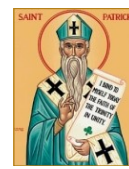
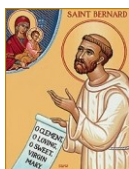


'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'



KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 29th December 2024 ~ Feast of the Holy Family ~ Year C

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28); 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Responsorial Psalm: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

NB: As is our custom at this time of the year ... There is **NO Anointing & Healing Mass** or **Night Vigil** in January. Masses will be offered in accordance with our usual Friday roster. *Thank you.*



Today marks the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

The **Jubilee for Consecrated Life** will be celebrated in Rome (8-12 Oct. 2025) and nationally in home countries on 2 February 2025, continuing throughout the year. Bishop Anthony invites you to join him today for 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara to officially mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee.



Thanks to 2024 and a warm welcome to 2025!

Dear parishioners, 2024 is drawing to a close and on Wednesday we will begin a New Year, 2025. May it be a blessed and peaceful one for us all. Of course, we have many things to look forward to during this year. Each of us will have our own personal wish-list and expectations.

However, in the liturgical calendar of the Church, the first day of the New Year is dedicated to the Solemnity of the Mother of God, which commemorates Mary's role in the mystery of salvation.

The feast of Mary, the Mother of God, underscores that her son, Jesus, is one person, truly God and truly Man. In Jesus, God has assumed our humanity. He knows our pains and struggles and temptations. He is the throne of mercy to which we can turn as He is our Saviour.

Hence, the ushering of the New Year should not just be focused on merriment and festivity, but as Catholics, the New Year should be rich with spiritual meaning for us; one that gives us much gratitude and thankfulness for the past, hope and courage to face the future ahead. We face the future not alone but with Jesus and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Today, we also mark the World Day of Peace. Faith in Jesus as the Good News, the light of humanity is also the guarantee to world peace in this troubled and divisive world. He is the source of peace. Unless we are reconciled with God, we cannot find peace within us. The source of division lies in the divided and selfish hearts of humanity.

May Jesus be our future. Let Him be the centre of our lives and our relationships. Let us ground our faith and life in Jesus and on the Word of God as the path to truth, love, and life. May Mary, the Mother of God, inspire us to a deeper faith and humility. We wish you a Blessed and Happy 2025 and pray that God will always be our rock and our salvation. *Fr Biju and Fr Joy OSA*



"The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger."

Luke 2:16

**New Year's Day Mass ~
Wednesday 1st January 2025 ~
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
will be celebrated at
8am at St Patrick's Asquith and
9.15am at St Bernard's Berowra Hts
Please consider starting the New Year with
God and Our Lady on this very special day.**



New Year Prayer ~ Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. **Amen.**

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RECONCILIATION: Friday 9.45am at

St Bernard's Berowra and

Saturday 9.30am at St Patrick's,

Asquith

WEEKEND MASSES:

St Bernard's, Berowra Heights:

Saturday Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am

St Patrick's, Asquith: Sat. Vigil 6pm

and Sunday 8am, 10am, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

St Bernard's, Berowra Hts: 9.15am

Wednesday & Friday; 8am Thursday

St Patrick's, Asquith: 9am Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday;

8am Wednesday & Friday

Our thanks to you !

On this Feast of the Holy Family we give thanks to and for our Faith Family for ... providing their talents and gifts this Christmastide and indeed throughout the year. So, in no particular order we thank ...

- * our maintenance teams and altar societies
- * our cleaners, decorators and flower arrangers
- * our acolytes/senior servers
- * our readers, commentators and welcomers
- * our intercession writers
- * our musicians and cantors

- * our collectors and counters
- * our hospitality team
- * our catechists & helpers
- * our RCIA & RCIC teams
- * You ! our amazing congregation and visitors
- * our office staff and volunteer
- * Fr Joy our Assistant Priest
- * Fr Biju, our Parish Priest

**Lord,
we thank you for our family.
Bless each one of us in our uniqueness
and let us use our gifts and talents to ensure unity and love within our family now and always.
Amen.**



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 is now **CLOSED** and 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.**

Rosters & Readings for Weekend – 4th Jan / 5th Jan. 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord –Year C– Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

	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	Mani Subramany	Francis Lizardo	Malcolm Cross	Vicente Sanchez
Altar Servers	Martha Askew Piper Thompson	Sub Requested Miranda Tablizo	Darius Ali Volunteer now	Volunteer now Volunteer now	Anamaria De-Fina Joshua Telford	Volunteer now Volunteer now
Reader (1)	Justin Berry	Denise Harant	Edwina Subramany	Clare Bell	Cora Cuasay	Volunteer now
Reader (2)	Mary Dorahy	Sarah Rumble	Penny Loughland	Michael Halliday	Susie Gates	Volunteer now
Sacristy / Cleaning / Flowers	Genevieve Funk, David Funk, Cora Marques (f), Gwen Wood (s)		Sue O'Malley, Mary O'Malley, Sue O'Malley, John O'Malley, Leanne Barbour (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.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Cox, Patrick (Pat) O'Donoghue, Fr Michael O'Toole, Kevin White

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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