



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay

8th December 2024 ~ Year C

Second Sunday of Advent



Seek God,
Find God,
Embrace God in Jesus'

Our Mission Statement:

'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'.

Our Vision Statement:

'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'.

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	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

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Patrick's, Asquith

8am Wednesday and Friday
9am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Saturday

St Bernard's Berowra Heights

8am Thursday
9.15am Wednesday and Friday
(except 1st Friday of the month when Mass is at 11.30am @ St Bernard's)

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.

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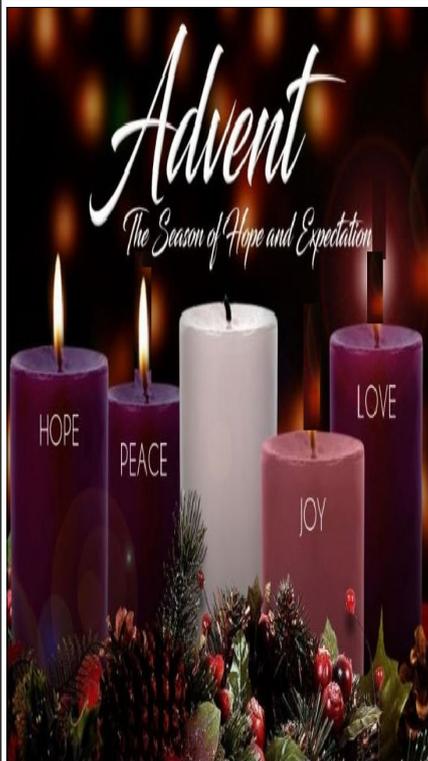
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Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

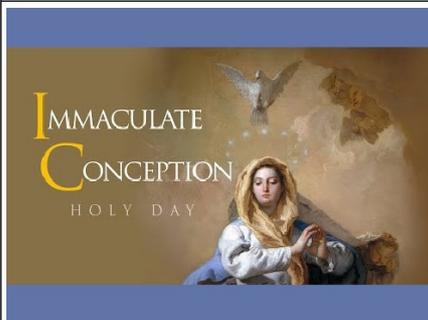
Response: Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

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.

This Monday, December 9, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.



'Come Lord Jesus'

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES

2ND RITE ~ Wednesday 18 ~ 7.30pm St Bernard's, Berowra Heights

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

CHRISTMAS-MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve - 24 December

5pm	St Bernard's Vigil Mass (Outdoor in school grounds with Carols and Sausage Sizzle ~ bring a chair/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

'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.'

LIMITED PARKING!

Sundays only

in SPA school grounds



- Entry/Exit by vehicle and foot is via Royston Pde **ONLY**.



Pope's intention for December: For Pilgrims of Hope ~ We pray that

this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Advent ~ Year C

Monday 09/12 ~ Solemnity
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen 3:9-15,20;
Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 10/12
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday 11/12
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 12/12
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 13/12 ~ Memorial
St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 14/12 ~ Memorial
St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:10-13

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick (Pat) O'Donoghue, Fr Michael O'Toole, Kevin White, Leonard Edward Neal, Timothy Drayton

ANNIVERSARY:

Patricia O'Malley, David Huntley, Patrick Porter, Dario B Rossi

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Mason Maatouk, Sandra Sparkes, Lyn Beacom, Warren Beacom, Kyung Ja Ku, Gina Ku, Louise Tong, Nora Carrigan, Paul Lam, Ann Leslie, Ruth Carlos, Barry Cox, Millie Wong, Sosefo Ali, Cita Del Rio, Bill Holmes, Pat Bowden, Mary Burns, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Chris Enright, Isabel Henson, Mary Mathew, Chichi Datoc, Philomena D'Souza, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

The 250 Club

Week 20 ~ 2/12/2024

Winning #: 779

Amt: \$500.00

Winner: Unfinancial



Use our Smart Terminals to Tap 'n' Go In fact, your 'Tap' is vital in helping the parish 'Go'

Your donations help pay for regular parish expenses, eg Hosts, electricity, water, etc.

Readings

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,

since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

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Catechists Plea: Urgent need for 2025

We need a Catechist for **Hornsby Heights Public: Tuesdays: Kindy Class** (they are so adorable and want so much to learn about God)
Time: 2.40pm to 3.10pm.

Also, we need a Catechist for Mount Kuring-gai Public: Wednesdays: Year 3/4 (these children will be learning about the Sacraments they are to make during 2025 being Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist)

Time: 12.50pm to 1.20pm.

Can you help us to help them?

All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided. **Please ring the Office 9456 2450 for details.**

Second Reading Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED at St Patrick's Asquith.

God is so very good to us here at KCCP. Luis & Teresita Santiago, a couple new to the parish, have come forward to make a 5th group on the SPA Maintenance roster (thank you both!). An updated roster will be produced, **however**, our ever hopeful secretary will hold off in the hope that last weeks plea for **'a miracle'** sees another two vollies come forward after reading this notice. Please contact the office. **Thanks!**



KCCP Volunteers Thanksgiving 2024

Last Friday evening 29th November, we (*the few*) had the opportunity to thank you (*the many*) Volunteers of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish for all their wonderful works of ministry in our parish throughout the year.

Around 70 parishioners came together to share a fabulous meal (catered from by the Griffiths/Alaalatoa family) and served by Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, Staff and Clergy alike.

After the meals the evening progressed to games and the general atmosphere was full of friendship, laughter & community.

We hope that each and everyone of you enjoyed the evening.



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 21st @

9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights & 10am at St Patrick's Asquith



Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul Society Asquith Conference

Sincere thanks to Parishioners for your generous donations to the recent Christmas Appeal.

So far \$3,140 has been raised.

Funds raised will go towards assisting our clients suffering hardship for various reasons. Also a big thank you to our regular donors through the poor boxes throughout the year.

Les Fogden - Treasurer



Preparing for Christmas? How about a little spiritual preparation on a Thursday night? Folk just like you will be meeting up at **St Patricks Hall at 7:30pm this Thursday night**, to continue reflecting on the Gospels leading into and during Advent. Parking will be available in the school grounds with entry via Royston Parade only. For any enquiries, please call Sue on 0400 300 598 who is looking forward to seeing many of you on any, or all, of these remaining Thursday nights ~ December: 12th and 19th.



December 2024 Parish Timetable

The ultra busy month of December will soon be 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	9.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 12, 19	7.30pm	SPA Hall	Advent group ~ Preparing for Christmas! (see below)
Dec 16	5.30pm	SPA	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 16	6pm	SBB	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Dec 18	9.15am	SBB	Whole School end of year Mass
Dec 18	7.30pm	SBB	2nd Rite of Reconciliation opportunity
Dec 19	7.30-9pm	SPA	Whole Parish Christmas Carol Evening
Dec 21	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



CAROLS EVENING

**Thursday 19th December,
7.30pm, St Patrick's Church, Asquith**

Save the Date! Our whole parish Carols evening will be here in two shakes of a reindeers tail and it's not to be missed! We would like as many parishioners as possible to come **from both ends of the parish**, to be united in solidarity and love of Our Lord and our one true faith. More info will follow closer to the big day.



CALLING ALL Shepherds, Angels and Wisemen to participate in our annual NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5pm @ ST BERNARD'S CHURCH (well, the schoolyard actually)

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 20th December and Monday 23 December**. We will meet at 10.00 am 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 us on 0422 093 594. Zinta H & Elaine D



COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

The 2024 calendar is now 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).

Pre-ordered COLUMBAN CALENDARS from St Bernard's Church will be available soon. **CHRISTMAS CARDS (religious images)** are available from the back of St Bernard's church, however, please note they are not SVdP Christmas cards.



Children's Choir @ St Patrick's

will be singing at 10am Mass today for the last time in 2024. The last practise for the year is on Friday 13th December from 4 to 5 pm in the church in preparation for the Whole Parish Christmas Carols evening. For more information, call Patricia Smith 9482 7935.

Date Claimer | Sunday 29 December 2024 | Feast of the Holy Family and Opening of the 2025 Holy Jubilee



Bishop Anthony prayerfully welcomes clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay to join him on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 29 December for 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and to officially mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee.



Rosters & Readings for W/kend – 14th Dec/ 15th Dec. 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent –Year C– Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Justin Berry	Paul Dryden	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	David Massa	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Sophia Cottrell Olive O'Keefe	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Josephina Doyle Joshua Telford	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Francesca Parrino	Barbara McMullen	Edwina Subramany	Russell Schreiber	Sandra Maloney	David De-Fina
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Peta Tonkin	Hayley Rodrigues	Vivienne Schreiber	Jo Quinlan	Les Fogden
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Glenn Shapter, Annette Shapter, Cecilia Waite (f), Anne Bourke (s)		Pat Smith, Marion Pahalawatta, Bernadette Or, Ellen Downey (f)- (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		December: - Malcolm Cross, David Chui, John & Sue O'Malley (help always needed & appreciated)			

Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay: Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.



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'The voice of the Baptist still cries in the deserts of humanity today', says Pope Francis. There is, the Pope observes, a desert of indifference in our world filled with *'closed minds and hardened hearts.'*

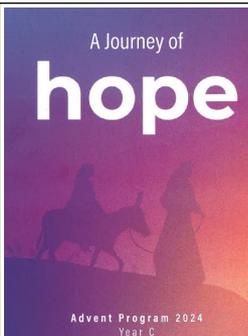
During Advent we are all called to heed the Baptist's cry. Christians, the Pope suggests, should therefore repent from any selfish inaction on our part. We cannot simply affirm that *'we're okay'* because we are Christian and that *'things are fine as they are and we don't need any kind of conversion.'*

Rather, the Pope encourages us to ask ourselves whether *'we have within us the same feelings that Jesus has? Is it true that we feel as Christ feels?'*

Do we see the needs of others – for forgiveness, companionship, or aid – or are we focused on ourselves?

Having heard the cry, we are also called to share the Baptist's mission to make Jesus known. And the best way to preach the Gospel, the Pope advises, *'is to open a door.'*

We open a door to belief when our faith is lived authentically and we are attentive to those around us. We must *'lay low the mountains of pride'*, the Pope affirms, *'fill in the ravines dug by indifference and apathy'*, and *'make straight the paths of our laziness and our compromises.'*



A Journey of Hope ~ DBB Advent Programme 2024.

Advent is a time for preparation and anticipation and the Diocesan Advent resource is now available.

Limited copies can be found at the back of our churches. It can be used as part of a group or individually.

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 (www.bbcatholic.org.au).



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