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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

**The Presentation of the Lord ~ Year C ~ 2nd February 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!

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Requests for inclusion in our bulletin may be submitted for consideration up to 12 noon on Wednesdays by emailing: [parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:parishkccp@bbcatholic.org.au)

**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
Vietnamese Mass ~ 1st Sunday of the month at 2.30pm St Patrick's		

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St Patrick's, Asquith**

**8am** Wednesday and Friday  
**9am** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 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)

**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  
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**Safeguarding:** Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish is committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, most especially for children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns 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 we know, the Holy Father has proclaimed 2025 as a **Jubilee Year**, a sacred time of renewal and reflection. Along with the Jubilee Year, Christian

Churches prepare to mark the **1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea**, the first of the great Ecumenical Councils, which developed the Nicene Creed stating that **the Son is consubstantial with the Father**.

Pope Francis says, in his homily on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, 25 January 2025, "This Creed is a common profession of faith that transcends all the divisions that have riven the Body of Christ over the centuries", and the anniversary of its proclamation, "an opportunity for all Christians who recite the same Creed and believe in the same God".

**Dear friends,**

Realising the importance of the anniversary of the Nicene Creed this year, we may often recite the Nicene Creed in our Sunday Mass. *Fr Biju OSH, PP*



**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became Man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**Your Parish Pastoral Council is getting new members.**

At the end of November last year we announced that two members of our PPC were stepping down after quite a number of years of service on the council. At that time we sought nominations from within the parish for replacements, and told you that we would announce the names of those who volunteered at the end of January.

This morning/evening I am pleased to be able to do that. But first let me say that we have been very blessed with a richness of generosity. We received five offers to serve on the council and as a result Fr Biju, in consultation with the PPC, has decided to accept all offers and remove the necessity to have an election.

With five offers we are now in a position to be able to relieve a further two current PPC members who have served for 6 or more years on the council and who were seeking to retire. These two members are **Phil Daidone** and **Jerome Gomez**. On behalf of the Parish Fr Biju expresses his gratitude for the wise and generous service of these two men, and at a future date there will be a more public expression of gratitude to these two men and to the other two members of the PPC, who are also retiring, **Michael Halliday** and **Sue Lum**.

So it now pleases me to announce to you that the incoming members of the PPC, representing both ends of our parish are the following:

**Cecilia Castle Damien D'Cruz Michelle Chahine Nick Thrum Kevin McElhenny**

In a couple of weeks' time we will have a formal induction of these new PPC members, but in the meantime we ask that you remember them in your prayers of thanksgiving and petition, that God's own Holy Spirit will inspire and guide them in the task they have generously undertaken. *Thank you.*



**URGENT, URGENT, URGENT** We are in need for a Catechist for 16 students in Years 3/4 at **Mount Kuring-Gai Public School**.  
**Day:** Wednesday – **Time:** 12:50 pm – 1:20 pm. If no one comes forward, this class will have no teacher. **Please contact the Parish Office URGENTLY.**

**Some important housekeeping notices ~ New beginning with a new spirit.**



† **Our churches are the house of God**, a place of solace and solitude where we can spend quality, quiet time, with Our Lord. Anyone who enters our churches are asked to be mindful and respectful of where you are *and in whose presence you are, God and other parishioners alike*. Please keep your voices lowered if you need to speak at all.



† **Please note well: No one** is to place anything on the church noticeboards, benches around the church or in the pews of the church without the express permission of the Parish Priest.

*Thank you for your cooperation, Fr Biju, PP.*

THIS WEEK'S **DAILY READINGS - ORDINARY TIME** - Year C

**Monday 03/02** Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20  
**Tuesday 04/02** Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43  
**Wednesday 05/02** Memorial St Agatha, virgin, martyr, Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6  
**Thursday 06/02** Memorial St Paul Miki & companions, martyrs Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13  
**Friday 07/02** Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29  
**Saturday 08/02** Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 09/02 - ORDINARY TIME** - Year C

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8; **Psalm:** 137:1-5, 7-8  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

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

**Recently Deceased:** Barry Cox, Natale (Noel) Macri, William Smitheram, Isabel Henson, Maureen Anne Smith. **Anniversary:** Kevin Harant, Kathleen Mulligan, Noel Anthony Fernandez, Remedios Alivio, Mary Ann Weir, Mary & Frank Jack.  
**Prayers for the sick:** Mason Maatouk, Warren Beacom, Millie Wong, Ruth Carlos, Cita Del Rio, Bill Holmes, Chris Enright, Patrick Dorahy, Pat Bowden, Mary Burns, Vince Hughes, Georgina Hughes, Chichi Datoc, Roger Okell, Philomena D'Souza, Nora Carrigan, Rey Hilario, Paul Lam, Louise Tong, Sosefo Ali, Jonathan Thew, John Cosgrove (Snr).

**Our New Year Wish List** ~ we are getting closer to our wish!

† 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 all who have so far supported this appeal and ask that others might also consider contributing so our wish is realised. Please contact the parish office to assist. *Fr Biju.*

**Currently in recess but starting again on 17 February!**  
**Memberships for 2025, Series One are now due!**  
**Want to be part of the action?? Call 9456 2450.**

**Next First Friday of the Month ~ 7 Feb. 2025**

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

(Prior to Mass) ~ Adoration: 10.30am; Reconciliation: 11.00am;

**NIGHT VIGIL @ St Patrick's: 7pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **All are welcome.**

**Bernie's Ladies** is a social group who meet 4 times per year with the goal being *'To build community at our church'.*  
**Term One's gathering takes place on:**  
**Sunday, March 16; 10am at Savvy Coffee**  
**All ladies of the entire parish are most welcome**  
 For more details contact Gen by emailing: david@barnettsroad.com

**Children's Liturgy: St Patrick's Asquith: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month**

**Our littlest parishioners** from PreK-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.

Parents are welcome to join their children. All facilitators have WWCC's. For more information contact: Chris V on hushh@hotmail.com

**1st Sunday of the month during school terms:**  
 6pm Youth Mass @ St Patrick's, followed by 7pm Youth Group in the Fr McMaugh hall from 7-8.30pm.  
**3rd Sunday of the month during school terms:**  
 7pm Youth Group @ St Patrick's

Email Deacon Adrian at adrian.gomez.youthministry@gmail.com for details.

**Children's Choir @ St Patrick's, Asquith**

**Sing:** At 10am Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during school terms.

**Practise:** Friday's of school term 4pm-5pm in the church.

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