



**KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 Diocese of Broken Bay  
**22nd December 2024 ~ Year C**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**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'.*

**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
	<b>St Bernard's Berowra Heights</b>
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.*

**PARISH OFFICE**

**Opening Hours: 9am – 4pm, Mon-Fri**  
**Phone: (02) 9456 2450**  
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**Parish Priest: Rev Dr Biju Jose, OSH**  
**Assistant Priest: Fr Joy Thomas, OSH**  
**Parish Secretary: Margaret Cooper**  
**Admin Assistant: Catherine Hutchison**  
**Parish Bookkeeper: Karen Price**  
**Vol. Office Assistant: Jan Favaloro**  
**Vol. Sacramental Team: Peta & Phill**  
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**Vol. Web Administrator: David Funk**

**Prayers for Lighting the Advent Candles ~ 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Celebrant:** As the day of the Lord approaches very near, we light the 4th candle. We pray that, like Mary, our hearts may be open to receive the Son of God, so that we may bring joy and peace to our world.



**Reader:** O Emmanuel, Lord of might, come and spread your kingdom of justice and peace.  
**Response:** Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

**Reader:** O Radiant Dawn, desire of nations, come and bring your peace to all nations.  
**Response:** Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

**Reader:** O Root of Jesse and Key of David, rescue your people from selfishness and sin.  
**Response:** Come, Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word.

**'Come Lord Jesus'**



**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:	<b>NO evening Mass Christmas Day</b>



**in SPA school grounds**

Parking on the school grounds at St Patrick's Asquith can now resume on a Saturday evening or on Sunday. Most works have been completed but there may still be some equipment in the basketball court area so please take care. Thank you all for your patience during these vital renovations works.

**A reminder to all who hold a key to this gate, please be sure it is securely locked after each Mass.**

- Entry in now via the railway access lane **ONLY** and
- Exit is via the Royston Pde gate **ONLY**.



**The Parish Office will be closed from 12md on Friday 20 Dec and will re-open at 9am on Monday 20 Jan 2025.**

If you **URGENTLY** need a priest during this period (e.g: if someone is close to or has passed away) please call the **priest emergency number: 0468 341 841.**

**Emails and phone messages will only be checked sporadically and only FOR URGENT MATTERS.**



'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.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Advent ~ Year C

Monday 23/12

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Christmastide ~ Year C

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24/12

Vigil

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:18-25

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25/12

Midnight:

Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Day:

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday 26/12 ~ Feast

St Stephen, the first martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Friday 27/12 ~ Feast

St John, apostle, evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-14; Jn 20:2-8

Saturday 28/12 ~ Feast

The Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Mt 2:13-18

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

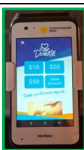
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ANNIVERSARY:

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Noel Farrell, 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, 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.



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.

The 250 Club!



250 Club in recess until Feb 2025

Dear Parishioners,

With every New Year comes the opportunity for new beginnings and hopefully to make improvements in the way we go about things. I am doing the same for our parish and would like you to take special notice of the following:

Office:

- From 1st January 2025, there will be a couple of small changes in the parish office. Opening hours will be from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Catherine Hutchison will be in attendance all weekdays with Margaret Cooper in attendance on Tues-Wed-Thurs only. Karen Price (Bookkeeper) will continue to attend the office on Wednesday and Jan Favaloro will still offer voluntary assistance on a Tuesday.

Bulletin:

- Going forward, the weekly bulletin will be reduced to a single (double sided) A4 sheet
- The format will be greatly simplified with importance being given to parish events and achievements, followed by Diocesan announcements and requests and then those of neighbouring parishes or outside of parish requests.
- The main details for regular parish ministries will be provided with a reference to either a phone number or email address for folk to make contact if they seek further information or assistance.
- Perhaps the biggest change to the bulletin will be the roster section. As each volunteer is provided with a roster directly, the roster 'section' will no longer be part of the bulletin. Instead the roster for the weekend masses after the one you are attending will be printed weekly and placed in the sacristy of each church and on the church notice boards. You are encouraged to view these (if necessary) to see if you are rostered the next week of if any sub-requests have been made which you might be able to fill.
- When it comes to the rosters for Senior Servers/Junior Servers/Readers these can be viewed via the parish website at any time to check if you are rostered or sub-requests have been made as it is linked in real-time to any changes made using the 'Ministry Scheduler Programme' (MSP) - if you need assistance or a bit or re-training please reach out to the office staff.
- Requests to have something included in the bulletin need to be submitted by 12 midday on Wednesday (no late submissions can be considered, sorry)

Readings:

- As you would have noticed over the last couple of weeks, all readings at our masses are now on the AV screens. This is why they will no longer be printed in the bulletin. I encourage you to closely follow the readings on our screens during mass.

Fr Biju Jose, PP

PS: Further to the above, it is high time that our acknowledgement and thanks are made known to our parishioner, David Funk, who has put in many hours of preparing the readings for display on our AV Screens. This was a very big undertaking and David, we thank you most sincerely.

We need computer operators: All of David's hard work will amount to nothing if we do not have volunteers to run the computers during Masses. As you will be at Mass anyway, might I appeal to you for your assistance in this vital ministry? It isn't a hard job and training can be provided. Please call the office to advise availability. Fr Biju.



Congratulations 2024 Graduation Students of our Parish Schools.

This week saw our Parish Schools wrap up the 2024 school year. 'Whole school' end of year Masses were celebrated with much energy and amazing singing and our Year 6 students participated beautifully in their 'Graduation from Primary School' Masses last Monday.



Well done to all kids of our parish on completing another great year. We wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas, and a well deserved break. Frs Biju & Joy



Did you know Mass in Vietnamese is offered in our parish once a month?

On the first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm, Fr Vincent celebrates Mass at St Patrick's Church in Asquith in Vietnamese. This is greatly appreciated by the many Vietnamese people from our surrounding area and beyond, who come together to hear and participate in the Mass, in their native language. We extend our thanks to Fr Vincent and the entire Vietnamese community for another wonderful year at our parish and take this opportunity to wish you all abundant blessings during the Christmas Season and New Year. Giáng sinh vui vẻ



Dear all, thank you for your amazing support of this long running and highly successful fundraiser for our parish. We now have TWO SERIES each year beginning in February and in July. When the office re-opens in late January, reminders will be sent to those who are not financial. Number sets are available, and remember, you have to be in it to win it !! For more information please contact the Office.



### CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING

Jesus is nearly here so..., it's all hands on deck! We need lots of help by folk who are ready to roll up their sleeves and get out the elbow grease! Unfortunately, not many folk turned up to help out last Christmas and none at all at Easter, so please, *please* come along and lend even 20-30 minutes of your time.

Many hands will make light work so please come armed and ready to get stuck in and prepare our Churches for the imminent arrival of the Infant Jesus.

**Saturday December 21st ~ 9am at St Bernard's and 10am at St Patrick's ~ Please bring your own cleaning paraphernalia. Sure, baby Jesus was born in a dusty stable, but ... we don't want Jesus to be greeted by DUST BUNNIES do we !?**



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### 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)

### Calling all Shepherds and Angels 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 both 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, please contact us on 0422 093 594. Zinta H & Elaine D



Actors  
Needed

### Singers and actors needed—all welcome!

#### Christmas Eve Play for 6pm Christmas Eve

#### Vigil Mass @ ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Any children that would like to participate in the Christmas play are asked to attend **2 rehearsals at St Patrick's church.**

**9 to 11.30am on Friday 20th December and  
9.45am to 12md on Monday 23 December**

Practices start with singing followed by practise for the play.

You can be just in the choir, just in the play or better yet ... you may be in the choir AND the play! Parent helpers always appreciated.

If you have questions please email Cecilia on [ceciii@hotmail.com](mailto:ceciii@hotmail.com)

**Kids! Come along and take part in the Celebration of Christmas. The more the merrier!**

### 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.

St Patrick's Church at Asquith is a most beautiful church. As the bigger church in our parish it will feature heavily in these celebrations.

I have no thoughts at all about changing it or adding onto it, however, I would very much like to acquire some sanctuary items which are most suitable to compliment the existing architecture.

The Altar as you know is located on the centre of the Sanctuary which is where we celebrate Mass, 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)**

You may of course nominate which item you would like to specifically support OR contribute towards, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. I thank you for considering this appeal to purchase items for our parish and ask that you contact the parish office to assist.

*(It is hoped that once these items have been secured that we will look to purchasing some seasonal banners to hang on the Sanctuary, Altar and Ambo which are approximately \$350 (+GST) per item).*

Fr Biju Jose, Parish Priest



Throughout 2024, the Northern Beaches and North Shore Deaneries have come together in a spirit of prayer, dialogue and reflection, guided by the Holy Spirit, as part of the Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Projects.

We (the diocese) extend our heartfelt gratitude to all community leaders and consultation facilitators who have journeyed alongside their communities, offering invaluable support and encouragement to engage the participation of the People of God in these regions of our diocese, as we discern our way forward, together.

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to continue to grow together as a Synodal Church - fostering dialogue within our own communities and reaching out to the world to further His mission.

As this year draws to a close, we give God thanks for the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon our Broken Bay community. We look forward to continuing our journey together in 2025, guided by the Holy Spirit.



**The action packed  
December edition of  
Broken Bay News (BBN)  
is available now  
at the back of both our  
churches.**

This edition features articles on:

- † Bishop's message ~ 'Synodality, Hope and Mission: A Vision for the Church as Pilgrims of Hope'.
- † Across our Diocese ~ 'Bishop Anthony celebrates 5 years as shepherd of Broken Bay'
- † News & Issues ~ 'A time of spiritual renewal in Africa' by our own Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda AJ (AP at St Agatha's Pennant Hills)
- † Plus lots more of interest.

**Please be sure to  
take a copy home with you.**



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

Bishop Anthony prayerfully welcomes 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. KCCP will have representatives at this Mass and will receive a special candle for each of our churches to be used throughout the Jubilee Year. Please attend the Mass if you can. Fr Biju



**THE ROSTER BELOW IS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES ONLY**

(Vigil) Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:18-25.  
 (Night) Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.  
 (Day) Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18



<b>24 December / 25 December</b>	<b>Christmas @ St Bernard's Church, Berowra Heights</b>	
	<b>5pm (Vigil - outdoor)</b>	<b>9am</b>
Acolyte/Snr Server	Justin Berry	Barbara McMullen
Altar Servers	Martha Askew Joshua Rumble	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Donna Machado
Reader (2)	Genevieve Funk	Francesca Parrino

<b>24 December / 25 December</b>	<b>Christmas @ St Patrick's Church, Asquith</b>		
	<b>6pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>9pm—Youth</b>	<b>Midnight</b>
Aco./Snr Ser.	Mani Subramany	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez John Messina
Altar Servers	Josephina Doyle Volunteer needed	Oscar Braga Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Penny Loughland	Susie Gates	Russell Schreiber
Reader (2)	Edwina Subramany	Miguel Do Rego	Vivienne Schreiber
	<b>8am (Wednesday)</b>	<b>10am (Wednesday)</b>	<b>NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
Aco./Snr Ser.	John Messina	Francis Lizardo	
Altar Servers	Volunteer needed Joshua Telford	Emillie Gunawan Vincent Huynh	
Reader (1)	Volunteer needed	Hayley Rodrigues	
Reader (2)	David Massa	Volunteer needed	

**THE ROSTER BELOW is for the Feast of the Holy Family 28th / 29th December 2024**

**Rosters & Readings for Weekend 28/29 Dec 2024: Feast of the Holy Family - Year C: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52**

**St Bernard's Church ~ Usual Sunday Masses**

<b>28th / 29th December</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Acolyte / Snr	Matthew Waite	Paul Dryden
Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Sophia Smith	Jerome Gomez
Reader (2)	Celia Cox	Jerome Gomez
Sacristy/Cleaning/	GC (Ch. Clean); Cecilia Waite (F), Tina Manti (S)	
Maintenance	Teams A & B (help always needed & appreciated)	

**St Patrick's Church ~ Usual Sunday Masses**

<b>28th / 29th December</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
Acolyte / Snr	Volunteer needed	John Messina	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Altar Servers	Darius Ali Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	Joshua Almeida Josephina Doyle	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed
Reader (1)	Miguel Do Rego	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	David De-Fina
Reader (2)	Hayley Rodrigues	Clare Bell	Cora Cuasay	Les Fogden
Sac./Clean/	Scott Smith, Anastasia Smith			
Maintenance	December: Malcolm Cross & David Chui (additional help appreciated)			

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