



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

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

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time~ Year C ~ 7th 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@bbcatholic.org.au; W: 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

#### 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

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

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of safety and care for all people, most  
especially for children and vulnerable  
adults. If you're concerned about  
safety, contact the parish office on  
02 9456 2450 or contact the Office of  
Safeguarding on 02 8379 1605.  
Thank you for helping us maintain a  
safe and welcoming environment for  
all who enter our church.

#### Dear Parishioners,

As Fr Joseph is currently on annual leave until 12 September, 2025,  
there will be one morning Mass in the parish during the coming week.

Please mark your diaries to reflect this **short-term alteration** to the schedule:

Weekday morning Masses in KCCP this week will be:

**Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Saturday:**

9am at St Patrick's Catholic Church,  
Asquith

**Wednesday—Friday:**

9.15am at St Bernard's Catholic Church,  
Berowra Heights.

#### Additional Change of Mass Time at St Patrick's:

On **Saturday 13 September** the usual 9am morning Mass will be celebrated **at 8am**.  
This time change is necessary to allow time for the church to be properly prepared for Confirmation.  
Thank you for your understanding. Fr Biju.



## Happy Father's Day

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
There was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
and so, He called it... 'DAD'



The role of father is often described as a mentor, a guide, and a supportive presence  
when we are trying something new.

In our lives, this blessing may have come from our own fathers or perhaps from other  
adults in our lives.

For the blessings that fathers provide for their children and for all those who play a  
fatherly role in the lives of others, we offer a prayer of gratitude today.

#### A birthday to remember:

We remember the birthdays of people who are important in our lives.  
We also remember the birthday, of those who are significant for our faith life.  
The central person in terms of our faith life as Christians is, of course, Jesus,  
and we remember his birthday on Christmas day.

Next to Jesus, Mary is the most central person for the faith life of many  
Christians, and it is only fitting that the church remembers her birthday.

**Tomorrow, 8 September we celebrate the Feast of The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, i.e. Mary's birthday.**

If you can, please join us for Mass ~ 9am St Patrick's Church, Asquith.





# Congratulations to all children of our parish who will be Confirmed next Saturday 13 September 2025.

**10am @ St Bernard's, Berowra Hts & 2pm @ St Patrick's, Asquith.**

Please keep the candidates / families / facilitators in your prayers.

**The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. (1 Corinthians 12:7)**

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| Adrian J    | Clara H V   | Helena C  | Kent G   | Maria S     | Olivia V   | Tess M     |
| Annabelle G | Cooper G    | Holly J   | Laura B  | Marlon R    | Oscar R    | Tyger N    |
| Annika T    | Cooper S    | Jack E    | Leila R  | Max D       | Samuel L   | Violet K   |
| Arabella S  | Felix H     | Jack G    | Leo B    | Micah C     | Simran S   | William H  |
| Baylee C    | Fionn B     | Jackson C | Leo C    | Miranda B O | Sophie V S | Xavier J-F |
| Belle L     | Frankie K   | James B   | Liesel P | Muthanna L  | Spencer W  | Xavier S   |
| Buhawi A    | Frederick D | James H   | Lila B   | Noah W      | Stuart R   | Zhyrene M  |
| Caoimhe E   | Gavin B     | Jaxon B   | Logan S  | Oakley B    | Summer J   | Zoe B      |
| Ciara M     | Gisella G   | Jaxon W   | Lucas B  | Oliver E    | Tabitha T  | Zoe S      |
| Ciara N     | Grace I     | Joshua M  | Lucy A   | Oliver v L  | Tadhg E    | Zoey E     |
|             |             |           | Lucy H   |             |            |            |

## Special Congratulations to

*Jace Y ~ who will be joining us from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Waitara  
&*

*Marcey B ~ who will be joining us from North Harbour Parish, Manly Vale*



## The end of one journey paves the way for the start of another

This week, the last session of our Seniors Ministry Group was held, however, it seems that this 'young at heart' group of 'funsters' weren't going to give up quite so easily on spending fun times together (see photo left).

It is with great delight today we announce  
the start of a new parish initiative

## Social Seniors of KCCP

Now you have a place to gather with like minded folk who just want to share time with other like minded folk.

**Aim:** Simply a space for seniors to gather and share conversation, a cuppa, perhaps play a board game, share a hobby idea or memories of days gone by, have a sing-a-long, anything that comes to mind really!

**When:** Twice per month; **Day:** Saturday afternoon; **Time:** 3pm - 4.30pm ... To begin with, we will gather

@ St Bernard's, in the Parish Office - on 13th & 27th September and 11th October 2025.

and then @ St Patrick's, in the Fr McMaugh Hall - on 25th October 2025.

A regular pattern will then commence with the group meeting as follows:

@ SBB on the 2nd Saturday each month and @ SPA on the 4th Saturday each month

It is hoped many of you will come along and help this  
fledgling group take flight and become a soaring success.

Jerome Gomez is our contact person for this group. For any enquiries, please call him on 0406 477 349.



## We're Hiring! Youth Ministry Coordinator, Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish Casual Contract | 4-6 hours per fortnight | Applications close 30 Sept 2025

Are you passionate about sharing the Catholic faith with young people?

Do you have a heart for community, discipleship, and leadership?

Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish is seeking a Youth Ministry Coordinator to help cultivate a vibrant and welcoming youth community for high school students (Years 7-12).

We're looking for someone who is a practising Catholic with a genuine passion for youth ministry, who brings experience working with teenagers or leading ministry events. You'll be enthusiastic, reliable, & committed to building a welcoming and faith-filled community. Strong communication and teamwork skills are essential, as is a Working with Children Check and Safeguarding training. In return, you'll be supported by a dedicated parish team and PPC, enjoy flexible hours and have the opportunity to shape an exciting new chapter of youth engagement in our parish.

**To apply or learn more:** E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au or call the parish office on 02 9456 2450.



## We are long overdue for a "Post-Covid Chuckle" and Dad Jokes on Father's Day seemed like perfect timing ...

I took my dad camping for Father's Day.  
It was in tents.

My dad opened a gym once.  
But it didn't work out.

My dad wanted to listen to music while we fished.

So I put on something catchy.

For Father's Day I got my dad a book on anti-gravity.

Now he can't put it down.

Why don't leopards play hide and seek?  
They're always spotted.

My dad used to be afraid of hurdles.  
But he got over it.

What's the best way to watch a fishing show?

Live stream.

My dad adopted a dog from the local blacksmith.

As soon as he got him home, the dog made a bolt for the door.

What do frogs wear on their feet in the summer?

Open toad sandals.

How much do roofs cost?

Nothing. They're on the house.

What did the buffalo say to his son as he walked out the door?

Bi-son.

*That's all folks!*





## Bi-Annual OSH Appeal September 2025

supporting the missionary works in India of the priests who serve our faith community in KCCP.

**Dear Parishioners,** Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in 1921 our religious society was founded in Kerala, India and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To fulfill the mission and charism of our Society we do many pastoral works in Kerala and in tune with the Universal Church, a few years ago, we initiated our mission ministry in two states of India— Punjab and Maharashtra. Construction has begun in a rural area of Punjab to provide good education and religious education to the local people.

**Opposite are some progress photo's to see the works we are undertaking.**

At present our members are working in different parts of the world and since 2004, the Oblates have been representing our ministry in the diocese of Broken Bay, and Bishop Anthony has graciously granted OSH members to hold two appeals per year in parishes they are serving.

**The 2nd appeal for 2025 will be held NEXT WEEKEND in connection with the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** A small supply of envelopes are at the back of our churches today for you to take home in readiness for next weekends appeal, however, next weekend, envelopes will be placed in the pews and can be placed on either collection plate during Mass.

We are so grateful to you for your valuable, generous support in the past years and humbly request your assistance yet again. Please know your support has greatly helped our mission ministry. Happy Feast to everyone.

**Your priests, Fr Biju & Fr Joseph OSH**



Above:  
Foundations  
being dug



Right:  
School  
building under  
construction



## Multicultural Day at Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish

*This whole parish event is to celebrate the many different backgrounds of our parish faith community.*

**What:** A multicultural shared meal and community frivolity.

**When:** Sunday 28 September 2025

**Where:** St Patrick's Church, Asquith

**Time:** Mass at 10am, followed by the food and fun.

**Why:** Because we can!!

**Who:** Everyone ~ because ...

*God loves wonderful variety!*

**What's that, you asked, "How can I help?" ~ That's easy ...** We are looking for all parishioners of different ethnic backgrounds to come and showcase your cultural foods, traditional wear, customs and all that is beautiful from your country of origin.

**Who will this event help?** Apart from lifting **everyone's mood with the arrival of Spring** ~ funds raised on the day will be put towards parish **Youth Group activities and programmes.**

If you are interested in helping, **and we really, really hope you are**, please contact anyone of our organising team or send a message to us via the Parish office. We hope to hear from many of you soon: Moauli Griffiths 0451 664 592, Mary Sassin and Freda Alaalatoa.

**Recently, our parish celebrated with Holy Mass and Sausage Sizzle in honour of our Patron, Saint St. Bernard**

*We extend thanks to everyone who came along to the Mass, shared in the fun and helped in any way at all.*



*However, special thanks are extended to Damien D'Cruz (PPC member) who coordinated this event and cooked a sensational sausage sizzle too !!*



**Celebrated anytime during 2025 Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

**60th Wedding Anniversary dates will be honoured on the 21st September 2025**

during 9am Mass at St Bernard's Berowra & 10am Mass at St Patrick's Asquith.

**RSVP to the parish office by Tuesday 16th September, 2025**

**What do you believe?**

If you would like to explore the Christian faith as Catholics understand it, then please join us next Thursday night, September 11th for an introductory session. Meet others on their journey of faith.

All welcome! 7:30 pm St Patrick's Parish Meeting room, entry via Royston Parade gates. Call Sue 044300598, or the Parish office at 9456 2450.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**



**HOLY MASS IN VIETNAMESE**

**Did you know?**

Every First Sunday of the month, folk from across our diocese come together to celebrate Mass in their native Vietnamese tongue in St Patrick's, Asquith at 2.30pm.

*To our friends in the Vietnamese Community, please know you are always welcome & we love having you here.*



**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

Fr Joey Frez, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 25th September 2025. Commencing with Mass at 6.30pm followed by a light meal and short meeting.

*Following the meeting Fr Joey (our Diocesan Vocations Director) will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "My Vocation Journey".*

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see". Please remember to pray every day for vocations.

If you are planning to attend, please call Terry on 0438 887 295 or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com). For catering purposes kindly call Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email [annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au)



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

|                  |              |   |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>8/09</b>  | <b>Feast</b> ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>Micah 5:1-4 Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>9/09</b>  | Col 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10/09</b> | Col 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11/09</b> | Col 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>12/09</b> | 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14 Luke 6:39-42   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>13/09</b> | <b>Memorial</b> ~ St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor<br>1 Tim 1:15-17 Luke 6:43-49          |

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 14/09 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C

|                     |             |                |               |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1st Reading:</b> | Num 21:4-9  | <b>Psalm:</b>  | 77:1-2, 34-38 |
| <b>2nd Reading:</b> | Phil 2:6-11 | <b>Gospel:</b> | John 3:13-17  |

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

**Recently Deceased:** Stella Puzon Maclang

**Anniversary:** Anita Perilla, 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

**Special Intentions:** of Catherine

## The 250 Club!

Week 7~ Date: 1/9/25; Amount: \$25;  
Number: 473; Winner: Peter McAleer



This Monday marks the beginning of **National Child Protection Week**. The following are recommend by the Diocese which might interest you:

**Launch of National Child Protection Week**  
Monday, 8 September 2025 | 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM AEST  
Join online for the official launch! A dynamic and uplifting webinar designed to spark ideas and shift conversations into real action.  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4356147870448196704>

**Preventing Childhood Emotional Abuse: Prioritising Action**  
Wednesday, 10 September 2025 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM AEST  
This webinar explores how we can improve our response to emotional abuse and the role of parenting support in prevention.  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1133715684299466072>

**What Children Tell Us: Listening, Trusting and Taking Action**  
Wednesday, 22 October 2025 | 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM AEST  
A deep-dive into what's possible when children are not only heard but genuinely included in shaping the environments around them.  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4307209707407932250>

## Book of Genesis ~ Bible Study - with Fr Biju:

9th September 2025, 7.30pm.

Fr McMaugh Hall, St Patrick's, Asquith.

No need to RSVP - just come along & join in.



**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.  
*Liturgy of the Word for Children*  
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: bbccatholic.org.au/kccp/groups-ministries/music-ministry for details.

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