



Holy Name Catholic Parish DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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8 December - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

Today we hear the opening of the Gospel of Luke, where he introduces the two great figures who stand at the beginning of the Christian story: Jesus and John the Baptist. All four gospel writers witness to the truth that you cannot tell Jesus' story without referring to John the Baptist. It is the towering figure of John that introduces the adult Jesus in all the gospels.

John the Baptist stands out as the only religious leader that Jesus ever sought out, and spoke with deep affection and admiration about him. He is described as a voice crying in the wilderness, a large presence that dominates the emptiness of the wasteland.

John the Baptist calls us to a change of heart. John the Baptist is our wake-up call. He calls us to see Jesus' presence in our lives as we turn toward the manger at Bethlehem, to welcome the Christ-child into our hearts and homes this Christmas Day 2024.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

This Sunday after 9:30 am Mass
Carols in the Garden.
Hope to see you there!

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,
rosalieleisey@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome

Holy Name Wahrenonga, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahrenonga



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

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 second 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, during 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: *As we gather around our Advent Wreath to prepare for the lighting of the second candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. In the words of the acclamation let us pray:*



Priest: *Prepare a way for the Lord!*
All: *Make his paths straight!*

Priest: *Let every valley be filled in!*
All: *Let every mountain and hill be laid low!*

Priest: *Straighten the winding pathways, make the rough roads smooth!*
All: *That all people may see the saving power of God.*

The second candle is lit

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	9 December	No Mass				The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday	10 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 2nd week of Advent
Wednesday	11 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 2nd week of Advent
Thursday	12 December	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of 2nd week of Advent
Friday	13 December	Mass	9:15am			St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Saturday	14 December	Mass	5:00pm			St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Sunday	15 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Michael O'Toole (died 25 November, aged 77), Hubert Engel (father of Veronica Engel, died 2 November aged 90).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 10th anniversary on 7 December), Joseph Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 11th anniversary 16 December), 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), 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 SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9: Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11: Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 3:1-6: All people shall see the salvation of God

Parish Events

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
chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com 0438 625 056



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAHROONGA

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS PRACTICES

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga ph 9489 3221 ALL WELCOME

First Practice: Thursday December 12th 3.45pm-4.30pm

- Children - Allocation of roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- If you cannot make this practice, please contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.
- All children can be an Angel or a Shepherd, as long as they can attend the 2nd or 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday December 14th (11am to 1pm)

- Children, Singers, Dancers, Musicians - run through of Nativity Play for Gospel, some carols plus children to practise Readings, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings, Prayers.

Third Practice: Saturday 21st December (11am to 1pm)

- Children, Singers and all Musicians - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and all the carols

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Tuesday 24th December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

For more details, please contact Sally Oong, Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or at the Parish office - phone: 9489 3221

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS are very welcome to come and help, please.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass Times at Holy Name Church
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

Tuesday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at:

5.00pm Children's Mass (Carols from 4.30pm)

7.30pm Mass

Midnight Mass

Wednesday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

8.00am and 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Please ensure hampers are left
in the Church foyer no later than
9:30am this Sunday, 8 December
so they can be delivered.



Thank you.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest :	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
Priest in Residence:	Fr John Puliparambil	
Parish Secretary :	Mrs Jackie Thornton	jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Office:	Email	Holynamewahroonga@bbcatholic.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours :	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
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Prouille 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) (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

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.