

Holy Name Catholic Parish DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY
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12th May— The ASCENSION of the LORD

Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension when Jesus returned to his Father in Heaven his mission established. Jesus' message to the disciples is: 'I will be with you until the end of time.' (Mt 28:20). In order to continue building the Kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit will come and abide in us to further shape the Kingdom for generations to come.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we continue the work that Jesus began. So that where the Saviour has gone we hope one day to be united with him in the glory of Heaven.

This weekend we also celebrate Mothers' Day. It is a wonderful time to give thanks to God for the gift of our mothers. Our mothers look after us in so many different ways and their maternal care is like that of Mary our Mother. The month of May is Our Lady's month where we give her special honour to her as the mother of Jesus.

We pray today for all the parishioners from Holy Name parish who are preparing over the next few weekends to receive Jesus for the first time first time in the Eucharist. Jesus is the living bread which nourishes us on our journey in the Christian life, so that we may one day all share in the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

Happy Mothers' Day to all mums, mums-to-be, grandmothers, great Grandmothers, Godmothers and women who dedicate their lives to children. You are truly a blessing to your families and to our parish.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*All loving God
 We give you thanks and praise
 for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers who
 give life and count toes and tend our every need;
 May they be blessed with patience and tenderness
 to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
 May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their
 children because of war, poverty or conflict;
 May they feel the loving embrace of our God who
 wipes every tear away.*

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love
 and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers and great
 grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live
 forever in our memory and nourish us with their love..*

Amen.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	13 May	No Mass				Monday of the 7th week of Easter
Tuesday	14 May	Mass	9.15am			St Matthias, apostle
Wednesday	15 May	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter
Thursday	16 May	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of the 7th week of Easter
Friday	17 May	Mass	9:15am			Friday of the 7th week of Easter
Saturday	18 May	Mass	5:00pm			Saturday of the 7th week of Easter
Sunday	19 May	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gregory Tysoe, aged 92 years, died 4 April, first cousin of Bill Tysoe, Rose Maiolo (wife of Noel, mother of Christine, Melissa and Sarah, sister in law of Trish and Tony Maiolo), Yamami (Lima) Sadeik (sister of John Kassis, died 2 April aged 81), Sean Paton (died 27 March aged 58 years, brother of Joanne and Luke).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Greg Ward (brother of Deidre Alessi, 6th anniversary 14 May), Carol Miller (mother of Jackie Thornton, 12th anniversary on 14th May), Antonio Mollace (Theresa Vumbaca's dad - 7th anniversary on 14 May), Enid Phillips (mother of Megan Khannah, 16th anniversary on 15th May), Ursula Mary O'Carrigan (Patrick Kirkwood's sister), 32nd anniversary 17 May, Janaka Perera (brother of Marian Widesundera, 5th anniversary 17 May), Mary Salter (mother of Jane Crouch, 5th anniversary 18 May), Lillias Roche (longtime parishioner, 1st anniversary, 4 May), Fr John Pearce (Passionist Father, friend of Margaret and Patrick MacMillan 5th anniversary, 5 May), Fred Burke (husband of Betty and father of Virginia, 8th anniversary on 6 May), Andy Couch (son of Gemma & Paul, brother to Greg and Jessica, 7th anniversary, 8 May), Marina Byrne (Lauren Montgomery's mother, 7th anniversary, 7 May), Rosina Palamara (mother of Frances Carbone, 1st anniversary 9 May), Joan Northcott (wife of Bill and mother of Tina, 14th anniversary on 27 April), Sr. Teresita (Joan Sexton - friend of Pam Gallagher 5th anniversary, 26 April), Monica Gibbons (wife of Reg, 8th anniversary on 21 April), Donna Carbone (sister of Frances Carbone and daughter of Rosina Palamara, 4th anniversary on 24 April), Andy Watson (son of Maurice and Jane) 5th anniversary on 13 April, Keith Walmsley (Rachel Mitchell's Dad, 5th anniversary 17 April), Giovanni (Jack) Cincotta (father of Trish Maiolo, 49th anniversary on 16 April), Terry Blanchard (former Principal of St Leo's Catholic College, 5th anniversary on 10 April), Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 6th anniversary on 1 April), Helen Nader (sister of John Kassis, 14th anniversary on 1 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother, 4th anniversary 5 April), Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 5th anniversary 30 March).

FOR THE SICK:

Rosalie Talty, Fr Sam French, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Bernard and Dorothy Tighe (brother and sister in law of Mike Tighe), Gerard Tighe (Mike's brother), 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), 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), Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, 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).

2024 Diocesan Attendance Count

The May Count will commence with the Parish Vigil on the weekend of **Sat 4 May/Sun 5 May** and conclude on **Sunday 26 May 2024**. This gives us the sense of trends both in parishes and in the diocese. We are looking for head counters at all the weekend Masses during May. Please let Fr Kelvin know if you can help. Thank you.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - The ASCENSION of the LORD

First Reading:	Acts 1:1-11:	Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven
Second Reading:	Eph 1 1:17-23:	He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven. Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Mk 16:15-20:	The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Friday Night Holy Hour



On Friday evenings we will offer
Holy Hour
between 6:30pm—7:30pm.

Parish Groups



Children's Liturgy: Please join in our Children's Liturgy at our 9:30am Sunday Mass during term time. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy Leader, please contact the Parish Office 9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

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 Meetings

May: 21 June: 4 & 18

Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church

7:10pm Rosary

7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion



Women's Rosary and Gospel Reflection:

PLEASE JOIN US FOR **WOMEN'S ROSARY**

COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER FOR OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

DATE: THURSDAY, 16 MAY

TIME: 7:30PM

FOLLOWED BY A GOSPEL REFLECTION

VENUE: HOLY NAME CHURCH WAHROONGA

RENATA GRZECH: 0411 081 158

CAYA - Come As You Are Reflection and Discussion Group Thursdays, after morning Mass.

We meet in the Parish Sunroom and everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Annette Stuart-Robinson 0439 649 906.



Senior Ladies Group

First THURSDAY of the month at 2:00pm. We meet in the Sunroom and everyone is welcome to join this casual, friendly group for a chat and a cup or tea (and perhaps a tune on the piano!). Contact Jo Waldron 0412 018 819

Sacramental Program - Confirmation 2024

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is the next Sacrament received after Baptism. Following Confirmation, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated the following year. Confirmation Candidates must be baptised, in Year 3 or older and able to attend the preparation as outlined below. Enrolments **NOW** open — see link below. If you have any questions, please contact our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong via email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

Confirmation, Baptism and Family Masses



Start with: CONFIRMATION

Enrol: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPST>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least Year 3 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening:
Attendance is compulsory for one Parent/Carer on either **Wednesday 24th July or Tuesday 30th July**, 7.00-8.00pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments. Children usually do not attend, but discuss this with Sally if necessary.

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)
Tuesday 6 August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These are held at Prouille School Hall on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 10th August at 3.30pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 17th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 24th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 4: Saturday, 31st August at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the family.

Practice: Tuesday, 3rd September, 6pm at Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:
Thursday 5th September at 6.30pm

*It is a condition of enrolment that **100% completion** of this Program is required in order for your child to celebrate Confirmation.
Please contact Sally Oong if you need to discuss these requirements.*



BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN (Over 5 years)

We are currently taking registrations for Parish children aged 5 years and over to join Fr Kelvin Lovegrove for a Program of Preparation for Baptism.

- **Baptism lesson on Saturday 22nd June** at 3.45pm in the Church, for parents/carers and children, followed by attendance at the 5pm Mass
- **Baptisms will be celebrated on 30th June at 11am**

Please contact Sally Oong asap if your children would like to participate sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

Sydney Male Choir Performance at Holy Name



Come and be entertained by the
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Holy Name Wahroonga,
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

2:00 pm
Sunday 26th May

Adults \$35, Concessions \$30, Children free

Buy tickets online at
www.sydneymalechoir.com or at the door.



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Parish Family Mass dates for 2024

Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in our regular Family Masses, which feature modern music and always have a special morning tea afterwards:

Sunday 7 April	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 2
Sunday 23 June	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 4
Sunday 11 August	9.30am	All welcome: Year 5 & Year 1
Sunday 8 September	9.30am	All welcome: Year 6 & Kindergarten
Christmas Eve, 24th December, 5pm		All Parish children welcome to join in

Please contact Sally Oong if your children would like to participate by taking part in any Family Mass or by singing or playing a musical instrument.
sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

Parish Trivia Night Fundraiser

Tickets @\$35.00 each

Why not get a table of 10 together for a fun night?

LAST DAYS

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS for our Trivia Night
on Saturday, 18th May.

*WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES TO WIN
have a look at the bidding sheets in the Church
holidays, clothes, vouchers, wine and lots more!*

And..... don't forget your Raffle Tickets

Gourmet Hamper, \$200 Hair Salon voucher, \$250 Catering Voucher

BE IN TO WIN IT!!



Holy Name Wahroonga
is holding an evening of
Fun & Fundraising
for our Parish

Please join in at our

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 18 May

Prouille School Hall—5 Water St, Wahroonga

7:00pm - 10:30pm (approx)

Why not make up a table of 10?

Group Table Discount Price only \$300.00

Early Bird Discount \$30.00 per head

(must be purchased before 7 April or is \$35.00 per head)

BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Best Dressed Table Prize — Choose your own theme!



Bookings through
www.trybooking.com/CPSZB

Parish Office 9489 3221 OR holyname@bbcatholic.org.au

Hope to see you there!

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR OUR GOURMET HAMPER

*(Wine, chocolates, gourmet
relishes, champagne, romantic
candles, and lots more!)*

NOW ON SALE !!

**AFTER WEEKEND MASSES OR
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY**

TICKETS

**\$ 5.00 - 1 ticket
\$10.00 - 3 tickets
\$15.00 - 5 tickets
\$20.00 - 7 tickets**



May Events - Pastoral Works Broken Bay

May 2024 Appeal

This weekend continue our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal.

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or CCD (Catechists) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times. However, parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the charitable works of the Diocese.

Our Pastoral Works appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese.

Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Donations can be made at any time, not only during May.

The PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please give generously to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

St Lucy's School—Position Vacant

St Lucy's School, Wahroonga is seeking a casual staff member to assist in our Administration/Front Office for ad hoc casual days and upcoming prearranged leave cover. If you are interested, please email hr@stlucys.nsw.edu.au or phone Nicole Foxall on 9487 1277.

St Lucy's School | 21 Cleveland Street Wahroonga NSW 2076

Phone: (02) 9487 1277

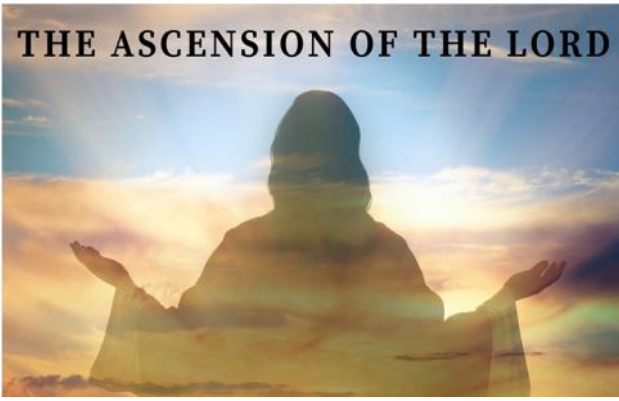
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The Ascension of the Lord

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts ([Mark 16:19–20](#); [Luke 24:50–53](#); [Acts 1:6–12](#)). It is also alluded to in various other passages ([John 6:62](#); [Ephesians 4:7–10](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [1 Peter 3:21–22](#)).

Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own.

The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission through life, His learned knowledge continued to grow until it was perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. But that was not all. Today we commemorate the fact that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to do so given her sinless state.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

HOLY MARY
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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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) 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), 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: 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.