



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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10 January 2021—Baptism of the Lord

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Holy Name please visit our parish website at www.holynamewahroonga.com.au. We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.

Welcome!

Fr Paul Durkin our new Parish Priest



**and Deacon Sam French
to be Ordained as Priest in 2021**



Fr Paul and Deacon Sam commence their appointment on 8 January but will not assume residency until the weekend of 16/17 January after some small refurbishments in the Priory have been completed. In the coming week, Fr Anselam will continue with his customary availability.

New Beginnings

"There's something at this time of the year about endings and beginnings. An old year is coming to an end with its memories, and a new year will soon begin with its hope. The endings and beginnings - past and future - are always in the present tense of love. Isn't that where prayer comes in? There are moments in the day - or in the night - in which we immerse ourselves in this mystery of the divine love for us. This love brings healing of the past and trust for the future. All religion worth its name surrounds the past with a wide healing and the possibility of forgiveness and enlightens the future with the same breadth of hope and trust...."

Irish Jesuits; *Sacred Space - The Prayer Book* (2016), 8.



We seek to grow as a Welcoming and Inclusive Community, supporting Life's Journey, through God's Grace and Mercy

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	11 January	No Mass				Weekday of Ordinary Time, Week 1
Tuesday	12 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Ordinary Time, Week 1
Wednesday	13 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Ordinary Time, Week 1
Thursday	14 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Ordinary Time, Week 1
Friday	15 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Ordinary Time, Week 1
Saturday	16 January	Mass			5.00pm	Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, died 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 29 December), Philip Stanley (27 December), Felix Vindurampulle, Diane Poirrier (sister of Mike, aunt of Sally Oong), Fr Luke Rawlings (died in New Zealand, 3 November), Betty Hoskings (died 27th October, mother of Bob (deceased) and Paul).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, 1st anniversary 6 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 19th anniversary), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony - anniversary 13 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 51st anniversary, 31st January, Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 5th anniversary 20 January), Muriel Molnar (5th anniversary, 21 January), Joan Clarke (4th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 4th anniversary, 23 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 60th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 34th anniversary on 23 January), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 3rd anniversary on 25 December), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 15th anniversary on 26 December), Ingrid Tighe (35th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (2nd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 8th anniversary on 4 January), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's Dad, 1st anniversary on 15 December), George Thornton (3rd anniversary on 15 December, Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 7th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 6th anniversary on 7 December), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 2nd anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (3rd anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 15th anniversary on 29 November), Marie Shortis (3rd anniversary on 27 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 1st anniversary 16 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 5th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 3rd anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 53rd anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 2nd anniversary 10 November).

FOR THE SICK:

John Clarke, Bill Murrell, Danielle Uskovic, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiaco, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Nonoy Tad-y (cousin of Rose Raward), Colin Higgins, Candy Cosgriff, Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Nancy Den Hertog, Walter Sutcliffe, Karen Tighe (daughter of Mike), Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Mike Tighe, Cyril Littrich, Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Baby Thomas Joseph Elley, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Margaret Woodlands, Hildegard McLaughlin, David Coombes, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Eunice Spangaro, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

*God grant me the serenity
 To accept the things I cannot change;
 Courage to change the things I can;
 And wisdom to know the difference.*



Catching the rhythm of things

Relentlessly returning to re-gather along the horizon, *Tonn Cliordhna*, the white horses of the sea, in froth and fury, come driving fiercely towards me, only to vanish, like a breath, into the sand at my feet. This is the strand in Owenahincha, a tiny toe touching the warm skin of the Atlantic. To the east lies Inchadowney, to the north Reenascreena. Close your eyes and these place names will bring a smile to your face.

It is easy here, in this hidden haven on the south coast of Ireland, to swing and sway to the summer winds and to the rhythm of the sea. It is retreat time. I'm here with a group of people for whom the tension and intensity of their daily lives are almost too much.

Reflecting here between our sessions, it occurs to me that too many of us are suffering from a new virus - the virus of alienation from our roots. Like swans on dry land, we are unsure and unsteady. We are no longer in our element. There is a deep disorientation because the compass that reveals to us our place in the grand scheme of things is out of true. We forget that we are part of a wider web. Dylan Thomas wrote,

The force that through the green fuse drives the flower

Drives my green age . . .

The force that drives the water through the rocks

Drives my red blood.

All ground is holy ground. The land we stand on is sacred; we are connected to it and part of it. All we need, in our fretting and worrying, is to realise this truth, to be intensely aware of the connectedness of all things. It is in this connectedness to all things and creatures that we are connected to God. That is when we find a deep peace and freedom. It is only, as Sam Keen has written, when "the moon rises in my blood, and suns are born and burst in the atoms of my substance, and I am one body with the world" that a profound joy fills the wells of my being.

Keeping those wells clear, clean and fresh is the work of contemplation - of stilling the disturbing thoughts, of staying free of the anxious images, of becoming quiet enough to find a whole new perspective on all that is going on in our lives. It is more like a dropping downwards, a sinking below the conscious waves of tumult, than a desperate conflict at the level of endless, mental arguments. When we breathe into our restlessness and dis-ease, there is an immediate shift in our self-awareness. It can happen quite quickly. This is an experience of tangible grace: it is the inner place to which Jesus went when it all became too much for him. Jesus was forever trying to overcome his fear of his demons. Not all of us try so hard. We carry a fear of depth. Many would rather perish on the surface than explore the unknown within.

We are focusing here, during these long warm days of our summer retreat, on finding harmony within ourselves by falling in tune and time with the pulse of nature, of the sky and of the sea.

This, we feel sure, is where the regaining of balance, of healing and of peace begins. It is the way of creation and incarnation. It is the way of sacrament. It is the way of the mystics. It is the way of God. Including, but transcending all hands-on remedies, therapies and medication for restoring our peace of mind, for mitigating the damage caused by pressure and stress, the basic rhythm of our lives holds the key to our overall well-being. Only connect. Otherwise, there is no groundedness, rootedness or inner freedom.

To place oneself in what Rabindranath Tagore calls the *Stream of Life* is to feel a new power and a new perspective, a healthy confidence and balance in the current of one's destiny, even with all of its shadowy nooks and crannies, its alarming twists and turns, its many cul-de-sacs and its roads less travelled.

Whether feeling the spray of the ocean during the day or hearing its unique and muted murmur at night, we feel an affinity with mystery. The sea and the soul are spiritual sisters. They call to each other. They need each other. The soul needs form and context. The sea needs to be named and experienced. This is why the spiritual is also physical - it spreads along the arteries of the embodied soul, through the seasons and turnings of the universe itself.



Moving to the tempo of the tides each morning, it was easy to visualise God's healing power touching our minds and caressing our troubled hearts. From our innermost centre where the Blessed Trinity lives, and from the mysterious love pressing on us from all around, all we had to do was to surrender to the truth of reality, to the embrace of the present moment, to the way things are. With practice it becomes easier, this experience of our essence, this sensing of the healing heartbeat of God in the silent pulse of our attentive presence - the rhythm of our breathing, the rhythm of our being, the rhythm of God.

Open to this overwhelming, but shy and subtle presence, this God-Being, an extraordinary sense of peace and confidence fills our soul.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday (Suspended)

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated :

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

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 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.

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020

Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests—it is very much 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 upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.

(Alternatively see the "giving" pages at www.dbb.org.au) **EFTPOS Available in Parish Office**

Our Parish has Tap n Go Facilities at the entrance to our church. The money donated at these terminals contributes to our Parish Planned Giving—These monies are for the support of our Parish and Clergy.