



**Holy Name Catholic Parish** DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY  
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## 10th December 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

In my travels around Portugal recently I was taken by the number of statues in the Portuguese churches which were of St. James the apostle. St. James is identified by his walking stick and a hat bearing his emblem, a shell.

Perhaps it is not so surprising to find these statues as Portugal is very near the Cathedral in Southern Spain, St. James de Compostella in which the remains of the saint are venerated. We also know that the Camino or 'Way of St. James' is a pilgrimage which ends with Mass and the visit by pilgrims to St. James' tomb.

As we begin the season of Advent, and especially on this second Sunday of Advent, we encounter the Jewish people returning from captivity to once again rebuild their city. At the end of their long journey, the prophet Isaiah in the first reading preaches these comforting words: "Console my people console them" says your God. A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for our God. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.'

It is four hundred years later when John the Baptist gives voice to those same words: 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.' This time we are returning from our time of exile when we have not listened to the Lord, when the cry of John the Baptist is our call to repentance and conversion. We are being called on our pilgrimage to soften our hearts so that we can welcome the Lord with joy and thanksgiving this Christmas.

Our way, our Pilgrimage is to the manger at Bethlehem. Our destination is to encounter Jesus, who will change our lives by calling us witness to his birth as the promise of the Messiah who will bring us the gift of new life.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

**Anointing of the Sick  
 to be celebrated at the  
 9.15 a.m. Mass next  
 Friday 15th December.**

### Our Advent Wreath

The Presider lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.

Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms' (First Reading). You invite us to be a humble, healing and merciful community. Like the shepherd, may we be people with arms outstretched in love.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come (Second Reading). Waiting can be filled with anxiety. The unexpected can be frightening. Help us to live in the Spirit always.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit (Gospel). Be with us as we 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' throughout our journey with God.

**R. Come, Lord Jesus**

### Presider

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen**

**The second candle is lit.**



## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	11 December	No Mass				Monday of 2nd week of Advent
Tuesday	12 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 2nd week of Advent
Wednesday	13 December	Mass	9.15am			St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Thursday	14 December	Mass	9.15am			St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Friday	15 December	Mass	9.15am	<b>Anointing of the Sick at this Mass</b>		Friday of 2nd week of Advent
Saturday	16 December	Mass	5.00pm	<b>6:00pm Carols in the Garden</b>		Saturday of 2nd week of Advent
Sunday	17 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

## Please Remember in your Prayers

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel, died 15 September, aged 37), Sr. Margaret Hill OP, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Colin Maclean (past parishioner, husband of Bianca, father to Cara and Alexander (Sandy)), Katie Mutter (friend of Cecylia Ramsden).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, 1st anniversary, 9 December), Marie Shortis (6th anniversary on 27 November), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 9th anniversary on 7 December), Denese O'Brien (2nd anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, 1st anniversary, 16 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 10th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (11th anniversary on 16 December), Lasserre Gomes, (10 month anniversary 28 November), Ruth Gomes (10½ year anniversary 26 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 18th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 5th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (6th anniversary on 30 November), Peter Carbone (husband of Frances and father of Sonia, 20th anniversary on 17 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 1st anniversary 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 1st anniversary, 15 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 4th anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 2nd anniversary 17 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 8th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 6th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 56th anniversary on 16 November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 2nd anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 5th anniversary 10 November), Catherine Agnes Kirkwood (Patrick's mother, 47th anniversary, 6 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 2nd anniversary 11 November).

### FOR THE SICK:

Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Barry Clibborn, Tim McGrath (nephew of Dominic McGrath), Lima Sadeik (sister of John Kassis), Baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Robert Waring (brother in law of Denise Kassis), and Greg Hayes (brother-in-law of Maureen Kippax), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Mike Tighe, Chris Le Gras, Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, 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).

### Men's Rosary & Bible 19 December

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

### Program

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church

7:10pm Rosary

7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.

### Christmas Pop Up Choir

**Rehearsals starting next week! All welcome. New members encouraged.**

Wednesday, 13th December 7:00pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, 20th December 7:00pm-8:30pm

Saturday, 23rd December 9:30am-11:00am

We will sing at the 9:30am Mass on Christmas morning.

Please call Chrissie on 0438 625 056 with any questions.





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

**First Reading:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11: Prepare the way for the Lord..

**Second Reading:** 2 Pet 3:8-14: We wait for new heavens and a new earth. Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 1:1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.



### Carols in the Garden

Holy Name Parish Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga.

Saturday 16 December 2023 6:00pm-8:30pm

Featuring the combined choirs and musicians of  
Holy Name Parish and schools  
with lots of singalong carols.

Everyone welcome. Invite your neighbours & friends to join us.

In the event of wet weather, we will have a carol concert in the Church instead.



Bring your own

- Nibbles, food and drink.
- Picnic rug, camping chairs/table

ALSO

There will be delicious Paella  
available for purchase.

### 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:** Wednesday 13 December 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 16 December 9.00am - 11.00am

- 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:** Thursday 21 December 10.00am-12noon

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

**MASS:** Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Sunday 24 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@bbccatholic.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 at Holy Name Church 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

Sunday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate 2 Masses:

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

and

7.30pm Mass

Monday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

8.00am and 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest :	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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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) 9489 3233/ School Website: <a href="http://www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au">www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au</a>	
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), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (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:** 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 Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

**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.