



15 March 2026 - *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

From Darkness to Light: Seeing with the Eyes of Faith

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey towards Easter has reached its fourth Sunday. At this point of the journey, we are invited to reflect on the powerful theme of Light.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul reminds us that we were once in the darkness, but now we are in the Light of the Lord. He recommends then to live as children of the Light. Saint Paul emphasises through his message the transformed way of living which Christians are called to have. This means that faith in Jesus Christ is not simply a belief we hold, it is a Light that changes how we see things and act.

Saint Paul's message connects beautifully with Saint John's Gospel story of the man born blind. When Jesus heals the blind man, he does more than that. He restores the physical sight, but more importantly, Jesus reveals a deeper truth: true blindness is not always in our eyes but in our hearts.

The man who was healed gradually comes to recognise who Jesus is. At first, he calls him "the man called Jesus" and finally he professes faith in Jesus as the "Son of man". We can easily perceive that the journey of the healed blind man is one of growing spiritual 'sight'. The religious leaders however, who believe that they see clearly, refuse to recognise God's presence in Jesus Christ and His wonder in their midst. This refusal shows their spiritual blindness that comes from their pride. This teaches us that spiritual blindness comes generally from our pride and closed hearts.

The Gospel challenges each and every one of us to examine our own lives. Are there areas where we fail to see God's presence? Do we allow prejudice, fear or pride to blind us to the truth?

Lent is a time when Christ wants to open our eyes again through prayer, repentance and acts of charity. The Lord invites us to step out of darkness and step forward in His Light. When we truly encounter Christ, our vision changes: we begin to see God in people around us, especially in those who are suffering, the orphans, the widows and those who are overlooked.

May God bless you all,

Fr Jules-Davy, Cssp



Saturday 21st March is the anniversary of the Opening of our Church in 1954.

It is also **Harmony Day**: recognising our diversity, encouraging people to reflect on the importance of community belonging, cultural respect, and unity.

Our Parish is celebrating this important day at the Saturday 5pm Mass with dinner afterwards.

Please bring a plate of food from your family to share with our community after Mass.

We shall also have a sausage sizzle bbq.

We invite you to wear your cultural attire or orange to show your support.

Would your child like to read or help at the Mass? To register your child to take part, please contact Sally Oong at the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au asap.

PARISH HAND TREE

We shall also have a Parish 'Hand Tree' made by our parishioners and students at our local schools.

Please feel welcome to add your own handprint to the community tree, BYO or use a provided 'hand'.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	16 March	No Mass				Monday of the 4th week of Lent
Tuesday	17 March	Mass	9.15am			ST PATRICK, bishop
Wednesday	18 March	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
Thursday	19 March	Mass	9.15am			ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday	20 March	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 4th week of Lent
Saturday	14 March	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent
Sunday	15 March	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Don Reade (husband of Jeanette, father of Mark and Michael, died 22 February aged 92), Mary Toomey (mother of James, died in the UK on 6 February), Geoffrey Fonseca (brother of Mark, died in Canada on 7 Feb), Daisy Chiu (longtime parishioner, sister of Lily Wong, mother to Celine, Bernard and Felix, died 6 January), John Bourke (uncle of Rosalie Belsey, brother of Pat Baxter, died 8 January), Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia).

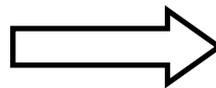
ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Thrum (15th anniversary, 13 March), Robyn Miller (sister-in-law of Jackie Thornton, 1st anniversary 11 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 17 year anniversary on 14th March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 22nd anniversary on 18 March), Marceli Pochyly (45th anniversary on 19 March, father of Cecylia Ramsden), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England, 3rd anniversary 20 March), Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 25th anniversary on 23 March), Peter Hunt (husband of Sue, longtime parishioner, 1st anniversary 7 March), Peter Brink (Dot's husband, 2nd anniversary 25 February), Ottaviano Praturlon (husband of Elsa, 30th anniversary on 6 March), Eleonora Poletto (mother of Giordana Praturlon and Carla Poletto, 9th anniversary 26 February), Edward Mendez (father of Allison Rodrigues, 10th anniversary, 2 March), Buenaventura Lizardo (father of Francis, anniversary 4 March), Jonas Buzinskas (father of Peter, anniversary on 9 March), Helen Gait (wife of Tom, 5th anniversary, 9 March).

FOR THE SICK: Julie Madden, Peter and Bernadette Vince (brother and sister-in-law of Cecilia Kean), Joseph Akkary (great-great-nephew of Denise and John Kassis), Pam Gallagher, Stevan Dind (friend of Dominic McGrath and Spiros Potiris), Megan Khannah, José Joaquim De Sousa (son of Ines), Shannon Van Der Bergh (nephew of Amalie G), George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui's parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Jenny O'Brien, Lawson Wynter (grandson of Marilyn Orrock), Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), 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), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), 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).

PPMC (Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council)

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN THE CHURCH FOYER AND GIVE TO FR GASPAR OR THE PARISH OFFICE.



BE A VOICE FOR OUR PARISH

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 CATCH UP
FRIDAY 20 MARCH
4:00pm to 6:00pm

All are welcome, just turn up!
Snacks, activities, discussions,
games



Holy Name Wairoanga Catholic Parish

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 Phone 06 221 9488 2222
 Website: www.holyname.wairoanga.parish.nz



2026 Parish Pastoral & Missionary Council Nomination Form

Nominations are now open for new positions on the Parish Pastoral & Missionary Council in 2026.

- Nominations need to be of those who:**
- Regularly affiliate with the life of the parish community and who have done so for some time
 - Enjoy a good understanding of the life of the community, its history and culture
 - Are not a sitting member of the current Parish Pastoral Council

- Nominations require the agreement of the nominee and the names and signatures of 2 endorsers of others in the Parish who:**
- Regularly affiliate with the Parish
 - Are not family members of the nominee

Completed Nomination Forms can be lodged at our Parish Office or emailed there.

- The term of membership for the new members will be two (2) years.
- Each year the PFC will choose a Council Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary.
- Our new Parish Pastoral Council will enjoy dinner with our retiring Parish Pastoral Council (same PFC)

Nominated as a member of the 2026 Parish Pastoral & Missionary Council:

(Full Name of the Nominee) _____

(Address) _____ (Mobile) _____

(Email) _____

(Signature of the Nominee) _____ (Date) _____

Endorsing Parishioners (Name and Signature):

1. _____ 2. _____

Come and be part of a great group of people dedicated to growing our Parish!

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13: In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41: The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with this sight restored.

Sacramental Program - Reconciliation

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall before 3.45pm.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

Lesson 1: Saturday, 28 February at 3.45pm,

Lesson 2: Saturday, 7 March at 3.45pm,

Lesson 3: Saturday, 14 March at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle. **(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church:
Wednesday 18 March at 6.00pm

This Saturday our children in the Sacramental Program will have their final lesson before receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday, 18 March at 6:00pm.**



Please welcome them to our 5:00pm Mass and join the children and their families for a sausage sizzle following Mass.

BE PART OF OUR WONDERFUL PARISH COMMUNITY

We welcome everyone
to come along and join in our Family Masses
which involve our Parish
students and enjoy our special
sausage sizzle and dessert afterwards.

Our Family Masses are on the
following **Saturdays at 5pm:**

- 21 February (Year 3)
- 21 March (Foundation Day - All years)
- 24 May **Sunday** (Parish Pentecost Celebration - All years)
- 20 June (Year 4)
- 1 August (Year 2)
- 19 September (Years 5 & 1)
- 17 October (Years 6 & K)



If your child would like to sing in the Family Mass Choir, play in the band, or take part in the Mass please contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!



Parish News and Events



Holy Hour

This Friday - 6:30pm

NOTE: Fridays during Lent - STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30pm

CAYA Come As You Are Discussion & Reflection Group

Thursdays after morning Mass. We meet in the Parish Sunroom. **Everyone is welcome.**



Senior Ladies Group

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom
For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



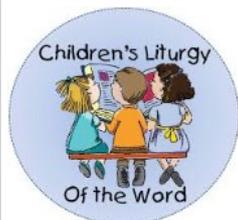
Men's Rosary & Bible Study

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

Program - next meeting 24 March

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact : Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 or
Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119
for more information.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held in the Parish Sunroom every Sunday at 9:30am Mass during school terms, with pre-school to school age children invited to attend. Parents welcome.

If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join us. No obligation to 'sign up'. Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details - 9489 3221.

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 CATCH UP

The next meeting will be held on

Friday 20th March from 4pm to 6pm. All are welcome, just turn up!
Snacks, activities, discussions, games

For further details contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com or the Parish Office.

Engaged Encounter Weekends 2026

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **May 23-24, Aug 8-9**



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER
INTENTION FOR MARCH

To pray for
disarmament and
peace

Around and About

JOELLE MARYN

BECOME THE FIRE

Join us for an evening with Joelle Maryn, actress and author, whose powerful conversion story and message of God's healing love have reached over half a billion people worldwide.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
The Light of Christ Centre,
End of Yardley Ave, Waitara**

**18th March
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Register:



How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?

Dr DR JOANNA HOWE

Join us for this important talk on upholding the dignity of life in our society. Leading Australian pro-life speaker, Dr Joanna Howe, will present "How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?"

**Our Lady of the Rosary
The Light of Christ Centre
End Yardley Ave, Waitara**

**20 March 2026
7:30 - 9:30pm**

Refreshments provided.
All welcome.



**HORNSBY
CATHEDRAL
PARISH**

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Lent



**REHEARSALS START THIS
SATURDAY**

POP UP NEWS

Preparations for Easter
Sunday will start in
mid-March.
All welcome to join.

The **Pop Up Choir** first formed 2011. It has provided uplifting choral music for **Christmas Day** and **Easter Sunday** in a relaxed and inclusive way for 14 years.

From Easter 2026, the choir will take on a new name and add to its schedule of masses.

The choir has traditionally come together for important feasts, so we are changing our name to the

Holy Name Festival Choir

We hope this change will bring together singers from all existing Holy Name singing ensembles, as well as welcoming new singers for these special celebratory liturgies.

Please join us in the new **Festival Choir** for **Easter Sunday 2026** which falls on **5 April**.

Rehearsals

Saturdays **14, 21, 28 March and 4 April 2026**
from **9am-10.30am** in the church or sunroom.

Singers of all abilities welcome.

All training is provided.

Please email chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com

or let the parish office know you would like to take part, or sign the sheet at the back of church.



Important Dates: *Looking ahead to the next season of the Church*

**Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Fridays during Lent
(commencing 20 February)**

Palm Sunday	29 March
Holy Thursday	2 April
Good Friday	3 April
Easter Sunday	5 April

**SIGN UP sheets for
Holy Week will be put in the
Church during the coming
week.**

**Please put your name down
to help if you can.**

Thank you.



Project Compassion/Caritas - Helping Others in Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent 14–15 March 2026



Manaini and her grandson work together on homework after school, in a small village in Fiji. Photo: Caritas Australia.



Manaini (centre) learns food processing skills as part of a program run by Caritas Australia's partner in Fiji. Photo: Caritas Australia.

MANAINI from FIJI

Life in rural Fiji has always been a struggle for 44-year-old Manaini, a mother of six and grandmother of two. The family lived from what they grew, but meals were plain and often lacked nutrition. Store food was too expensive. At night, the village was in darkness, leaving children and the elderly unsafe. Holding back tears, Manaini shared: "The things I worry about the most is my kids' education.

The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to achieve with my daily income." Almost one quarter of Fiji's population live in poverty, and rates are higher in rural villages. Any extra income can mean the difference between children completing school, being able to buy medicine, or simply managing daily costs. This is what poverty looks like in rural Fiji – every dollar counts. The nation also faces one of the worst health crises in the Pacific. Diabetes and heart disease are widespread. On average, every eight hours, three people lose a limb to diabetes.

Viloki, who works with Caritas Australia's partner FRIEND (Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development), explained: "Fiji has one of the highest rates in the Pacific in terms of non-communicable diseases. That's like 80% of the people here have one or the other form of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes... Every eight hours, there are three amputations."

Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training with local partner, FRIEND. She learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops like cassava and taro into flour and increase her weekly income. Her family eats healthier meals, and she saves money. With the women's group she bakes cakes and pies to sell for extra income. Seeds from the program gave her a thriving garden, and she makes her own organic fertiliser and pesticides. Solar lights now brighten the village, helping children to study and walk safely.

Manaini is proud of what she has achieved. She said, "The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community."

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

SEPTEMBER 2026 14

Dominican Pilgrimage to Spain, France and Italy

Journey in the footsteps of St Dominic, St Catherine of Siena, and other Dominican Saints across the heartlands of Europe from St Dominic's birthplace in Caleruega, to the beginnings of the Order in Prouilhe and Toulouse, and continuing on to Bologna, Siena and Rome, centres of faith, study, prayer and preaching.

This 14-day pilgrimage with the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invites you to deepen your connection with the Dominican charism that continues to inspire and renew the Church today.

DEPARTS SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS
Caleruega (2) • Aso • El Burgo de Climo • Ouriel de Ibañ • Soria • Ouriel de Ibañ • San Sebastian (1) • Prouilhe region (2) • Ferragut • Toulouse (1) • Carcassonne • Bologna (2) • Siena (1) • Rome (2)

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<https://bookings.harvestjourneys.com/PV2656>

Brochures with the full itinerary and costs are available in the Church Foyer.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
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Phone:		(02) 9489 3221
Postal Address:		P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076
Prouille Primary 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) Mr Paul Sutherland (Housebound)
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:		Volunteer needed please.
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823 Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)

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.

Holy Hour: Friday evenings 6:30pm (except during Lent—
when we have Stations of the Cross at 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

**McQuoin Park, Waitara: Fr Jules-Davy celebrates Mass on
Sundays at 11:00am**

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Parish Priest
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. Fr Jules-Davy visits Hornsby Hospital on a
regular basis and the SAH (The SAN) by arrangement.

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.