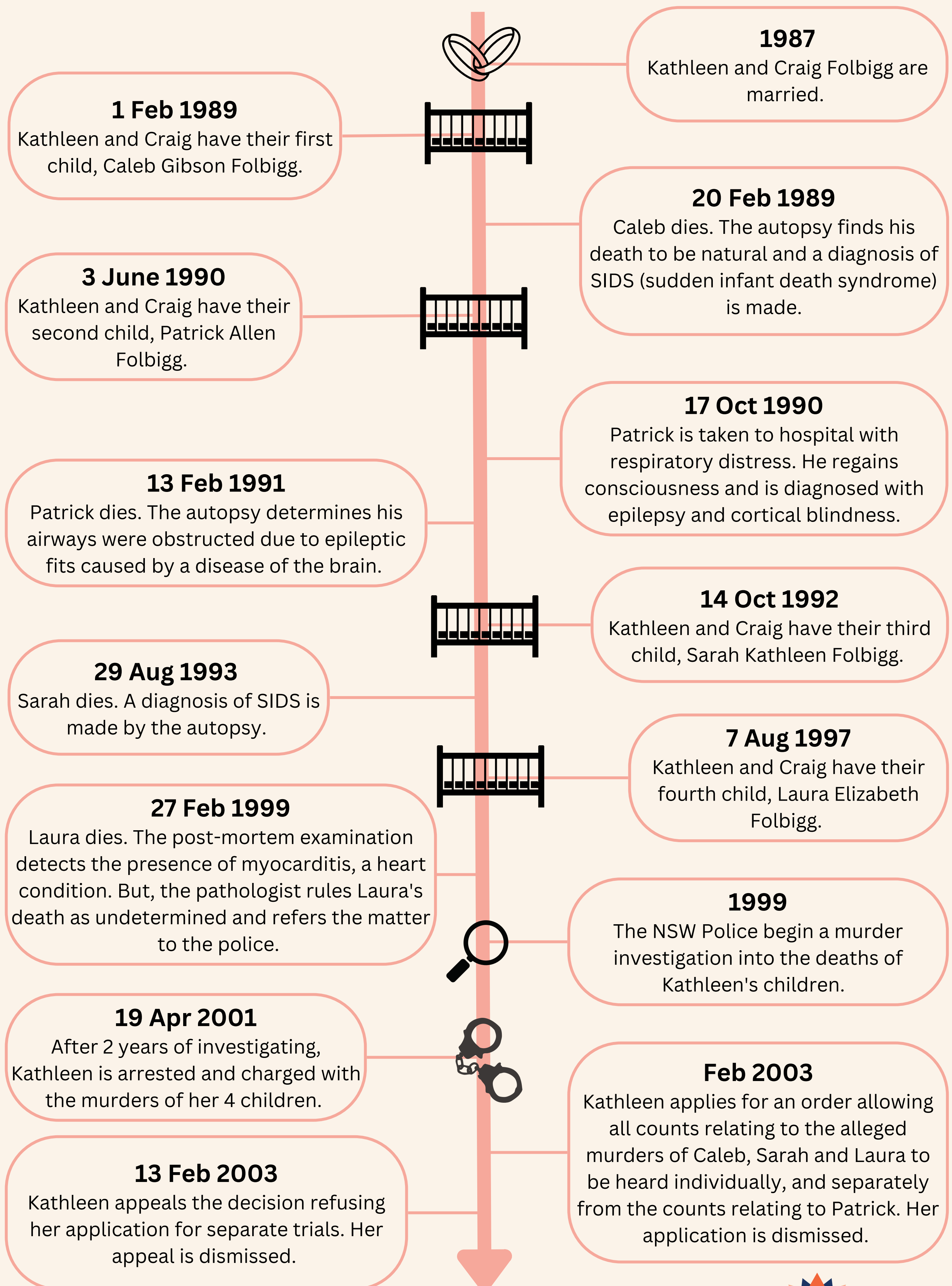
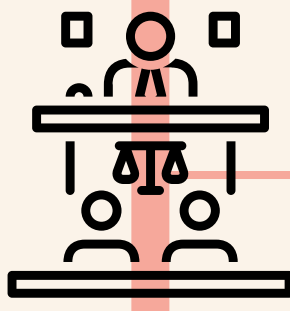


The Story of Kathleen Folbigg

A Timeline of Events from 1987 - 2023





24 Oct 2003

Kathleen is found guilty of the manslaughter of Caleb, intentional infliction of grievous bodily harm upon Patrick, and for the murders of Patrick, Sarah and Laura. She is sentenced to a non-parole period of 30 years imprisonment.

1 Apr 2003

Kathleen is tried for the murders of her children. The trial continues until August.

17 Feb 2005

The NSWCCA dismisses the convictions appeal, but finds that Kathleen's sentences are manifestly excessive. She is re-sentenced to a non-parole period of 25 years imprisonment.

26 Nov 2004

Kathleen appeals to the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal (NSWCCA) against all 5 convictions and applies for leave to appeal against her sentences.

27 Nov 2007

Kathleen appeals to the NSWCCA alleging jury misconduct in her 2003 murder trial. The appeal is dismissed.

2005

Kathleen applies for special leave to the High Court. Three High Court Justices dismiss the leave application.

Aug 2018

An inquiry is granted by the Governor of NSW. Former Chief Justice of the District Court of NSW, the Hon. Reginald Blanch AM KC, is appointed to hear the evidence at the inquiry.

26 May 2015

A petition is presented to the Governor of NSW seeking an inquiry into Kathleen's convictions.

Mar 2019

The inquiry takes place over three weeks. Former NSW District Court Chief Justice Blanch finds that there is no reasonable doubt as to Kathleen's convictions.

Feb 2021

Kathleen applies to the NSWCA seeking a judicial review of the determination in the 2019 inquiry. Her application is dismissed.

Mar 2021

A petition to pardon Kathleen, endorsed by 90 Australian and world renowned scientists, and medical practitioners was delivered to the Governor of NSW. Media coverage of scientific findings is also becoming more widespread, increasing pressure on the Attorney General of NSW, Mark Speakman, to initiate an enquiry.

Nov 2022

Following an order from the Governor of NSW, an inquiry into the conviction of Kathleen commences. Former Chief Justice of the NSW Supreme Court, the Hon. Tom Bathurst AC KC, hears the inquiry.

June 2023

Former NSW Supreme Court Chief Justice Bathurst releases summary findings, expressing reasonable doubt as to Kathleen's guilt.

5 June 2023

Kathleen receives an unconditional pardon by the NSW Governor. She is immediately released from jail.

