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Third Sunday of Advent

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## 15 December - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent is known as 'Gaudete' Sunday from the old Latin word for 'rejoice'. The Mass invites us to be joyful because of the closeness of the Lord. But in preparing for that coming the people ask John the Baptist the question in the gospel today: "What must we do?"

The composer and performer Bradley James set Mother Teresa of Calcutta's prayers and teachings to music. Bradley remembers Mother Teresa's words: 'Mother said "we don't have to go to Calcutta to help the poor, rather we must help those right in front of us." He applied this lesson when he encountered a homeless beggar on the streets of San Francisco. Bradley placed some money in his metal cup, and then reached out to shake the man's hand. Bradley says the man pulled him a little closer and said: "thanks for the money but what I really wanted was a handshake."

"What must we do?" John the Baptist answers by exhorting the people to be people of integrity and compassion in what they are already doing. 'Tax collectors are to be honest; soldiers must be content with their pay and not abuse their authority; and people in general must reach out to the poor.' (Lk 3: 4-6).

There is always the temptation for us to think that God is asking us to achieve extraordinary steps in bringing about the Kingdom of God. But, I think God is asking most of us to be faithful to our calling here and now. Mother Teresa once said that people in our world are hungry for love, by saying that the greatest hunger for love in our world is loneliness. A handshake, visiting someone who is lonely, reaching out to someone who we may have neglected for some time is all we need do.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

#### **Our Advent Wreath**

*The Advent Wreath is one of the principal symbols in our church in our Liturgy over the weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we 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, during 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.*

**Priest:** *As we gather around our Advent Wreath to prepare for the lighting of the third candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. In the words of the acclamation let us pray:*



**Priest:** *Prepare a way for the Lord!*  
**All:** *Make his paths straight!*

**Priest:** *Let every valley be filled in!*  
**All:** *Let every mountain and hill be laid low!*

**Priest:** *Straighten the winding pathways, make the rough roads smooth!*  
**All:** *That all people may see the saving power of God.*

*The third candle is lit*

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	16 December	No Mass				Monday of 3rd week of Advent
Tuesday	17 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 3rd week of Advent
Wednesday	18 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent
Thursday	19 December	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of 3rd week of Advent
Friday	20 December	Mass	9:15am			Friday of 3rd week of Advent
Saturday	21 December	Mass	5:00pm			Saturday of 3rd week of Advent
Sunday	22 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

## Please Remember in your Prayers

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattio and Luca, died 7 September), Fr Michael O'Toole (died 25 November, aged 77), Hubert Engel (father of Veronica Engel, died 2 November aged 90).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**December:** Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 10th anniversary on 7 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, 2nd anniversary, 9 December), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's Dad, 5th anniversary on 15 December), George Thornton (7th anniversary on 15 December, Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, 2nd anniversary, 16 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 11th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (12th anniversary on 16 December), Nalin Singh (3rd anniversary, 18 December), Elsa Praturon (Joe' mum, 2nd anniversary, 19 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 4th anniversary 31 December).

**January:** Aaron Iori (12th anniversary 1st January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (6th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 12th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (3rd anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 9th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (31st anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (2nd anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Linda, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (9th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 8th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 5th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 64th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 38th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (3rd anniversary 26 January aged 96yrs, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 55th anniversary, 31st January).

**FOR THE SICK:** Neville Bown (friend of Megan Khannah), Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Gemma McDermott, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, 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), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—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), 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). **Please let the Parish Office know when someone can be taken off our Prayer List.**



### Congratulations

to the Goldrick Family

**Eamon Peter**

will be baptised this weekend.

## *What do the Readings say to us this Sunday* **THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**First Reading:** Zeph 3:14-18: With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

**Second Reading:** Phil 4:4-7: The Lord is near. Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 3:10-18: What, then, must we do?

## *Thank You from St Vincent de Paul*



A huge **Thank You** to all those who participated in our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal.

For those who prepared, supplied, helped packing hampers at Prouille, assisting packing the cars on delivery day, those who drove to Emerton to deliver them, we are very grateful.

Special thanks to Chris Madden and Jessica Hundleby who each year do the organisation and administrative work to enable this event to run smoothly and efficiently.

Last but not least, thank you Anthony Weaver and Ken Laing for all you do in the background to facilitate our St Vincent de Paul Conference (Wahroonga),



This week we celebrated the outstanding achievement of one of our catechists, Mrs Cecilia Kean. Cecilia has taught scripture in many classes at both Warrawee Public School and Wahroonga Public (The Bush School) for an amazing 43 years! She has decided it is time to retire from scripture and we honoured her with a morning tea last Wednesday.

Thank you Cecilia for sharing your faith with the young ones of our Parish. You are a wonderful example to all of us.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON 43 YEARS OF BEING A CATECHIST CECILIA  
AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT!**



**The Christmas Offering** envelopes will be available in the Church next week and are for the support of our Clergy.

If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place for Christmas Offerings, thank you—this will be processed on 23 December

Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Clergy.

## **Christmas Offering**



Wishing you the gift of  
faith, the blessing of hope  
and the peace of His love  
this Christmas



## Parish Events

Last Sunday after the 9:30am Mass and despite the incredibly humid weather, a healthy crowd joined in our “Carols in the Garden” for a Christmas sing-along, some delicious food and good company.

Thank you to everyone who participated especially our wonderful organiser and conductor, Rosalie Belsey, our MC, Ken Laing, the melodic singers (big and small) our amazing paella chefs, Sam and Jose Vieira and of course, Santa for popping in! A fun day had by all!



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## 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:** Thursday December 12th 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 December 14th (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 21st 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 Tuesday 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 a choir this Christmas



**Thought you might like to join a choir but are daunted by the thought?  
Take your first step with the Holy Name Pop Up Choir.**

**It's a fun, friendly and supportive environment in which to start singing in a group.**

**You never know where it might lead.**

**Please join us for Christmas Day 9.30am mass.**

**We will have three rehearsals on Saturday mornings.**

**Saturday 7 Dec 9.30-11am**

**Saturday 14 Dec 9.30-11am**

**Saturday 21 Dec 9.30-11am**

**Contact the office, fill in the sheet or email or call  
[chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com](mailto:chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com) 0438 625 056**





## *Preparing For Christmas at Holy Name Wahroonga*

### HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

There are sign up sheets on the marble table in the Church foyer.  
Please help our 5 Christmas Masses run smoothly by volunteering to help.

We need:

- ♦ Readers
- ♦ Acolytes
- ♦ Junior Servers
- ♦ Collectors
- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers



# Volunteers Needed!

### *Christmas Mass Times*

#### *Christmas Mass Times at Holy Name Church 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga*

Tuesday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate Masses at:

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

7.30pm Mass

Midnight Mass

Wednesday, 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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Prouille School :	5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076	
School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
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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), Vacant—(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](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.