



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

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year A ~ 7th December 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

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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	

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

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Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: As we continue our Advent Journey, travelling towards Bethlehem, we hope for a better world. Today we light the second candle, as a **Sign of our faith in God's promise so that we find peace in our lives.** We pray that we will be blessed with the baptism of repentance.

Reader: Lord, giver of life, stir up our hearts to prepare for the coming of your Son.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reader: As a dry and weary land thirsts, so we long for you.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

Reader: Open to us the wellsprings of salvation.

Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.



Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Monday, December 8.

The Solemnity celebrates that, from the moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin, not of her own merit, but through the Grace of God.

As we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us ask her intercession throughout the Advent season.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

1ST RITE ~ see left hand column for details

2ND RITE ~ Thursday 18 ~ 7.30pm

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

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: There is **NO Evening Mass** on **Christmas Day**

WELCOME BACK



Fr Biju is back with us from his annual leave at home where he visited his mum, extended family and friends. We are happy to have you back with us Father to lead us through the beautiful season of Advent and Christmastide.

Weekday Mass Schedule returns to normal with the return of Fr Biju ~



Our regular weekday Mass schedule returns from this Monday 7 December 2025.

Please see left hand panel for details.



~ Vinnies Christmas Appeal ~ This weekend ~ December 6th & 7th

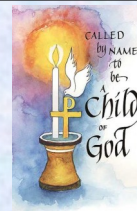
This weekend Vinnies Conferences for Asquith & Berowra Parish are holding their Christmas Appeal.

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 in the Church pews for the Appeal and these can be placed on either of the collection plates during the Mass.

Thank you for your support.



Welcome to our Faith Family & Baptism Congratulations to

Heidi Anne Cremin

&

Sam Lees

who are to be baptised this week.
Please keep them, their parents
& Godparents in your prayers.



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



RCIA

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Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate

Congratulations to
Veronica Su and Thrimali Galappathre
as they take the next step this weekend
in their faith journey
to Christian Initiation at Easter.

From now on they are called Catechumens and are dismissed from Mass each Sunday after the homily - *"the group of Catechumens goes out, but does not disperse.... the catechumens remain together to share their joy and spiritual experiences"*. RCIA#67

Please pray for them.

Enquiries: Sue Newnham sms 0400300598



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT MASS

With Communion from the Chalice now resumed, we are seeking more 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 is required, so please register your interest by emailing parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au ~ Staff will then send you the reading material and later the training date. Thank you to those who have already answered this appeal. We are still hopeful of a few more to spread the load evenly. When you consider that you will be attending Mass anyway, this is a wonderful way to serve our parish and the Lord. **Thank you for your support.**



The Big one ...

Week 20 ~ 05/12/25
Amount: \$500;
Number: 063;
Winner:
Unsubscribed



NB: The 250 Club is now in recess until February 2026 ~ Thank you for your support during 2025

When the office re-opens in late January after the Christmas break, reminders will be sent to those not financial. Number sets are available. For more information contact the Office. We'll be back! (in the New Year!)

Dear all, thank you for your amazing support of this long running and highly successful fundraiser for our parish.

We now have TWO DEFINED SERIES each year beginning in February and in July.



A message from our Catechists Coordinator, Elaine M.

It has been a pleasure being in a team with you all in these last couple of months, and it was so nice to see you all on Friday for our Christmas get together. Pat, Damien, Kathereen and Cora, you were missed.

Opposite is a photo of our recent annual end-of-year get together.

Parish congratulations are extended to:

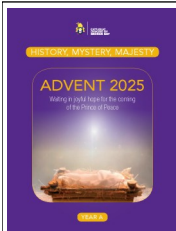
Ellen for her 15 years service award which was presented at the Annual CCD mass at the cathedral.

Savita for her 10 years service award and

Justine for completing her training Level 1 and gaining her certificate.

Thankyou for another year of service, our Lord will be well pleased with you all.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and an amazing New year. God's blessings upon you and your family. **Elaine**



~ History, Mystery, Majesty ~ DBB Advent Programme 2025

Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and the Diocesan Advent resource is now available. It can be used as part of a group or individually and each week there is a reading of the Gospel text, a reflection; a personal testimony and reflection questions to guide discussion. The resource can be accessed on the Diocesan webpage at www.bbcatholic.org.au Limited copies can also be found at the back of our churches.



CAROLS EVENING

Wednesday 17th December,

7.30pm, 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 to join the journey through song, readings and reflections, then enjoy a scrumptious supper with your fellow parishioners afterwards. *See you all there.*

Calling all Shepherds and Angels to participate in our annual NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5pm @ ST BERNARD'S CHURCH

(well, the grass out the front of the church really!)

Would your child like to be involved in the Christmas Nativity Play at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Bernard's? Then, please come along to the rehearsals on **Friday 19th December at 3pm** and **Monday 22 December at 10am**.

Please meet outside St Bernard's Church.

Parents, please stay with your child for the rehearsal.

If your child would like to take part then please contact Zinta on 0490 137 799.



Christmas Eve 6pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - @ St Patrick's Church Singers and actors needed

Practices will be held on **Monday 22nd December** and **Wednesday 24th December**.

Singers: 9-30 to 10.30am & **Actors:** 10.30 to 11.30am.

Singers can also be actors!

Parents, please stay in the church during practices to make things easier for our organisers.

Any parents who would like to help, or if you have any enquiries please contact Cecilia at ceciii@hotmail.com or 0419606830. If you're coming to that Mass but not singing or in the play, children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds or angels.

Volunteers/participants for music for Christmas at St Patrick's most welcome!

Practices for Midnight Mass carols will be held on Tuesday 9th December and 16th December at 7.30-9pm at St Patrick's church. Practices for 9pm Youth Mass TBA. Christmas Day, practice starts at 9.30am for 10am Mass.



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.



An annual part of Advent preparation is our traditional **Taizé evening**, please join us on **Friday 12 December, at 7.30pm at St Patrick's**, for a beautiful, peaceful, meditative way to experience this time of preparation and longing.



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.

A pre-Christmas Chuckle: A few days before Christmas, two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's house. When it was time to go to bed, and anxious to do the right thing, they both knelt down to say their prayers. Suddenly, the younger one began to do so in a very loud voice. "Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a play-station, a mountain-bike and a telescope." His older brother leaned over and nudged his brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf." "I know" he replied, "But Grandma is!"



~ SAVE THE DATE ~ CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

We need lots of help to ready our churches for the birth of Jesus!

Please come along and help.

Saturday December 20th @ 9am St Bernard's Berowra Hts and 10am St Patrick's Asquith

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available from St Patrick's Church for **\$10.00**. **SVdP CHRISTMAS CARDS** are also available from **St Patrick's** in packs of **10 for \$10.00**. Your purchase will go towards helping those in need in our Parish and the Columban Missions. Please put money in box provided.

Many thanks for your support, Les Fogden (0414 947 640).

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CHRISTMAS CARDS (religious images) are available from the St Bernard's church, however, please note they are not SVdP Christmas cards.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS - Advent -Year A			Next Sunday's Readings: 14/12 - Third Sunday of Advent-Yr A	Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish Remembers & offers Prayers for...
Monday 8/12	Solemnity ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		1st Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10 Psalm: 145:6-10 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11	Recently Deceased: Caterina Italiano, Warren Beacom Anniversary: Prayers for the sick: Mary Almer, 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.
Gen 3:9-15,20	Eph 1:3-6,11-12	Luke 1:26-38		
Tuesday 9/12	Is 40:1-11	Matthew 18:12-14		
Wed/day 10/12	Is 40:25-31	Matthew 11:28-30		
Thursday 11/12	Is 41:13-20	Matthew 11:11-15		
Friday 12/12	Is 48:17-19	Matthew 11:16-19		
Saturday 13/12	Memorial ~ St Lucy, virgin, martyr Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:10-13			

Funeral Service
Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Caterina Italiano
The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday,
8th December 2025 at 10.30am at St Patrick's
Catholic Church, Asquith. Following the Mass,
Field of Mars Cemetery, Quarry Rd, Ryde.
May she rest in peace.

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.

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: stpatscchoir@gmail.com; W: bbcatholic.org.au/
kccp/groups-ministries/music-ministry for details.

 December 2025 Parish Timetable The ultra busy month of December is upon us so here is an idea of what is in the diary for Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish ...				
Date	Time	Church	Event	
Dec 11	5.30pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass	
Dec 12	9.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass	
Dec 12	7.30pm	SPA	Taizé Advent evening	
Dec 15	6pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass	
Dec 17	9.15am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass	
Dec 17	7.30pm	SBB	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening	
Dec 18	7.30-9pm	SBB	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity	
Dec 20	9am after 10am Mass	SBB / SPA	Christmas Church Cleaning — all hands and buckets on deck!	
Dec 24	5pm 6pm & 9pm	SBB SPA	Christmas Eve Mass (outdoor weather permitting) Christmas Eve Mass (come as shepherds, angels etc)	
	MIDNIGHT	SPA	Midnight Mass	
Dec 25	8am & 10am 9am	SPA SBB	Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass	

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