



Sunday 13 January - The Baptism of the Lord

Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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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.

Dear friends,

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday, our Season of Christmas comes to its end. Again, our deepest thanks to all those who have made the season such a joyful one, especially to the Sutherlands for the glorious gold banners on our sanctuary, the Edmunds for attending to the crib, Jane Grier for our Advent Wreath, the Stuart-Robertsons for the lights around the foyer arch, Joshua Arul and Craig for the great lights around the Portico of the church, to Jennifer Slarke and Annette Stuart-Robertson for our Christmas flowers, to Huy and Tan for the lights around the Priory, and to all those who ensure our sacristy linen is always so clean: Rosalie Talty, Betty Severino, Marie Claire Price.

Deacon Adrian is busily preparing for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Panama. He will be leaving this week, along with 80 young people from our Diocese. Do keep him and all our travellers in your prayer during their sojourn. We have been very blessed by Deacon Adrian's ministry with us since June 2018. Given that he has been with us constantly every weekend since this time, I have also granted him family leave until the end of February so that he might be able to enjoy more time with Christina and his son and daughter. Balancing family life and the duties of diaconal ministry is not an easy task, but we thank Deacon Adrian for the very generous way in which he has exercised his ministry of Word and Charity in our midst for the past six months. It will be important for him to enjoy some more time with his family over the coming weeks once he has returned from Central America.

The Parish Office will reopen Monday 21st January
Our thanks to Craig Joshua who has helped these last days.

**Please remember in your prayer
Stephen Tamone
husband of Louise, teacher at Prouille
who passed away suddenly last weekend.
Stephen will be farewelled at St Gerard's Carlingford
Tuesday 15 January at 10.30am.
Our deepest condolences to Louise and all her family at this
most sad time.**

Our Over 50s and Singles Group
The recent outing for the group was to the Grace Hotel in the city where we had a buffet lunch. We met at Gordon Station at 10.15 am and went by train to Wynyard and then walked to the hotel. There was a variety of food salads, hot dishes of meat and rice and an assortment of hot and cold meats. We served ourselves to the food but a waitress brought wines and soft drinks to our table, and then cleared our dishes as we were allowed to help ourselves to second helpings to desserts and to coffee. The meal and the service was very good and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of other diners as everyone was in the festive mood just before Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE
**We will be meeting on Saturday,
26th January in the Parish Sunroom to discuss
the programme for 2019.**
Please join us 10.00am - 11:00am
Enquiries please phone Susan Robson on 0404 005 267 or Reg Gibbons on 9481 0334 or 0409 599 440.

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

Parish Masses This Week

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| Monday | 14 January | No Mass | Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday | 15 January | 9.15am Mass | Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time |
| Wednesday | 16 January | 9.15am Mass | Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time |
| Thursday | 17 January | 9.15am Mass | St Anthony, Abbot |
| Friday | 18 January | 9.15am Mass | Weekday of Week 1, Ordinary Time |
| Saturday | 19 January | 5.00pm Mass | Vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| Sunday | 20 January | 9.15am and 5.30pm | 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time |



Children's Liturgy is taking a break during the school holidays.

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stephen Tamone (husband of Louise, teacher at Prouille), Joseph Mcelhenny (father of Kevin Mcelhenny, died 3 January), Ingrid Thompson (teacher at Brigidine, died 1 January), Charlie Deguara (husband of Sue and father to Brendan, Ben, Sam and Jared, died 20 December), Eleanor Shirley Firkins (friend of Leila and Conor McCreton, died 20 December), Ron Aboitz (nephew of Rose Planas, died in The Philippines), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, died 30 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, died 10 November aged 92), Joyce James (died 1 November).

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 32nd anniversary on 23 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 2nd anniversary, 23 January). Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 58th anniversary on 21 January) Joan Clarke (2nd anniversary, 22 January), Muriel Molnar (3rd anniversary, 21 January), Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 3rd anniversary 20 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 13 January), Katherine Morrison (grandmother of Liz Webster, 1st anniversary) and Alexander Ryan (nephew of Liz Webster - 1st anniversary), Elisha Foti - 6th anniversary on 4 January Emile Nassar - 8th anniversary on 6 January), Ricki Hayes, (friend of Cecilia Kean, 1st anniversary on 7 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 3rd anniversary on 8 January), Bettina Luca (7th anniversary on 7 January) and Amedeo (Laurie) Luca 22nd anniversary on 8 January and (parents of Greg Luca and Daniela McGrath). Margaret Couch (Paul's mother) 1st anniversary on 25 December, Mario Severino (26 December), Joe DeGuara, (father of Damian, first anniversary on 19 December), Tony Coutinho (5th anniversary on 16 December), Yvonne Pickup (1st anniversary on 14 December), Neville (George) Thornton (Jackie's father in law) 1st anniversary on 15 December, Molly Goldsworthy (sister of Chris Madden, 1st anniversary 19 December), Joan McNally (mother of Greg) Barry Fields (brother of Helen Tysoe), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 4th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (1st anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (1st anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 13th anniversary on 29 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 1st anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 51st anniversary on 16 November), Ron Young (father of Monica Dinnar, 2nd anniversary 5 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 3rd anniversary on 13 November).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Tysoe, Margaret Woodlands, Julia Farrell, Byrant and Yvonne McGrath (brother and sister-in-law of Ves McGrath), Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Joseph Gilmore (grandson of Leila and Conor McCreton), Ron Phillips (Lynne Attard's Dad), Charlie Attard (Ray's brother), Nancy Portelli (Ray Attard's sister), Athol Higgins, Hildegard McLaughlin, Barbara Dunning, Eleanor Shirley Firkins, Bryan O'Brien, Joan Dell, David Coombes, Mary Salter, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Steve Ralph, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Gus Almgren, Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Donna Lucas, Andrew Watson, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris), 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, Denise Waudby (Patrice Buzinskas' sister), Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne, Sue Roche.

Find comfort and peace in Novena Prayer to St Jude

Are you suffering mental or physical pain? Feel hopeless, even desperate? Don't know where to turn? Why don't you pray to St Jude, faithful friend of Jesus and one of the 12 Apostles? He will help you! The Church honours him as Patron Saint of Impossible Causes. You can find comfort, support and peace in the Novena Prayer to St Jude.

ENTERING INTO THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME AFTER THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

A Reflection by Fr. David

As the Sundays of Ordinary Time now follow the Christmas Season we are immersed into the story of Jesus. The Spirit reminds us of his story and makes the story present now. We cannot tire of hearing this story and of discovering its depths in new ways according to the changing circumstances of our lives.

Each Sunday we hear part of that story, we reflect on it, we wonder with it and discover ourselves in it. We are delighted, disturbed, challenged and consoled. We become moulded by the story, by the memory. Jesus' story becomes our story. Every occasion we gather for the Liturgy of the Word we enter into the power of story and memory. We are a people of memory, a people who savour and cultivate the memory of the story of Jesus of Nazareth, who remember his journey from death into life, and in that memory, out of that memory, called also to be the people who seek new possibilities for ourselves and our societies. It is one of the principal roles of the Holy Spirit to so 'remind' us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you." (Jn 14:26)

In our faithfulness to the story of Jesus, in the Spirit, we become both the storyteller and the story itself: the ones' who keep the memory alive and at the same time the very story of God's continuing action in our time and in our place. We are both the guardians of a sacred memory and those who create new memories, new accounts of the Spirit's work in Jesus. So significant is human memory that we have dared to affirm that it is one of the means in and through which God's revelation takes place. Not only is the mystery of God revealed in the word of Scripture but in the people's memory of that word. Tradition too is a source of God's revelation. This vital pillar of the Catholic imagination derives from the Judaic understanding of memory's power of divine revelation. For the God of the Hebrews was not a divinity attained through the horizon of speculation but the God who had acted in history. Israel knows its God through its memory. As Louis Dupre has remarked, "to the faithful Jew no act has deeper significance than the remembrance of the origins. The memory of history is a religious duty . . . Yet more than being a sacred obligation, the remembrance of Israel's past provides the Jew with a pattern for understanding and accepting the present. . ."

When the Vikings of old raided the Saxon villages the very first people that they would seek out to assassinate would be the village storytellers. They knew only too well that to take out the story tellers was to remove the story of the people. Rupturing the people's link with the stories which animated their common and personal life was to deliver a mortal blow to the memory of the village. To sever memory was to create disorientation, to render the village into a profound sense of hopelessness. When there was no memory, neither could there be a future.

In many ways, we have forgotten the need of people to gather together and listen to a story. George Miller, the famous film producer, suggests that this need is now largely met by the cinema. Certainly, the continuing popularity of the cinema and films illustrates our need for stories, the need we have to pitch our own personal story against a larger drama, to have the threads of resolution played out for us in our own personal quests for power, for love, for redemption. This resolution is definitively given us every time we listen to the story of Jesus and his own quest for truth and for love, for a life stronger than death.

Tolkein, a great storyteller, has Sam say at one stage, ". . . the brave things in the old tales and song, Mr. Frodo: adventures as I used to call them. I used to think that they were things the wonderful folk of the stories went out and looked for, because they wanted them, because they were exciting and life was a bit dull, a kind of sport, as you might say. But that's not they way of it with the tales that really mattered, or the ones that stay in the mind. Folk seem to have been just landed in them usually - their paths were laid that way, as you put it. But I expect they had lost of chances, like us, of turning back, only they didn't. And if they had, we shouldn't know, because they'd been forgotten. We hear about those as just went on . . . I wonder what sort of tale we've fallen into?"

The Sundays of Ordinary Time are an opportunity for us to realise once again the story we have fallen into, the story by which we have been seized, the memory by which we have been grasped. We have been seized by a story, we have been grasped by a memory. It is a story rich in imagination. His name is Jesus. Let us take the better part, holding the memory and wondering at the possibility.

Mary treasured her own memories and pondered over them (Lk 2:19). During this time, let this, too, be our heart.

Parish Diary in the Coming Week

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| Monday | 14 January | 11.00am | Funeral of Ingrid Thompson, Brigidine College |
| Tuesday | 15 January | 10.30am | Funeral of Stephen Tamone, St Gerard's Carlingford |
| Wednesday | 16 January | 10.00am | Departure of our Diocesan Pilgrims to World Youth Day, Panama |

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.15am and 5.30pm.

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (not in January)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara: Monday 9.30am

St Leo's College: Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

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

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass
At Hammond Care, North Turrumurra monthly

Parish Pastoral Council in 2019

Gemma McDermott, Tom Waugh, Lucian Wijetunga, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Chrissie Goldrick, Tess Denham-Fabry, along with Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee in 2019

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Brian McGarry, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty

Parish Fundraising Committee 2019

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, Sonia Carbone, 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)

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secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

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