



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

First Sunday of Advent ~ Year A ~ 30th November 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@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au); W: [bbcatholic.org.au/kccp](http://bbcatholic.org.au/kccp)

Requests for inclusion in our bulletin may be submitted for consideration  
up to 12 noon on Wednesdays by emailing: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.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 ~ 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.

### 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

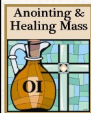
**Parish Priest:** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joseph Methanath, OSH  
**Parish Secretary:** Catherine Hutchison  
**Parish Secretary:** Margaret Cooper  
**Parish Bookkeeper:** Karen Price  
**Vol. Office Assistant:** Jan Favaloro  
**Vol. Web Administrator:** David Funk  
**Vol. Sacramental Team:** Peta T & Phill C  
(Email: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com))  
**Catechist Coordinator:** Elaine Maatouk  
(Email: [kccpcatechists@gmail.com](mailto:kccpcatechists@gmail.com))

**Safeguarding: Our parish is...** Committed to fostering communities of safety & care for all people, especially 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 & welcoming environment for all who enter our church.

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### First Friday of the Month ~

**This Friday ~ 5th December 2025**

**ANOINTING & HEALING MASS**

**@ St Bernard's: 11.30am**

**Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation:**

**11.00am; Healing Mass: 11.30am**

**NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7.30pm:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **All are welcome.**

### CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIME

**1ST RITE ~** see left hand column for details

**2ND RITE ~ Thursday 18 ~ 7.30pm**

**St Bernard's, Berowra Heights**

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve - 24 December

**5pm** St Bernard's Vigil Mass (Grass area outside church with Carols & Sausage Sizzle ~ bring a seat or rug).

**6pm** St Patrick's Vigil Mass (Children may dress up as Angels & Shepherds etc)

**9pm** St Patrick's Youth Vigil Mass

#### Christmas Day - 25 December

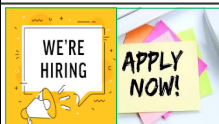
**12 am St Patrick's 'Midnight' Mass**

**8am** St Patrick's Mass

**9am** St Bernard's Mass

**10am** St Patrick's Mass

**NB: NO evening Mass Christmas Day**



**Join Our Parish Team!**  
**Youth Ministry Coordinator ~**  
**Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish**

We're on the lookout for an engaging and creative person of faith to help grow and support youth ministry in our parish community. This role is all about **being present**, connecting with young people, helping to lead Youth Mass and Youth Group and encouraging involvement in the wider life of the Church. We are looking for someone who understands today's young people and can bring creative ways to engage them in parish life, including through social media, advertising, and communication. The role is based at the Parish Office in Berowra, with face-to-face ministry facilitated at St Patrick's Asquith. If you've been involved in youth ministry or have experience working with young people, and your faith is something you're passionate about, we'd love to hear from you! **This is a casual position, where the Youth Ministry Coordinator will be employed for 6-8 hours of work per fortnight. Any additional hours are to be approved in advance.**

For more information or to apply, contact  
**Geraldine Vytilingam via email at**  
[geraldine.vytilingam@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:geraldine.vytilingam@bbcatholic.org.au)

### Lighting the Advent Candles

**~ 1st Sunday of Advent**

**Celebrant:** As we begin our Advent

Journey, we light the first candle.

We pray that God will fill our hearts with longing for the coming of his Son.

**Reader:** Stir up your power, almighty God, to rescue us from the darkness of sin.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.

**Reader:** It is time to wake and be ready.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.

**Reader:** The night is almost over and the day is close at hand.

**Response:** Come, Lord, and fill us with the light of hope.



### CAROLS EVENING

**Wednesday 17 December,**

**6pm-8pm, St Bernard's**

**Church, Berowra Heights**

**Save the Date!** Our whole parish Carols evening will be here in two shakes of a reindeer's tail and it's not to be missed! This year's spectacular will be a liturgical evening following "Mary's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem". You are invited join the journey through song, readings and reflections, then enjoy a scrumptious supper with your fellow parishioners afterwards. **See you all there.**



**URGENT APPEAL:**  
**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**  
**TO DISTRIBUTE THE**  
**PRECIOUS BLOOD AT MASS**

With Communion from the Chalice now resumed, we urgently need volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at our Masses. Whether you assisted before COVID or are new to this ministry, only some reading and brief parish-level training (to be scheduled when Fr Biju returns) are required, so please register your interest by emailing [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au). Staff will then send you the reading material and later the training date. We hope for many volunteers so the ministry can be shared, and when you consider that you will be attending Mass anyway, this is a wonderful way to serve our parish. **Thank you for your support.**



**PWBB November Appeal** has concluded, however, late

contributions can still be accepted to help us reach our target of \$14,972.50. Currently we have collected \$8,242.00. **Donations of \$2 and over are Tax Deductible.** Please give only what you can comfortably afford to give to give to this



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**Broken Bay Pastoral Works (CWF)"**



| THIS WEEK'S <b>DAILY READINGS</b> -<br><b>Advent</b> -Year A |   |                    |  | Next Sunday's<br>Readings: 7/12 - <b>Second<br/>Sunday of Advent</b> -Yr A   | Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish<br>Remembers & offers Prayers for...   |
|--|---|--------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Monday</b> 1/12   | Is 4:2-6                                    | Matthew 8:5-11     |  | <b>1st Reading:</b><br>Is 11:1-10<br><br><b>Psalm:</b><br>71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17<br><b>2nd Reading:</b><br>Rom 15:4-9<br><b>Gospel:</b><br>Matthew 3:1-12 | <b>Recently Deceased:</b> Warren Beacom, Rosa Roque<br><b>Anniversary:</b> <i>All the faithful departed recorded in our Book of Remembrance</i><br><b>Prayers for the sick:</b> Tony Pierce, John & Carmen Gallagher, Paul Lam, Chris Enright, Marion Porter, Bozena Maria, James Maguire, Millie Wong, Ruth Carlos, Bill Holmes, Margaret Hawkins, Cita Del Rio, Pat Bowden, Nora Carrigan, Patrick Dorahy, Georgina Hughes, Chichi Datoc, Roger Okell, Rey Hilario, Louise Tong, Sosefo Ali, Jonathan Thew. |
| <b>Tuesday</b> 2/12  | Is 11:1-10                                  | Luke 10:21-24      |  |  |   |
| <b>Wed/day</b> 3/12  | <b>Memorial</b> ~ St Francis Xavier, priest |                    |  |  |   |
|  | Is 25:6-10                                  | Matthew 15:29-37   |  |  |   |
| <b>Thursday</b> 4/12   | Is 26:1-6                                   | Matthew 7:21,24-27 |  |  |   |
| <b>Friday</b> 5/12   | Is 29:17-24                                 | Matthew 9:27-31    |  |  |   |
| <b>Saturday</b> 6/12   | Is 30:19-21,23-26                           | Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8  |  |  |   |

**Social Seniors of KCCP**  
meet **Twice** per month on  
**Saturday afternoons between  
3pm and 4.30pm.**  
Please join us  
@ **SBB** on the **2nd Saturday** &  
@ **SPA** on the **4th Saturday**  
Enquiries: Jerome Gomez on 0406 477 349.

**Children's Liturgy: St Patrick's  
Asquith: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month.**  
Pre K-Year 6 children are invited to  
come along during school terms to hear  
the Word of God in a way they understand.  
Sessions run for approx. 20 mins. in the first half  
of Mass. *Parents welcome. Facilitators have  
WWCC's. Need more info? Contact Chris V:  
E: hushh@hotmail.com*

**KCCP 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: 94827935  
E: stpatschoir@gmail.com; W: bbcatholic.org.au/  
kccp/groups-ministries/music-ministry for details.

**Diocesan Advent Reflection Booklet  
2025 History, Mystery, Majesty**  
This years booklet provided by our  
Diocese continues the tradition of  
focusing on the Sunday Gospel Readings,  
accompanied by personal reflections. Copies are  
available from the back of our churches.

**Vinnies Vinnies Christmas Appeal ~  
December 6th & 7th, 2025**  
**Next weekend Vinnies Conferences for  
Asquith & Berowra Parish are holding their  
Christmas Appeal.** The St Vincent de Paul  
Society has been active in this Parish for 60 years  
and the parishioners have always been generous in  
the support of the Society. The need for your  
support is just as important now as it was in the  
past. There are envelopes at the back of the  
Church if you need to take one this week, however,  
there will be envelopes in the Church pews for the  
Appeal next week. Thanks for your support.

**Calling all singers and musicians from Berowra.** We need singers especially for the  
Christmas masses as the usual singers will be away this year. **Please** come and help us  
celebrate Christmas with your parish. For more info. Please contact Moauli on 0451664592.

**The 250 Club!**  
Week 19 ~ 27/11/25  
Amount: \$25;  
Number: 493;  
Winner: Sue Lum

**KCCP Children's Choir**  
sang at the diocesan  
Jubilee of Choirs last  
Saturday (22nd Nov.) at  
OLOR cathedral,  
Waitara. Six choirs of all ages from the diocese  
sang, and our Choir was outstanding! Well  
done & thank you to all choristers & directors  
for representing our parish so melodically.

To celebrate the end of a very successful  
Jubilee year our annual **KCCP Children's  
Choir Christmas party** is on December 12th,  
from 4-45 to 5.30pm. Please bring a plate to  
share, if you can - NO NUTS! Families are  
welcome - please RSVP. Our final Mass for  
2025 is December 14th, after which the Choir  
will officially be in recess until February 2026.

The businesses here support our parish by advertising, please support them in turn.

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**Sunday 7am to 2pm**  
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CandL.SavvyCoffee1@gmail.com

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