



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH
 Diocese of Broken Bay
 1st December 2024 ~ Year C
 First 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: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

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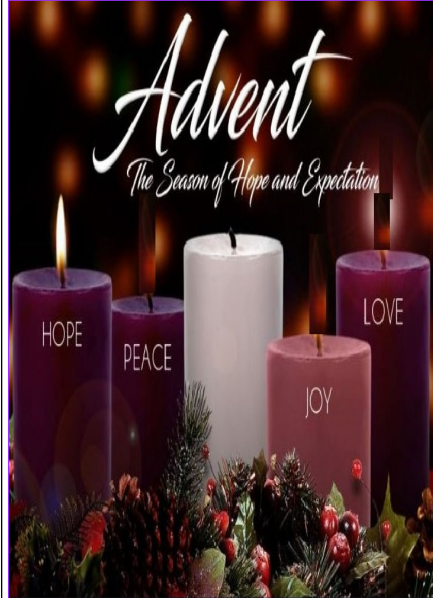
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Please, call the office if you would like our own priests to visit you in hospital.

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Prayers for 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.



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

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



Please join us for our Inaugural Blessing of the Boats & Seafarers of Brooklyn NSW, THIS Friday 6 December 2024 3pm - 5pm

Our PPC and Clergy have been hard at work behind the scenes planning what is hoped to become yet another annual event for our parish.

In consultation with the community of Brooklyn NSW all will gather on the Hawkesbury River Marina at 3pm on Friday 6 December 2024 for the 'Blessing of the Fleet' which will be followed by refreshments until 5pm. **Please come along and make this an event to remember.**

This year we are keeping things small to judge the response, however, it is hoped that this will grow into a truly amazing event in future years which will include a BBQ/Festival atmosphere in thanks for those who make their living from the waters which embrace our parish and indeed our entire diocese.

Please join us ~ Fr Biju & Fr Joy and your Parish Pastoral Council

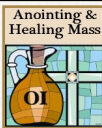
'Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this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



First Friday of the Month ~ This Friday ~ 6 December 2024

ANOINTING & HEALING MASS @ St Bernard's: 11.30am

Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;

Healing Mass: 11.30am



NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All are welcome.*



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 02/12

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 03/12 ~ Memorial

At Francis Xavier, priest

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday 04/12

Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 05/12

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 06/12

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 07/12 ~ Memorial

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Is 30:19-21, 23-26;

Mt 9:35-10:1. 6-8

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Michael O'Toole, Kevin White, Leonard Edward Neal, Timothy Drayton

ANNIVERSARY: 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 Dato, Philomena D'Souza, Patrick Dorahy, Rey Hilario, Roger Okell, John Cosgrove (Snr), Rosemary Pendlebury-Grainger.

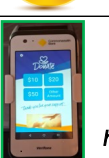


Week 19 ~ 25/11/24

Winning #: 676

Amt: \$25.00

Winner: **Unsubscribed**



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Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our

God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!



Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Pastoral Discernment North Shore ~ Submissions have not closed!

These gatherings, have been a beautiful testament to the Holy Spirit at work among us in the North Shore Deanery, guiding our shared discernment as we seek the way forward together. If you'd like to explore the key insights and summary of voices gathered during the Community Engagement Phase of the Project, we invite you to register for the **PDNS Conversation Forum on 7 December**, starting with light refreshments at **11:30 am** at **St Agatha's Hall, Pennant Hills**.



Catechists Plea: For the children's sake, please don't let our plea fall on deaf ears. Without Catechists to teach them, some children won't know that God exists. The precious gift of faith in God and the knowledge of God is given to every child in the Public School system, by Catechists in our Parish, but sadly we don't have enough Catechists. Many people sit back waiting for others to volunteer or say "I couldn't do that, it isn't for me". **But how do you know what you are capable of if you haven't even tried!** All lessons are prepared for you. They are simple and training is provided. **Can you help us to help them??** We need five more Catechists and at least five standby catechists. Standby catechists will be required when a catechist is ill or on holidays. **Please ring the Parish Office 9456 2450 for details.**

MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED at St Patrick's Asquith.

For a while now the same folk have been volunteering on the maintenance roster for SPA and we are most grateful to them. **However**, if we had **just two additional volunteers** it would greatly help to lighten the load. **[Four more vollies would be a miracle but then again, it IS that time of year!! ☺].** Please contact the office to help. Thankyou.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Asquith and Berowra will be having their Christmas Appeal **THIS** week-end. Our Christmas Appeal plays a vital role each year in enabling the good works of the Society to be continued and with your support we hope to sustain the assistance the Society provides in the future. There are envelopes in the pews of the Church.



Please place your donation in the envelope provided and place on either collection plate during Mass, *thank you*.
The St Patrick's Children's Choir cake stall held last Sunday for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal raised \$600!!
Well done to all children and bakers involved!!



SAVE THE DATE ~ CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

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

Saturday December 21st @ 9am at St Bernard's Berowra Heights & 10am at St Patrick's Asquith



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
30 Nov / 1 Dec	All Masses	SBB / SPA	SVdP Christmas Appeal
Dec 3	6-7pm	SBB (School)	Christmas Carol Concert (on school oval)
Dec 5	5.30pm - 9pm	Berowra Oval	Carols under THE Star - Ecumenical Event (see below)
Dec 5, 12, 19	7.30pm	SPA Hall	Advent group ~ Preparing for Christmas! (see below)
Dec 6	11.30am / 7.30pm	SBB / SPA	Anointing & Healing Mass / Night Vigil
Dec 6	3pm	Brooklyn Marina	Blessing of Boats followed by fish'n'chips on the shore
Dec 6	6pm	SPA (School)	School Grounds Christmas Concert / Music Evening
Dec 11	9.30am	SPA	Whole School end of year Mass
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



Youth Mass THIS Sunday 1 Dec. @ St Patrick's - 6pm Mass & 7pm Youth Group

All youth from Year 9 to young adult (20yo) are invited to come to our Youth Mass at 6pm and/or our Youth Group meeting in the Fr McMaugh hall from 7-8.30pm. We will have food, games, music, social time, a short Alpha video for discussion and finish up with a prayer. All youth are warmly invited – please bring a friend! Parents and grandparents might like to encourage their young ones to try it out. For more information, please email Deacon Adrian at adrian.gomez.youthministry@gmail.com



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).

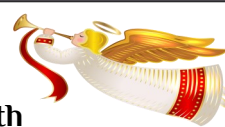


Preparing for Christmas? How about a little spiritual preparation on a Thursday night? Folk just like you will be meeting up at **St Patricks Hall at 7:30pm this Thursday night**, to continue reflecting on the Gospels leading into and during Advent. Parking will be available in the school grounds with 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: 5th, 12th and 19th.



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 you have any questions, please contact us on 0422 093 594.

Zinta H & Elaine D



Carols under the Star 2024 is on THIS Thursday 5 December
Pre-show activities 5.30pm,
Carol show beings 7pm.

This annual open air combined Churches of Berowra event is wonderful and well supported by the community. It is held at Warrina St Oval, Berowra.

Come along! You won't be disappointed.

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 St. Patrick's School Christmas concert on 6th Dec. Our remaining practices this term are on Fridays 6th & 13th December from 4 to 5 pm in the church. For more information, call Patricia Smith 9482 7935 or email us at stpatcschoir@gmail.com

Rosters & Readings for W/kend – 7th Dec/8th Dec. 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent –Year C– Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Garth Graham	Paul Dryden	Volunteer now	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Volunteer now
Altar Servers Altar Servers	Annie Tod Harry Tod	Sophia Cottrell Miranda Tablizo	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Joshua Almeida Anamaria De-Fina	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Genevieve Funk	Denise Harant	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Cora Cuasay	Volunteer now
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Sarah Rumble	Sub requested	Clare Bell	Susie Gates	Volunteer now
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cora Marques (f), Gisela Muschal (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray. Maria Hon (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*.



Our life becomes beautiful when we wait for a dear one or someone important.

May this Advent help us transform our hope into the certainty that He whom we await loves us and will never abandon us.

Pope Francis

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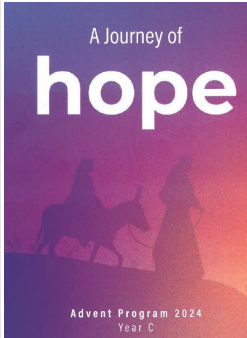
Advent, Pope Francis suggests, should awaken 'sleepy Christians'. It is a time to stop 'dozing off' into spiritual apathy and indifference.

The Pope encourages us to use Advent to consider how we live our faith. Perhaps we have become too worldly, or spiritually insular? Maybe

our prayers have become dull and routine, rather than heartfelt? Whatever the case, now is the moment to reflect on what really matters and act. Not tomorrow, not at Christmas, not after the holidays – Now!

There is an urgency to Advent, which this week's Gospel puts right in front of us. As Jesus says, we must be wakeful and alert! He speaks of things to do – stand, watch, pray – which shows us that the Christian life must be more than passive routines.

Framed by Jesus' call to his disciples, the Pope suggests that Advent should be spent 'looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.' It is, he adds, 'a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.'



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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