

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :			
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):			

**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 evenings Holy Hour:** 6:30pm

**Weekend Masses:**

**FIRST Saturday of the month** Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

**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 Parish Priest

**Baptisms** - 11.00am—2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month 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 (Chair), Anne-Louise Deakin (Co-Chair), Sajanee Senn (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Nick Chapman, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and Courtenay Peters (St Lucy's).

**Parish Finance Committee:** Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

**The Parish Bank Account Number:** BSB: 062-784 ACC: 100010626 (Wahroonga Parish EFT Account)

**SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), please use the above account number. 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

**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 of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The **2nd Collection** taken up at Mass is for the running, maintenance and upkeep of the Parish.

**IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:**

**Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest.**

**It is located on the right hand side as you enter the Church next to the notice board behind the last pew.**

**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.**

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**14 December 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***In the new world to come, the humbled and the poor have the first place.***

Dear friends,

The third Sunday of advent is like one more step forward towards Christmas. The prophet Isaiah is one of the divine messengers who accompanies us along as we journey to the fulfilment of God promise. His prophecy is a call to get prepared for the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah announces a new world where justice and peace shall flourish. It shall be a kind of a new society whereby people are going to learn how to live together in brotherly love.

In a society created by men, generally those who seems to be high position or first social rank are those who have money, power and knowledge. However in the divine society, those who are humble will be in the first rank because their hearts are open to the promise of the Lord. It is indeed joyful news for the poor, the needy and all those who trust the Lord.

According to the tradition of the church, this third Sunday of Advent season is well known as *Gaudete* Sunday, from the Latin word *Gaudete* means "rejoice". In the middle of Advent the liturgy invites us to pause for a while and to lift our hearts in joy. Because the coming of the Lord is closer than we dare to think, even we dare to believe.

Like Isaiah, John the Baptist also continues to lead us throughout this Advent journey. John acknowledges sincerely that he is not the Messiah. His joy in the preparation of the coming of Jesus is not only to convey a baptism of repentance but more importantly, it is to point Christ to others.

In that sense, the humility of John the Baptism is a lesson for us. Our Christian joy must be found not in self promotion, but rather, in revealing Christ to others through our words, actions and compassion.

That is why a rose candle of this third Sunday of Advent wreath is not only a symbol but a mission. It calls us to become bearers of joy. This joy grows only when it is shared with others. The church teaches that joy can be shared through a word of encouragement or through a gesture of forgiveness. As regard to the needy, joy can also be shared via generosity and good acts as well as through prayer that opens the heart to God's peace.

Dear friends, rejoice! the Lord is near...

May this joyful hope be in our hearts and fill our families and our communities.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful week.

Fr Jules-Davy



**CHRISTMAS HELPERS REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES**

**Please put your name down to help on the forms at the back of the Church. There is a sheet for each of our Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve: 5:00pm, 7:30pm, Midnight**

**Christmas Day: 8:00am and 9:30am**

We also need some additional regular Acolytes, Servers, Collectors, Piety Store helpers to go on our Roster. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	15 December	No Mass				Monday of 3rd week of Advent
Tuesday	16 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 3rd week of Advent
Wednesday	17 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent
Thursday	18 December	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of 3rd week of Advent
Friday	19 December	Mass	9.15am			Friday of 3rd week of Advent
Saturday	20 December	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of 3rd week of Advent
Sunday	21 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia), Sharon Ogden (died 3 December aged 79yrs), Marie Maloney (Mary Weaver’s Mum, died 18 November aged 92), Angela Wodzga (life long friend of Linette Sardinha, died 17 November), John Clark (husband of Joan (dec), father of Julie, Cathryn and David, died 4 November aged 96), Gennaro (Jim) Abignano (died 24 October aged 93, husband of Maria, Dad to Nina, Luisa, Biagio, Joe, Mario and Pierre, ), Robert Malonga (Fr Jules-Davy’s father—died 14 October aged 86), Nancy Joan Parsons (aunt of Jenny Gregory, died 11 October aged 100), Walter Sutcliffe (died 9 October - Director of Music at Holy Name and long time friend of the Holy Name Community)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Denese O’Brien (4th anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Joseph Anthony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda,12yr anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris’ father, 11th anniversary on 7 December), Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, 1st anniversary 7 December), William (Bill) Hayward (1st anniversary 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 7th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (8th anniversary on 30 November), Marie Shortis (8th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 20th anniversary on 29 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 58th anniversary on 16 November), Brian O’Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 6th anniversary 16 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 3rd anniversary 17 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 4th anniversary 17 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 4th anniversary 11 November), Jean Carroll (mother of Irene Jenkins, anniversary 12 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti’s Dad, 10th anniversary on 13 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 3rd anniversary 15 November), Joe Couch (Paul’s Dad, 16th anniversary on 25 October, Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma Couch, 8th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 14th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 7th anniversary on 21 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo’s mother, 12th anniversary 23rd October), Dennis Vincent McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland’s Dad, 22nd anniversary on 19 October), John Hamilton Cutler (Jennifer Gregory’s grandfather, 46th anniversary 19 October.

**FOR THE SICK:** George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui’s parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O’Brien, Lawson Wynter, grandson of Marilyn Orrock, Megan Khannah, Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ibda (friend of Dominic McGrath), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris’ mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and Pat MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Henry Alan Field (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), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon’s sister).

Noël! Noël! (Australian Brandenburg Orchestra)

DON’T FORGET IF YOU HAVE TICKETS FOR THIS SOLD OUT EVENT, IT IS ON THIS MONDAY EVENING 15 DECEMBER AT 7:00PM. AS ABOUT 500 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED, WE NEED HELP WITH THE CAR PARKING - please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Thanks

Handel’s Messiah 2025

A capacity audience enjoyed 2 hours of spectacular music on Thursday night as 130 choristers, soloists, 2 trumpeters, a timpani player and a pipe organist told the story of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection in music.

Singing amongst the throng were Holy Name choristers Anne Louise Deakin, Robyn Elizondo, Chrissie Goldrick, Margaret Lee, Julie Madden, Gemma McDermott, Lyn Saul, Christine Shannon, Mandy Smith and Jessica Thrum.



Pictured left with conductor, Philip Linquist are Anne-Louise Deakin, Chrissie Goldrick, Robyn Elizondo and Gemma McDermott.

Huge thanks to all whose many hands made light work of the installation and bump out of the equipment including all the aforementioned singers.

All funds raised on the night will go towards Beecroft House, a shelter for homeless women in Beecroft.

Also to Chris Goldrick, Richard Fitzpatrick and Ken Laing who helped in many ways.





### Parish Events

**MORNING ROSARY GROUP**  
Everyone is welcome to join our Rosary Group following the **9:15am Mass Tuesday to Friday** and after the First Saturday of the Month 9:15am Mass.



**FRIDAY EVENINGS**  
**HOLY HOUR from 6:30pm**  
**Final 2025—12 December**

**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 meeting 16 December**  
7:00pm Silent prayer in the church  
7:10pm Rosary  
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion  
**Contact:** Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069  
Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119 for more information



*Please let the Parish Office know when your Parish groups are winding up for 2025 and recommencing in 2026.*

### RCIA Program

**Have you ever wanted to know what Catholics actually believe? Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?**  
**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a formative process by which those interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church are invited to attend sessions with our priests and RCIA Team over an extended period of time.

They are presented with a variety of essential topics which cover the key pillars of the faith: our profession, celebration, lifestyle, and our prayer.

At different stages of the process, individuals are given the invitation to continue on their journey towards the Easter Sacraments and reception into the Church.

**We also offer a special Baptism program for children 5 years and over.**

For further information, please contact the Parish Office or speak to our priests directly.

### Entering December Awareness, Safeguarding, and Seasonal Wellbeing

As we enter December, our Parishes become places of preparation, anticipation, and joyful gathering. Advent invites us into a season of light, welcome, and hope, yet for many people, the lead-up to Christmas can also heighten vulnerability.



Resource	Description	
<b>Beyond Blue</b> <a href="#">Financial Stress Toolkit</a>	Practical tools and advice to help individuals and families manage money-related stress during the festive season.	
<b>Beyond Blue</b> <a href="#">Loneliness Support Resources</a>	Guidance for those experiencing loneliness or isolation, including ways to connect and seek help.	
<b>Lifeline</b> <a href="#">Managing Christmas Stress</a>	Strategies and tips for coping with emotional pressure, expectations, and stress during December.	
<b>St Vincent de Paul Society</b> <a href="#">Emergency Assistance</a>	Financial help, food assistance, and support for individuals and families experiencing hardship.	
<b>Salvation Army</b> <a href="#">Doorways Support</a>	Crisis support, financial counselling, and community programs for people in need.	
<b>CatholicCare Broken Bay</b> <a href="#">Support Services</a>	Local counselling, family supports, and community programs available across the Diocese.	

This time of the year can bring:

- **Financial pressures** arising from gift-giving, travel, school holidays and social expectations
- **Family stress or conflict**, often intensified during gatherings of family and friends
- **Loneliness or isolation** for those without the support or companionship of loved ones
- **Increased needs among vulnerable adults**, who may experience reduced services, limited social contact, disruptions to routine care, or greater emotional strain during the holiday Period
- **Significant changes in routine for children and young people**, as they finish the school year and navigate holiday downtime that may include less structure and potential isolation from friends and support networks

### What do the Readings say to us this Sunday?

#### THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

**First Reading:** Is 35:1-6, 10: God himself will come and save us.

**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10: You also must be patient: do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon. Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mt 11:2-11: Are you the one who I is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

### Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the key symbols in the Church's Liturgy over the four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we bless the wreath and light the THIRD 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,  
At the beginning of 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.

**Our Advent Wreath**

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose coloured candle, the candle of rejoicing, on our Advent Wreath. Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ.

Fr: Shout for joy, all you peoples of the earth!  
**All: The Lord is coming!**

Fr: Rejoice and exult with all your heart!  
**All: The Lord is very near!**

Fr: Have no fear, hold firm and take heart!  
**All: Hope in the Lord!**

The third candle is lit .





### 2026 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Joseph House is a young men's house of discernment, an innovative living space for young Catholic men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism. Residents will contemplate, pray and actively discern their vocation, whilst being active in the world maintaining regular work, studies and daily life. Joseph House is located in the Parish of Lower North Shore in Willoughby near the church of St Thomas, enjoying convenient access to public transport.

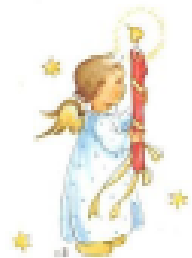
Throughout a 12-18 month stay, the young men will experience community living and explore an openness to discover where God might be leading them as disciples of Jesus Christ. Residents will meet the challenge of living as Christian men in a fruitful environment, under the guidance of St Joseph as a great role model of virtue and character. The House has the capacity to accommodate six men, and has a chapel as well as various common areas to encourage community life and engagement.

For more information, email [josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au) OR [Stephen.WayoyiOmwanda@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Stephen.WayoyiOmwanda@bbcatholic.org.au).

Thank you for your continued support of vocations and for your dedicated pastoral ministry. With gratitude in Christ,

Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda AJ (Director of Joseph House)

## 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:** Tuesday December 9th **DONE**

- **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 the 3rd practice.

**Second Practice:** Saturday December 13th (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 20th 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 Wednesday 24th December

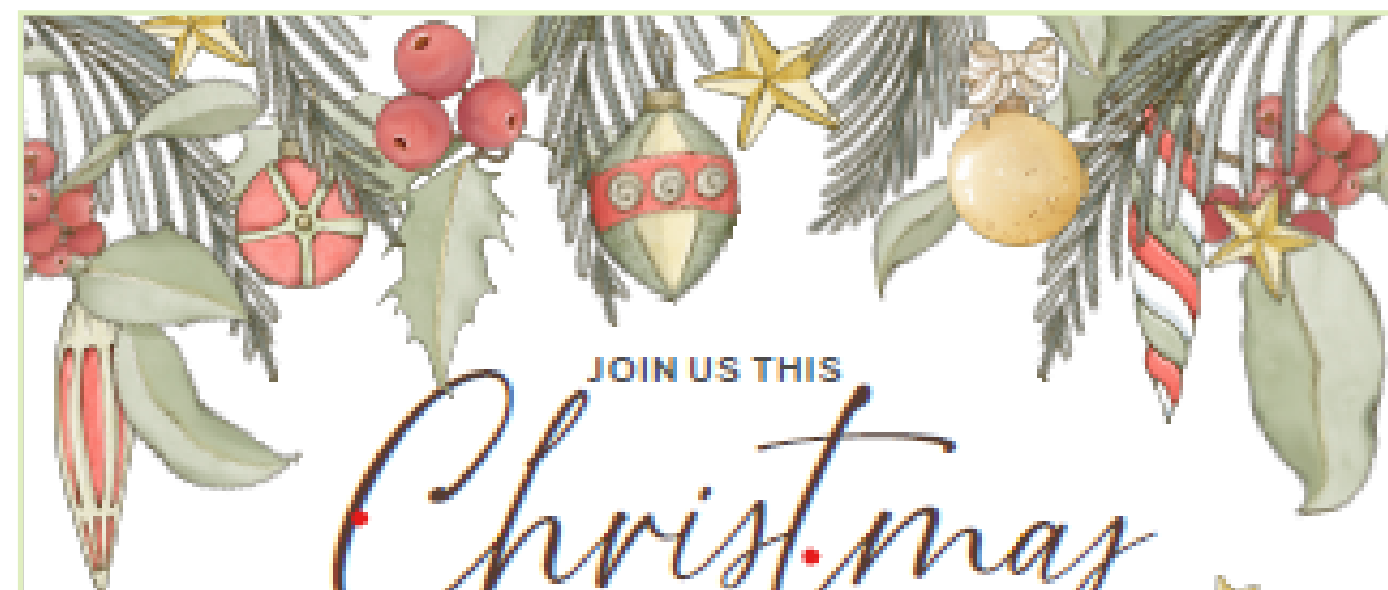
Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

For more details, please contact Sally Oong, Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator  
email: [sally.oong@bbccatholic.org.au](mailto: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.



JOIN US THIS  
*Christmas*

AT HOLY NAME WAHROONGA

The parish of Holy Name Wahroonga invites all to join us this  
Christmas to pray for peace in our troubled world and celebrate  
the beauty of the Christmas story.

### MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December 2025

Children's Nativity Mass 4.30pm-6pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Midnight Mass by Candlelight 11.30pm onwards

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December 2025

Christmas Dawn Mass 8am

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

*No evening Mass on Christmas Day*

