

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

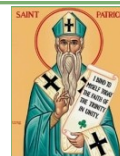
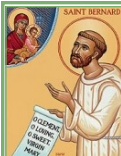
# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 5th January 2025 ~ (Solemnity) The Epiphany of the Lord ~ Year C

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!



## Lessons from the stars (Fergal Mac Eoinin)

As far back as history, people have been fascinated by these tiny lights in the sky. They engage us at many different levels. For some they are portents and omens to predict future events. Others focus on calculating the ages and distances to faraway stars.

For some of us they are simply beautiful but beyond our reach. We try to catch them in the joy of language. Stars flicker everywhere in our love stories and poems. We even use them as a description for our role-models. Stars are inspiring. Ordinary shepherds and learned magi alike took inspiration from the skies as they travelled to Bethlehem. We may explain them off as tales of omens and calculation and seldom think of the inspiration that set them on a journey. It was an early example of a peace march. The recurring wish of the star-gazer is a place of peace that lies maybe somewhere beyond the stars. Across the ages every culture has stared up and the stars and wondered. There must be something else out there in the vastness beyond our understanding. Part of us inexplicably believes that whatever is out there is good or at least better than what we have here. In most cases our desire for inspiration asks the one thing we feel entitled to expect here on Earth. We feel it but rarely seem to get it – peace!

*Peace to people of good will* – the Prince of Peace welcomes everyone who seeks peace. Shepherd and king, rich and poor, local and stranger all seek the same thing, a life of peace and fulfilment. "All humans seek peace" is a generalisation that is close to being true. Breaking peace is always a decision. Anger, nastiness, belligerence and unkindness are not natural to the human person. In our better instincts, we desire peace and benevolence. The symbols of universalism in the Magi story speak to an audience far wider than just Christians. It is for all those who have gazed beyond the senses and dreamed for something better, something that is both natural and common to us all. <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2017/01/january-6th-the-epiphany-of-the-lord/>



Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be,  
In working, or in waiting,  
Another year with Thee.  
Another year of mercies,  
Of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness  
In the shining of Thy face.  
Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days.  
Another year of service,  
Of witness of Thy love,  
Another year of training  
For holier work above.  
Another year is dawning,  
Dear Master, let it be  
On earth, or else in heaven  
Another year for Thee.

Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

*To all parishioners, your extended families and all visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish, may you feel the presence of Our Lord beside you during 2025 and always.*  
**Fr Biju & Fr Joy**

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS ~ Please consider carefully how the funds you place on the plate are administered ...**  
**1st Collection: LEAVES** the parish and goes to a common fund **outside the Parish** to support priests.  
**2nd Collection: STAYS** in the parish to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, telecommunications, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses, the Priests' cars & petrol etc, etc and is **ESSENTIAL** for our **PARISH** to **FUNCTION FINANCIALLY**



**The Parish Office will re-open on 20 January 2025** ~ If you need assistance during this period please email the office on: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au (this will be monitored regularly **for urgent matters only**) or phone 9456 2450 and leave a message. **Please note**, messages will be **CHECKED ONCE PER WEEK ONLY**.  
**REMEMBER: If in urgent need of a priest, the emergency number is: 0468 341 841.**

**HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services.

**PARISH OFFICE:** 1-19 Woodcourt Road, Berowra Heights 2082; P.O. Box 335, Berowra Heights  
**Hours: 9am – 4pm.** P: (02) 9456 2450; E: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au; W: www.bbcatholic.org.au/kccp  
**Parish Priest ~** Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH **Assistant Priest ~** Fr Joy Thomas, OSH  
**Parish Secretary** Catherine Hutchison **Parish Secretary** Margaret Cooper **Vol. Office Assistant** Jan Favaloro  
**Bookkeeper** Karen Price **Sacramental Team** Peta T & Phill C - kccpsacraments@gmail.com  
**RECONCILIATION:** Fridays: 9.45am at St Bernard's Berowra ; Saturdays: 9.30 am at St Patrick's, Asquith  
**WEEKEND MASSES:** St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am  
St Patrick's, Asquith: Saturday Vigil 6pm and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** St Bernard's, Berowra Heights: 9.15am Wednesday & Friday; 8am Thursday  
St Patrick's, Asquith: 9am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday; 8am Wednesday & Friday



**Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 11th Jan / 12th Jan. 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord –Year C– Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

	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	Volunteer now
Altar Servers	Martha Askew	Sub Requested	Darius Ali	Volunteer now	Joshua Almeida	Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Donna Machado	Sarah Rumble	Sue Lum	Russell Schreiber	David De-Fina	Les Fogden
Reader (2)	Anne Maree Hutchins	Volunteer now	Sue Watts	Vivienne Schreiber	Volunteer now	Volunteer now
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Marcia Wood, Gwen Wood, Elaine Maatouk, Cecilia Waite (f), Brenda Brooks (s)		Cynthia Gilbertson, Sue Watts, Cathy Gray, Maria Hon (f) (help always needed & appreciated)			
Maintenance	Team A & B - (help always needed & appreciated)		January: - Les Fogden, Graham Palmer, Richard Fellow, John and Sue O'Malley			

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Dear Parishioners, As per announcements at last weekend's masses, (see or take a copy of the announcement from back of church) we are seeking to fill **two** positions on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

**We urge you to consider nominating** for one of the two positions.

Nominations close January 31st 2025.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church, and you can place your nomination form in the box provided. All nominees will be contacted to confirm nomination. Please contact the Parish Office on 9456 2450 or Michael Halliday on 0414 095 373 if you have any questions about this process. Thank you : Michael Halliday (PPC Chair)

**Our New Year Wish List ~** Recently, the Holy Father proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025 and all members of the Catholic Church will celebrate this milestone. Therefore, I would like parishioners to consider supporting the purchase of the following items:

† 6 x Altar Candlesticks at a cost of \$1,150 (+GST) per candlestick

† 1 x Altar Crucifix at a cost of \$1,600 (+GST)

I thank you for considering this appeal to purchase items for our parish and ask that you contact the parish office to assist. Fr Biju, Parish Priest.



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**ANNIVERSARY:** Michael Capozzi, Patricia O'Malley, David Huntley, Dario B Rossi

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Marie Perrott, Mason Maatouk, Sandra Sparkes, Lyn Beacom, Warren Beacom, Kyung Ja Ku, Gina Ku, Louise Tong, Nora Carrigan, Paul Lam, Ann Leslie, Ruth Carlos, 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.

**Please NOTE WELL:** It is our practise during January, to delete names from the Sick list whose situation hasn't been updated. Please send an email to: parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au to have a name reinstated.

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