt Rd, Berowra Heights

**KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH** in the Diocese of Broken Bay

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time~ Year C ~ 21st September 2025**

*Welcome to our Spiritual home*

A very warm welcome to you, especially to anyone new and visiting our parish.  
It is good to have you with us!

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community, please contact us by email or on the number below. We'd love to hear from you!

**P: (02) 9456 2450; E: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au; W: bbccatholic.org.au/kccp**

Requests for inclusion in our bulletin may be submitted for consideration up to 12 noon on Wednesdays by emailing: parishkccp@bbccatholic.org.au

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	9am	St Patrick's
	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
Vietnamese Mass ~ 1st Sunday of the month at		
	2.30pm	St Patrick's

**Temporary change to WEEKDAY MASSES from 17 Sept to 5 Dec. 2025**

**St Patrick's, Asquith**

**9am** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

**St Bernard's Berowra Heights**

**9.15am** Wednesday and Friday (except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am)

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday After 9am Mass St Patrick's

Friday After 9.15am Mass St Bernard's

(Out of office hours **URGENT** only)

**Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841**

#### HOSPITAL ADMISSION:

If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.

#### One Weekday Mass ONLY

will be offered in our parish from 17 September to 5 December 2025:

**Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Saturday: 9am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Asquith**  
**Wednesday—Friday: 9.15am at St Bernard's Catholic Church, Berowra Heights.**

**NB: There will be no change to weekend Masses**



'In stark contrast to the dire poverty of many,' he adds, there is 'the amassing of wealth by a few.' This unholy disparity, he explains, 'is the sign of an arrogant indifference.' It directly 'produces pain and injustice.'

The pope reminds us that 'the Lord's example is a yardstick that should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread.'

Indeed, by sharing our resources justly we work 'to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom.'

As the pope notes, 'Jesus' compassion for the suffering shows us the loving closeness of God, who comes into our world to save us.' Through compassionate action for those in distress and by working for justice in our world we can truly become God's servants. (Homily of Pope Leo XIV, 22 June 2025, Body and Blood of Christ) © <https://www.liturgyhelp.com/>

**Nick Brodie** is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics.



#### "Leo's Lens" ~ A Reflection by Nick Brodie

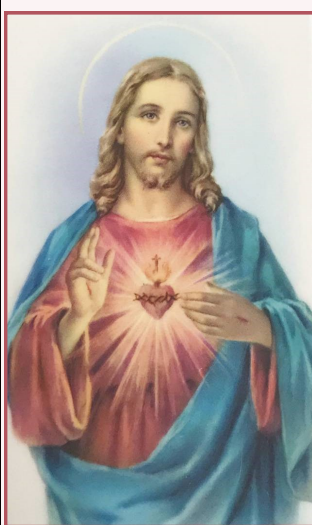
'Jesus satisfies the hunger of the crowd', Pope Leo says. When we look to Jesus, we see how 'he does what God does, and he teaches us to do the same.' At no point in the Gospels do we see Jesus hoarding money for himself or explaining that the poor deserve to be poor.

'Today,' the pope reflects, 'entire peoples are suffering.' Their pain, he adds gravely, is too often 'a result of the greed of others.'

#### PARISH OFFICE

**Opening Hours: 9am – 4pm; Monday to Friday**  
**Addresses: 1-19 Woodcourt Rd, Berowra Heights**  
2082 / P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights NSW 2082

**Parish Priest:** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joseph Methanath, OSH  
**Parish Secretary:** Catherine Hutchison  
**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper  
**Parish Bookkeeper:** Karen Price  
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**The second of our two Annual OSH Collections for missionary works has now concluded with your generous contributions totalling**

**\$910.00**

Fr Joseph, myself and all Oblates of the Sacred Heart are overwhelmed with your generosity and concern for those in most need and sincerely thank all who contributed to this appeal.

**Fr Biju Jose OSH, PP.**



**Safeguarding: Our parish is ...** Committed to fostering communities of safety & care for all people, especially for children and vulnerable adults. If you're concerned about safety, contact the parish office on 9456 2450 or the Office of Safeguarding on 8379 1605. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our church.

Scan here: to read our parish bulletin in full.



#### Another happy announcement:

It is with pleasure I introduce to you, our new KCCP Youth Ministry Coordinator,

**Angelene Marsh Ctercteko**

Welcome aboard Angelene, our prayers and support are with you.



#### The Mystery of Faith: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo to the Community of the Church of Broken Bay 2025.

This letter (booklet) is available from the back of the church, please take one home and read it carefully & prayerfully.



# Confirmation Celebration



## Dear Parishioners,

We had a great celebration last Saturday when all our parish candidates (and a couple from neighbouring parishes) were confirmed by our own Bishop Anthony Randazzo. It was truly a spirit filled experience for our beloved children, sponsors, parents and parish community as a whole. Let's offer our sincere thanks to the many who worked so hard to make it a solemn and memorable day.

## In a special way, we thank

- ✚ Bishop Anthony for his gracious presence and ministry at our Parish; Fr Joseph, Assistant Priest of our parish; Dn Kevin Hale of the Diocese of Broken Bay;
- ✚ Acolyte Paul Dryden; Snr Server Phil Daidone; Jnr server Elliott G, Martha A, Rishona G, Cara D.
- ✚ All those who read so beautifully.
- ✚ Our parent and sponsor representatives who spoke reverently on behalf of all present.
- ✚ Those who brought the gifts to the Altar.
- ✚ Those who decorated our churches - from banners to flowers our churches looked amazing.
- ✚ Our talented musicians who used their own gifts of the Holy Spirit to enhance the occasion.
- ✚ Our generous Workshop facilitators who lead our children so gently towards the understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives to bring us closer to God, Our Father.
- ✚ All those who took care of the multitude of little things for adding such beauty to the celebrations.

## Most of all, we thank

- ✚ Our Sacramental coordinators Peta Tonkin and Phill Clarke who voluntarily worked hard alongside our parish secretaries and clergy to make these celebrations so very beautiful. As always, it was truly a collaborative ministry for the building up of the Church.

## Finally, we congratulate and thank our newly confirmed for

- ✚ Staying the course and committing to Christ as young adults.

Be assured children that your faith family will continue to pray for you so that you will remain close to Christ and His Church.

**My dear newly confirmed children, all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to bear fruits for yourselves and for others.** I encourage all of our newly confirmed to continue to grow in the faith and love of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to allow your lives to be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. *Fr Biju.*



## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

The Parish Finance Committee reports as follows on the financial position and performance of the Parish for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Operating Profit/(Loss) for the year recorded a deficit of \$11,303 compared to a surplus of \$1,963 for the previous financial year. This deterioration was mainly due to operating expenses being \$27,221 higher primarily from an increase in employment expenses by \$25,500 and insurance cost by \$8,438. This was offset by a decrease in expenses for alter & church requisites and pastoral programmes by \$5,502.

On the positive side, the gross profit recorded an increase of \$22,706 on the previous year primarily from an increase in parish giving by \$24,210. Planned giving increased by \$1,031 and unplanned giving, including Tap N Go terminals, increased by \$23,179.

Non-Operating Income and Expenditure recorded a surplus of \$13,931 compared to a deficit of \$37,293 in the previous financial year. This was due to an increase in fettered donations and lower capital expenditure for the year.

This resulted in a total deficit for the financial year of \$12,683 compared to a deficit of \$35,331 for the previous financial year.

The cash position of the Church A/c has deteriorated by \$14,737 over the year to \$194,063. This figure includes \$136,000 from the insurance claim for the damaged retaining wall and storm water drainage pipes at St Patrick's Church. This has been quarantined in a term deposit until expenditure for the repairs is required.

A summary of these figures is included in this Bulletin with a full set on the Parish's website.

Thank you to all Parishioners who are continuing to generously support the Parish specially through planned giving by Credit Card and direct deposits.

For those not contributing via planned giving, we request you to consider it as this facilitates budgeting for the Parish.

For those already using planned giving and you haven't already done so, please review your commitment for this financial year as costs continue to increase.

The budget for this financial year is estimating a deficit of \$64,700.

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office or any member of the Parish Finance Committee.

## PARISH FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

CHURCH ACCOUNT	2025	2024	Variance
Total Income	296,688	255,657	41,031
Total Expenditure	309,371	290,987	18,384
<b>SUPPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-12,683</b>	<b>-35,330</b>	<b>22,647</b>
<b>Major Items Only</b>			
<b>REVENUE:-</b>			
Planned Giving	131,026	125,996	5,030
Unplanned Giving/Tap N Go Terminals	122,416	99,237	23,179
Bulletin Advertising	1,446	2,083	-637
Sacramental Programmes	8,800	10,100	-1,300
Baptism Regist/Admin Charge	1,040	1,710	-670
250 Club Income	3,050	3,589	-539
Interest Received	4,778	1,756	3,022
Donations (Fettered)	23,479	956	22,523
Donations-TV Installation	0	4,199	-4,199
<b>EXPENSES:-</b>			
Administration Expenses	18,964	17,981	983
Altar & Church Requisites	5,706	8,414	-2,708
Donations & Gifts	1,824	1,380	444
Employment Expenses	109,049	83,549	25,500
Super and Supervision Clergy	6,261	6,047	214
Insurance	45,953	37,515	8,438
Office Expenses	19,886	19,239	647
Pastoral Programmes	14,521	17,315	-2,794
Utilities (Rates, Strata Fees & Electricity)	18,187	16,349	1,838
Repairs & Maintenance	15,340	14,116	1,224
Telecommunications	4,686	4,510	176
Motor Vehicle & Travel Expenses	24,133	22,125	2,008
<b>Capital Expenditure:-</b>			
- Computer Equip	1,832	0	1,832
- Church Requisites	13,480	0	13,480
<b>Capital Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>			
- Church	1,633	2,630	-997
- Grounds	6,000	8,317	-2,317
- Presbytery	0	12,997	-12,997
- Equipment	1,915	18,504	-16,589
<b>Available Cash-Church A/c</b>	<b>194,063</b>	<b>208,800</b>	<b>-14,737</b>
<b>PASTORAL REVENUE</b>			
(Mainly from first collection)			
Total Income	68,846.00	67,993.00	853.00
Total Expenditure	46,888.00	44,168.00	2,720.00
Surplus	21,958.00	23,825.00	-1,867.00
Transfer to:-			
Sustentation Fund	10,327.00	10,199.00	128.00
Clergy Board of Management	11,631.00	13,626.00	-1,995.00
	21,958.00	23,825.00	-1,867.00
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



## THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS - Ordinary Time - Year C

Monday	22/09	Ezra 1:1-6	Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday	23/09	Memorial ~ St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	
		Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday	24/09	Ezra 9:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
Thursday	25/09	Haggai 1:1-8	Luke 9:7-9
Friday	26/09	Haggai 1:15-2:9	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday	27/09	Memorial ~ St Vincent de Paul, priest	
		Zech 2:5-9, 14-15	Luke 9:43-45

**The 250 Club!**

Week 9 ~ 15/9/25;  
Amt: \$25; # 174; Winner: *Helen Johnson*



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 28/09 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7      Psalm: 145:6-10  
2nd Reading: 1 Tim 6:11-16      Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & offers Prayers for...

**Recently Deceased:** Domenic Tavernese

**Anniversary:** Elizabeth (Alikutty) Methanath (Fr Joe's mum), Toby Sharpe, Reg & Barbara Gaffney, Reg Cooper, Peter D'Souza, Irene D'Souza, Harold D'Souza, Regina Coelho, Eugene Pereira, Dolla Patricio, Sean Mackay, Leon Fellman.

**Prayers for the sick:** Chirs Enright, Marion Porter, Domenic Tavernese, Bozena Maria, James Maguire, Warren Beacom, Millie Wong, Ruth Carlos, Margaret Hawkins, Cita Del Rio, Bill Holmes, Pat Bowden, Patrick Dorahy, Mary Burns, Nora Carrigan, Georgina Hughes, Chichi Datoc, Roger Okell, Rey Hilario, Paul Lam, Louise Tong, Sosefo Ali, Jonathan Thew.

**Funeral Service:** Domenic Tavernese: St Patrick's Church, Asquith  
Monday 22nd September 2025 at 11am. *May he rest in peace. Amen.*



### What do you believe?

If you would like to explore the Christian faith as Catholics understand it, then please join us next Thursday night, Sept 18 for Session 1 of Sycamore, 7:30 pm St Patrick's Parish Meeting room (in school grounds - enter via the Royston Parade gates). All welcome.  
Call Sue Newnham 0400 300 598 for further details, or the Parish office at 9456 2450.

The **Sept 2025 edition of the Broken Bay News (BBN)** is **available now** at the back of our churches.

*Please be sure to take a copy home with you.*



## Social Seniors of KCCP

**'K**indness **C**onnects, **C**onversation **P**revails'

*This newly formed parish group will ordinarily meet*

**Twice per month; on Saturday afternoons; from 3pm to 4.30pm**

**@ SBB on the 2nd Saturday each month and**

**@ SPA on the 4th Saturday each month**

*However, just to start they will meet*

**@ SBB on 27 Sept. & 11 Oct. then @ SPA on 25th October 2025.**

*For any enquiries, please call Jerome Gomez on 0406 477 349.*

**Children's Liturgy: St Patrick's Asquith: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month**

Our **littlest parishioners** from Pre K-Year 6 are invited to come along twice per month during school terms to hear the Word of God in a way they understand. Sessions will run for approx. 20 min in the first half of the Mass.

*Parents are welcome to join their children. All facilitators have WWCC's.*

*For more information contact: Chris V on hushh@hotmail.com*



## Children's Choir @ St Patrick's, Asquith

**Sing:** At 10am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month during school terms. **Practise:** Friday's of school term 4pm-5pm in the church. Ph: Patricia: 9482 7935 / E: spatschoir@gmail.com / W: bbcatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/music-ministry for details.

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