

Holy Name Catholic Parish DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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1st February 2026 - 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

Last Monday, on the 26th of January, we celebrated Australia Day. Australians were not only invited to reflect on their national identity, but also on their Christian identity, because Australia Day was also a day for prayers for Australia. On that particular day we gave thanks to God for this land, for its people, for its diversity and its opportunities. As people of faith, we were called to heal and to walk together in truth and reconciliation, despite our complex history with its times of injustice and suffering.

It is important to recall this on Australia Day, since the Readings of this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us on one hand that God does not choose according to human standards. On the other, the same Readings refer to the Beatitudes which were read on Australia Day.

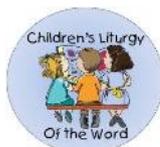
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, by which he shares his vision of the blessed and meaningful life of people who listen to Him and follow Him. Jesus declares blessed the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger for justice. These words turn worldly values upside down. In a society like Australia that often celebrates success, comfort and power, Jesus instead points his followers towards compassion, gentleness and selfless love.

As Australians, we take pride in values such as fairness, mateship, resilience and solidarity. We must bear in mind that these values find their deepest meaning and roots in the Gospel. In fact, when we care for the vulnerable and welcome the stranger, we defend the dignity of every person. Therefore when we strive for peace, we follow our national values and Christian calling. In this perspective, Saint Paul reminds us that our strength comes from Christ alone. Our future as a nation and as a Church depends on neither pride or weapons, nor even on self-sufficiency, but instead on humility before God and openness to His saving grace. In accordance with our Australia Day reflections, the words of God call us to be a Christian people or nation, reflecting the Beatitudes. This is to say that we are called to be a people who choose mercy over judgement, peace over conflict, and hope over despair.

As disciples of Christ, may we live each day shaped by the wisdom of the Cross and the joy of the Beatitudes. May Australia remain blessed and may God guide us always in His ways of love, truth and peace.

Blessed week to you all,
Fr Jules-Davy MALONGA, Cssp.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held in the Parish Sunroom every Sunday at 9:30am Mass during school terms, with pre-school to school age children invited to attend. Parents welcome. If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join us. No obligation to 'sign up'. Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details 9489 3221.



Men's Rosary & Bible Study

The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program - next meeting 10 February

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church

7:10pm Rosary

7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact : Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 or Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119 for more information.

SENIOR SERVER/ACOLYTE
URGENTLY NEEDED
FOR ROSTERED WEEKS 1 & 3 OF THE MONTH
FOR SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS.
Please contact the Parish Office
or Fr Gaspar if you can help. Thank you.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	2 February	Mass	9.15am			The Presentation of the Lord, Feast
Tuesday	3 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Wednesday	4 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Thursday	5 February	Mass	9.15am			St Agatha, virgin, martyr
Friday	6 February	Mass	9.15am			St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs
Saturday	7 February	Mass	9.15am*	5.00pm		Weekday, Ordinary Time 4 *First Saturday of the Month Mass
Sunday	8 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Daisy Chiu (longtime parishioner, sister of Lily Wong, mother to Celine, Bernard and Felix, died 6 January), John Bourke (uncle of Rosalie Belsey, brother of Pat Baxter, died 8 January), Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia).

ANNIVERSARIES: Kay Elizabeth Ann Baguley (mother of Jo Toomey, 27th anniversary on 2nd February), Margaret Bizannes (14th anniversary on 7 February), Evelyn Waters (cousin of Margaret MacMillan, 5th anniversary 9 February), Lasserre Gomes (3rd anniversary 28 January, father of Linette Sardinha), Patricia McGrath (3rd anniversary, 17 January, wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Felicidad Lizardo (Francis' mother - anniversary 15th January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (4th anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Kathleen Le Gras (sister of Brian McGarry, 3rd anniversary 24 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 9th anniversary 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 6th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 65th anniversary on 21 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 39th anniversary on 23 January), Monica Vince (cousin of Cecilia Kean, 3rd anniversary 20 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 10th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (Christine Shannon's father, 32nd anniversary 8 January), Elisha Foti (13th anniversary on 4 January).

FOR THE SICK: Megan Khannah, José Joaquim De Sousa (son of Ines), Shannon Van Der Bergh (nephew of Amalie G), George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui's parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O'Brien, Lawson Wynter (grandson of Marilyn Orrock), Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ilda (friend of Dominic McGrath), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and Pat MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Henry Alan Field (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), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).



**CAYA Come As You Are
Discussion & Reflection Group**
Commences for 2026 on Thursday,
5 February after morning Mass.
We meet in the Parish Sunroom.
Everyone is welcome.



Senior Ladies Group
will resume on
Thursday, 5 February 2026
at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom.
For further details: Jo Waldron
0412 018 819



Holy Hour
will resume on Friday, 6 February 2026
6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Congratulations to Fr John Puliparambil on becoming
an Australian Citizen on Monday!**
The ceremony was held in the Great Hall at Knox.



**World Day of the Sick 2026
11 February**
Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme
for the 34th World Day of the Sick:
"The compassion of the Samaritan:
loving by bearing the pain of the other"



What do the Readings say to us this Sunday 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME?

First Reading: Zeph 2:3,3:12-13: In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31: God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in Heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12: Happy are the poor in spirit.



Our Parish Children's Sacramental Preparation Program continues with
RECONCILIATION



Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHMJH>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will next be celebrated in Term 4, 2026.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Wednesday 18 February, 7-8pm, **Holy Name Church**, 35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga. This is a compulsory information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carer on 18 February, 2026.

Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 25 February, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall before 3.45pm.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

Lesson 1: Saturday, 28 February at 3.45pm,

Lesson 2: Saturday, 7 March at 3.45pm,

Lesson 3: Saturday, 14 March at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle. **(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church:

Wednesday 18 March at 6.00pm

YEAR 7 CATCH UP - 23 January



Our first Year 7 students catch up was a wonderful success. The students shared afternoon tea, lots of stories about their holidays, team activities and games on the lawn, listened to a talk about being 'Brave, not Perfect' as they approached the first days of High School and finished up with a Talent Show. All were very keen to come back for the next meeting, which will be held on **Friday 6th February from 4pm to 6pm. All are welcome, just turn up!**

For further details contact Sally Oong:
hnwsally@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

Have you considered becoming a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a formative process by which those interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church are invited to attend sessions with our priests and RCIA

Team over an extended period of time. They are presented with a variety of essential topics which cover the key pillars of the faith: our profession, celebration, lifestyle, and our prayer. At different stages of the process, individuals are given the invitation to continue on their journey towards the Easter Sacraments and reception into the Church. The RCIA Program also offers Confirmation for adults who celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist as children. We are continuing our RCIA Program for 2026 this week after the Sunday 9.30am Mass.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office or speak to our priests directly.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar

Jan 31: Deacon Peter McCulloch

Feb 1: Fr Roger Delmonte

Feb 2: Fr Vitalia Oguh

Feb 3: Fr Hien Vu

Feb 4: Fr Lucious Choi

Feb 5: Fr Peter DeSouza

Feb 6: Fr Peter Dowd, Fr Stephen Hume

DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church.

Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp	gaspar.mushi@bbcatholic.org.au
Assistant Priest:	Fr Jules-Davy Malonga Cssp	jules-davy.malonga@bbcatholic.org.au
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Parish Office:	Email	holyname@bbcatholic.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours:		Weekdays* 9:00am to 5:00pm (*CLOSED Tuesday)
Phone:		(02) 9489 3221
Postal Address:		P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076
Prouille Primary School:		5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076
School Principal:		Ms Genevieve Smith
Phone	(02) 7256 2146	School Website: www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au
CCD Coordinator:		Mrs Hayley Edmunds
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:		Mrs Judy Dalton (SAN - Tues) Mr Barry Clibborn (SAN - Fri) Mr Paul Sutherland (Housebound)
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:		Volunteer needed please.
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823 Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)

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 evenings Holy Hour: 6:30pm (Recommencing 2026 -
Date to be advised)

Weekend Masses:

FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

Mass is also celebrated :

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

St Leo's College, Wahroonga - Dates TBA during school terms

Baptism: *Preparation* - by appointment with Parish Priest
Baptisms - 11.00am—2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month
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 (Chair), Anne-Louise Deakin (Co-Chair), Sajanee Senn (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Nick Chapman, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and Courtenay Peters (St Lucy's).

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

The Parish Bank Account Number: BSB: 062-784 ACC: 100010626 (Wahroonga Parish EFT Account)

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? If you would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), please use the above account number. 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

**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 of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The **2nd Collection** taken up at Mass is for the running, maintenance and upkeep of the Parish.

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest.

It is located on the right hand side as you enter the Church next to the notice board behind the last pew.

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.