



# First Sunday of Advent

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## 1 December - FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent which comprises the four Sundays leading up to the birth of Christ at Christmas. Advent is both a time of waiting and preparation. The candles on our Advent wreath symbolize the light overcoming the darkness in order to welcome Christ the Light of the World.

Our liturgies over the next four weeks from the Scriptures focus upon the two comings of Christ. The Old Testament readings centre upon the hope that a Messiah would be sent by God to save his people. The Gospel readings focus our attention on Jesus, in whom the prophecy that a Messiah would come is fulfilled. The bridge between the Old and the New Testament of course is John the Baptist, who is the last of the great prophets who both prepares the way for the coming of the Saviour, and also helps us prepare our minds and hearts for his coming at Christmas. While we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, as the people of the Old Testament did, we also await the future coming of the Messiah into our lives at the end of time.

While the busyness and rush of the Christmas season will take hold of lives, better still if we can temper that urgency with the deeper and enduring mystery we celebrate every Christmas: the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. Let us make time each day by reflecting upon a passage of Scripture or visiting a friend or family member that we have longed to see for some time.

As Jesus made time for us by becoming one like us, let us become more like Christ who is God made visible for us.

Blessings,  
**Fr. Kelvin**

**MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF  
THE SICK - NEXT FRIDAY  
6 DECEMBER—9:15am**

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

#### **Our Advent Wreath**

*The Advent Wreath is one of the principal symbols in our church in our Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause and pray together with a longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.*

*We pray together:*

*God of grace and promise, at the beginning of the Advent season, we gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus.*

*We ask you now to bless our Advent Wreath and all who gather round it. May it remind us of the first coming of Jesus in the Incarnation, of His continued coming in our hearts and our world today, and of His future coming in glory.*

*The wreath is now blessed with holy water.*

**Priest:** *May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning or end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.*

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*

**Priest:** *As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.*

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*

**Priest:** *May we find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.*

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*



*The first candle is lit.*

## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	2 December	No Mass				Monday of 1st week of Advent
Tuesday	3 December	Mass	9.15am			St Francis Xavier, priest
Wednesday	4 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 1st week of Advent
Thursday	5 December	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of 1st week of Advent
Friday	6 December	Mass	9:15am			Friday of 1st week of Advent
Saturday	7 December	Mass	<b>9:15am*</b>	5:00pm		<b>* FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH</b> Morning Mass St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Sunday	8 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Hubert Engel (father of Veronica Engel, died 2 November aged 90).

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Marie Shortis (7th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 19th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 6th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (7th anniversary on 30 November), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 10th anniversary on 7 December), Joseph Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 11th anniversary 16 December), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 2nd anniversary 17 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 3rd anniversary 17 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 5th anniversary 16 November), Ingrid Tighe (39th Anniversary 29 December, Sacha Simone de la Cruz (father in law of Veronica Acevedo, 15th anniversary on the 8th November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 3rd anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 6th anniversary 10 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 3rd anniversary 11 November), Jean Carroll (mother of Irene Jenkins, anniversary 12 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 9th anniversary on 13 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 2nd anniversary 15 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 57th anniversary on 16 November), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 15th anniversary on 25 October, Dennis Vincent McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland's Dad, 21st anniversary on 19 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 6th anniversary on 21 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 11th anniversary 23rd October), John Hamilton Cutler (Jennifer Gregory's grandfather, 45th anniversary 19 October), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, 3rd anniversary, 15 October), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 39th anniversary on the 9 October), Josephine Wallington (Joanne Dummer's Mum, 19th anniversary on 12 October), Caesar Bruno (father of Terri Vernier, 6th anniversary on 18 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 7th anniversary on 20 October).

### **FOR THE SICK:**

Neville Bown (friend of Megan Khannah), Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Gemma McDermott, Rosalie Talty, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

***Please let the Parish Office know when someone can be taken off our Prayer List.***

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

***We are extremely concerned of the potential danger of the gum trees on the neighbouring property, in particular the ones overhanging the front carpark. Contact has been made with Ku-ring-gai Council indicating our concern for the high risk issues all site visitors are facing.***

***Please advise Fr Kelvin or the Parish Office if you see any trees/branches that do not look safe.***

## What do the Readings say to us this Sunday FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

**First Reading:** Jer 33:14-16: *I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Thess 3:12-4:2: *When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness. Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36: *Your redemption is near at hand.*

### Parish Events



#### Senior Ladies Christmas Lunch

**THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 12:30pm for 1:00pm start in the Parish Sunroom**

**RSVP is ESSENTIAL:** Please let Jo Waldron know if you will be attending. 0412 018 819

Join a choir this  
Christmas



**Thought you might like to join a choir but are daunted by the thought? Take your first step with the Holy Name Pop Up Choir.**

**It's a fun, friendly and supportive environment in which to start singing in a group.**

**You never know where it might lead.**

**Please join us for Christmas Day 9.30am mass.**

**We will have three rehearsals on Saturday mornings.**

**Saturday 7 Dec 9.30-11am**

**Saturday 14 Dec 9.30-11am**

**Saturday 21 Dec 9.30-11am**

Contact the office, fill in the sheet or email or call  
chrisiegoldrick@gmail.com 0438 625 056



**SAVE THE DATE**  
FOR  
*Christmas Carols*  
AT HOLY NAME WAHROONGA

**CAROLS IN THE GARDEN**  
Sunday 8 December 2024  
11am onwards

Join us for live music and carols on our beautiful Parish lawn **after 9:30am Mass.**

Bring your own nibbles, drinks and favourite picnic blanket/chairs.

Delicious, freshly cooked paella will be available for purchase.

In the event of wet weather, we will move inside the church for the concert.

Are there any **singers or musicians** from the Parish community who would like to join?  
If so, please contact Rosalie,  
rosaliebelsey@gmail.com

*Everyone is welcome*

Holy Name Wahroonga, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

**From our Parent Engagement  
Co-Ordinator—Jacqui Van de Velde**

#### Story Time in the Parish Sunroom

*Save the date and share with your friends who might be looking for a parish and school.*

**When: 10am – 10.30 am (after morning Mass)**

**Next Wednesday, 4 December.**

**See brochure in Church for other activities Jacqui has organised for Advent.**

#### Carols band and singers Rehearsals:

**Saturday 30 November - Musicians and Singers  
12:30-2:30pm**

**Please take a pile of the "Carols in the Garden" flyers on the table in the Church foyer and do a letter box drop of your street  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**





# Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Hayley Edmunds	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:	Mrs Judy Dalton (SAN— Tues): Mr Barry Clibborn (SAN—Fri) (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Volunteer needed please.	
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):	Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer), Vacant—(Secretary)	

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

(and **FIRST Saturday of the month** Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

**Mass on Tuesday to Friday:** 9.15am

8:45am Morning Prayer

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

**Friday evening during Lent:** Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

## Mass is also celebrated :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 1:15pm during school terms

**Baptism:** Preparation - by appointment with Fr Kelvin  
Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.  
Bookings essential through the Parish Office.

## Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

## Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0484 581 647 out of office hours.

## Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

**Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council:** Rosalie Belsey, Nick Chapman, Anne-Louise Deakin, Chrissie Goldrick, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Sally Oong, Libby Ringrose, Sajanee Senn, Samantha Vieira, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and a representative from St Lucy's.

**Parish Finance Committee:** Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

**Parish Fundraising Committee:** Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

**The Parish Bank Account Number:** The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

**Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.**

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the Parish Office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on [www.holynamewahroonga.com.au](http://www.holynamewahroonga.com.au)

**IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:** Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at [AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube](#) in case of an emergency.