

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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		Volunteer needed please.
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)
		Vacant—(Secretary)

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

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 Fr Kelvin
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, 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.

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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17th August 2025 — 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Last weekend we witnessed the 'City to Surf' race which runs from Hyde park in the city to Bondi beach. Thousands go into training for the big event, but for many simply to participate is all part of the experience. As one observer remarked: 'if you feel you can't finish the race, the crowd will bring you home.' This does seem to be the case as we see the last runners make the finishing line being cheered on by others. In the letter to the Hebrews this week, the author says that we are like runners in a race. It is a good metaphor for the Christian life.

We all know how easy it is to start the race high on adrenalin. But after a short while we start to feel the strain of running. And then there are the challenges like Heartbreak Hill. We need an extra burst of energy and motivation to conquer the most gruelling part of the race. But as the author to the Hebrews says: 'we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.' He is referring to the saints who have already run the race and are cheering us on.

We have always been conscious as a Church that we are part of a larger race, where we don't do this alone. We are following a path made 'holy' by so many witness who spur us on. Saints are ordinary women and men like you and me. They were sinners like us, but with the help of God's grace they did something beautiful with their lives.

We are not running the race alone, but are part of a community where we feel supported and loved which encourages us to persevere when the going gets tough.

St. Paul in writing to Timothy, who, in prison and about to die, gives us his final testimony to the race he has run. "I have run the race, I have kept the faith, now all that awaits me is the crown of righteousness. Not only to me but all those who have longed for his appearing.' Let us pray today that with St. Paul as our 'holy' witness, we will stay on the path to eternal life.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin



A GREAT DAY FOR A
Picnic IN THE
garden

Please join us for a picnic in the garden after
Father Kelvin's Farewell Mass at
9.30am Mass on Sunday, August 31st 2025.
Bring along a blanket or chair to sit on, plus nibbles and drinks.

Everyone is welcome!
In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Holy Name Parish Church
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga



Parish Masses This Week						
Monday	18 August	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 20
Tuesday	19 August	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 20
Wednesday	20 August	Mass	9.15am			St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Thursday	21 August	Mass	9.15am			St Pius X, Pope
Friday	22 August	Mass	9.15am			The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	23 August	Mass	5.00pm			Weekday, Ordinary Time 20
Sunday	24 August	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Please Remember in your Prayers						

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Matthew Hunter (brother of Julie Levins, died 12 August aged 60yrs), Michael Kean (Noel Kean’s brother), David Lewis (father & father-in-law of Simon & Allison, died 23 June aged 81 in Camden), Ursula Laverty (died 4 July aged 94 years), Enid Sinclair (died 4 July aged 90 years), Valerie Hernandez, Jeremy Wong (brother of Judy Meloy), Elaine McCarthy (aunt of Kate Sutherland, died 10 June aged 99 years

ANNIVERSARIES: Louis Planas (19th anniversary on 19 August), Betty Laing (Ken’s Mum, 7th anniversary, 22nd August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, 4th anniversary on 9 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 10th anniversary, 11 August), John McGarry (husband of Linda, much loved parishioner, 3rd anniversary, 12 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 11th anniversary on 13 August), John Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 30th anniversary on 16 August), Michael (Mike) Poirrier (1st anniversary 2 August husband of Mary, father of Sally Oong (our Sacramental Co-ordinator), Anne-Marie, Jo and Ged and much loved grandfather of their children), Des McCarthy (much loved uncle of Kathy and Paul Sutherland, 2nd anniversary 5 August), Tony Kassis (1st anniversary 3 August—brother in law of Denise Kassis) Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick’s mum, 6th anniversary on 4 August), Patricia Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 14th anniversary on 5 August), Tomas Thrum (2nd anniversary 25 July, grandson of Daphne Thrum, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth , brother of Joel and nephew of Rachael, Andrew, Edmund, Damian, Benedict, Dominic, Emma, Nathan and Jessica), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 19th anniversary on 26 July), George Altomonte (brother of Betty Severino—1st anniversary 31 July), Barbara Wing (3rd anniversary 31 July), Paul Joseph Mitchell (father of Michael Mitchell, 3rd anniversary 21 July), Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Jason, father in law of Sally and grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe and Zara, 4th anniversary 21 July), William Thomas “Bill” Wallington (Joanne Dummer’s Dad, 30th anniversary on 23 July), Bruce Phillips and Enid Phillips (parents of Megan Khannah, 23rd anniversary on 23 July and 17th anniversary on 15th May), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) 2nd anniversary 13 July), Susan Woodfine (daughter of Barbara and Maurice, sister of Michael, 3rd anniversary 6 July), Margaret Woodlands (wife of Brian, mother of Joanne, Elizabeth and Kristin, 4th anniversary 6 July), Kevin Francis Lynch (cousin of Jennifer Gregory, 10th anniversary on 5 July), Daniel McGarry (son of Brian, 15th anniversary on 2 July), Br Michael Stanley Madden cfc (Chris Madden’s brother 2 July, 4th anniversary), Vincent McGarry (father of Brian, 20th anniversary on 3rd July), Ramon Moraza (brother of Rose Planas, 9th anniversary on 4 July).

FOR THE SICK: Jenny O’Brien, Domenic Tavernese (dear friend of the Kassis Family), Lawson Wynter, grandson of Marilyn Orrock, Megan Khannah, Patrick MacMillan, Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Alice Thompson and Tammy Ibda (friends of Dominic McGrath, Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and PatMacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), 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).

The Spiritan (Holy Ghost) Order in Australia: A Snapshot

Origins & Mission

The **Congregation of the Holy Spirit**, commonly known as the **Spiritans** or **Holy Ghost Fathers**, was founded in Paris in **1703** by **Claude-François Poullart des Places**; later revitalized in **1848** through a merger with a congregation founded by Francis Libermann.

Spiritans in Australia

- ◇ The Spiritans began engaging in mission work in Australia starting in the **1970s**:
- ◇ They returned in **1971**, initially to **Queensland**, then expanded to **Victoria (1977)**, **New South Wales (1991)**, and **Western Australia (1992)**
- ◇ A key milestone was the establishment of **Holy Spirit Parish**, Bray Park, Queensland, around **1974**, delegated by the archbishop to the Spiritans those states, working alongside **four parishes in Papua New Guinea**.
- ◇ Personnel-wise, the Spiritans in Oceania—including Australia—comprise priests and brothers from diverse nations such as **Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, PNG, Tanzania, Uganda** and **Vietnam**. As recent as **2024**, Australia is home to **nine active** and **two retired Spiritan priests**, illustrating their active presence today.

Institutions & Ministry

- ◇ The Spiritans are officially registered under Australian charitable frameworks, e.g., at **Strathpine, QLD** (National Redress Scheme records and ACNC listings refer to them as the **Congregation of the Holy Spirit Australia**, also known as **The Spiritans Australia**).
- ◇ They minister through a network of **parishes** and **churches** across Australia. These include: Churches in Western Australia (e.g., Broomehill, Cranbrook, Kojonup, South Hedland, Newman, Frankland, Tambellup, Tom Price), and in Queensland (e.g., St Michael’s, Dorrington and Church of the Holy Spirit, Bray Park).

Broader Role & Values

- ◇ Globally and in Australia, Spiritans focus on **evangelisation, education**, and **pastoral care**, aiming to build **local, sustainable faith communities** that reflect local culture and leadership.
- ◇ As part of **Spiritans Oceania**, they engage in retreats, parish life, educational initiatives, and community events tailored to Australian and PNG contexts.
- ◇ The Spiritans are officially recognised among religious orders in Australia under Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) listings as **Spiritans – Congregation of the Holy Spirit (CSSp)**.

Summary Table

Aspect	Details
Founding	1703 in Paris; revitalized in 1848
Mission	Evangelization of poor and marginalized
Australia Arrival	First established presence: 1971 (QLD), expanded across states by 1992
Parishes	7 in Australia, with additional in Papua New Guinea
Personnel	~9 active + 2 retired priests in Australia (as of 2024)
Institutional Presence	Official charity and redress listings; numerous church sites
Values	Evangelisation, education, local leadership, community engagement

From Bishop Anthony



To the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay

11 August 2025

My dear sisters and brothers,

I share with you an important development in our Diocese, and for the Parish of Wahroonga.

As you will appreciate, the term of Fr Kelvin Lovegrove as Parish Priest of the Parish of Wahroonga finishes at the end of August 2025. Fr Kelvin came to us from the Archdiocese of Sydney under a three-year arrangement with the Archbishop, which will conclude with a period of sabbatical that Fr Kelvin will commence in September 2025. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Archbishop of Sydney and to Fr Kelvin for their generosity of assistance to our Diocese and to the Parish of Wahroonga.

I am also deeply grateful to Fr John Puliparambil for his service to the Parish over these last two years whilst he has been undertaking further studies in pastoral care. I am ready also now to provide Fr John with a new appointment to take effect in the coming months once his current studies are completed.

In recent times, the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (the Spiritans) has approached me to re-establish their presence in the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Spiritans had the care of the Parish of St Joseph, Narabeen and the Parish of St Rose, Collaroy from 2004-2011, prior to the formation of the Parish of The Lakes. The Spiritans are an international Religious Congregation, founded in France in 1703 and, in Australia, currently have missions in the dioceses of Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Geraldton, and Newcastle-Maitland.

I will appoint two Spiritan Fathers to the Parish of Wahroonga, effective 10 September 2025: Fr Gaspar Mushi, CSSp, to the position of Parish Priest, and Fr Jules-Davy Malonga, CSSp, to the position of Assistant Priest. Fr. Gaspar, who hails originally from Tanzania, aged 65 and ordained in 1994, brings over ten years of experience from his time serving in Australia. Fr. Jules-Davy, from The Democratic Republic of the Congo, aged 49, and ordained in 2011, has dedicated a significant portion of his missionary work to Europe, particularly in the Netherlands. I intend, also, to appoint Fr Jules with special responsibility for McQuoin Park and the Hornsby Hospital.

Importantly, though staffed by the Spiritan Fathers, the Parish of Wahroonga will remain a diocesan parish, rather than one entrusted formally to a Religious Order. I have determined that this appointment will initially be for a term of three years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Mandefo

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday **20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10: *You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4: *Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us. Alleluia, alleluia!*
My sheep listen to the my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53: *I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Farewell for Fr Kelvin

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We are all now aware of the sad and disappointing news that Fr Kelvin will be leaving our Parish and returning to the Archdiocese of Sydney. We have been so very fortunate to have Fr Kelvin as our Parish Priest over the last couple of years and he will be missed. **Please see Pages 6 and 7 —Letter from Bishop Anthony regarding our new Parish Priest and Assistant Priest.**

There will be a **Parish Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Kelvin following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 31st August and after morning tea, everyone is welcome to stay for a Picnic in the garden—BYO Blanket/chair, nibbles and drinks.** We hope as many parishioners as possible will be there to give Fr Kelvin a wonderful send off. There are gift envelopes available in the Church if you wish to contribute toward a farewell gift for him and also cards for everyone to sign.



Farewell Mass for Fr Kelvin

Calling All Singers (and would-be singers) in the Parish

We are putting together a special choir to sing at Fr Kelvin's Leaving Mass on Sunday 31 August at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join whether part of an existing choir in the parish or not. No prior experience is necessary and all training will be given. We now have more than 16 singers for the Mass on 31 August - which is great!

If you still haven't made up your mind, there's still time as we don't start rehearsing until Saturday 16th August at 9.00am. Please let me know if you haven't already said yes or you are still making up your mind and I will add you to the new list otherwise you won't hear any more news or receive the sheet music and practice tracks in advance.

Rehearsals in the sunroom

- Saturday 16 August 9.00-10.30am Sunroom
- Saturday 23 August 9.30-11am
- Saturday 30 August 9.30-11am
- Sunday 31 August 8.30am Sunroom

If you are interested in being part of this special farewell for Fr Kelvin, please sign the form at the back of church with your email, or let Jackie in the office know on 9489 3221 OR Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au



Farewell Gift *for* *Fr Kelvin*

*Please place cash/cheque inside this envelope or,
if you wish to contribute by credit card,
please provide your details on the back of this envelope.
Place sealed envelope into the Collection boxes. Thank you.*

Rather than give Fr Kelvin a number of individual gifts to add to his moving and storage, we think it would be best for him to receive a special Parish Farewell gift and he can put it toward something he would like.

The envelopes above are in the Church if you would like to contribute.

Thank you.

Parish Help Needed



OCCASIONAL DRIVER NEEDED:

We have parishioners living in Boundary Road, Wahroonga (section between Wahroonga Ave & Lister St) who can no longer drive and would be very grateful if anyone would be willing to pick them up for 9:30am Sunday Mass sometimes.

If you can help, please ring the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or email: Holynam@bbcatholic.org.au

Can you spare a couple of hours on a Friday?

We are looking for another helper (or helpers) to assist with the pre-weekend clean up of the Church (vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, general tidying). Please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Thank you.



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 welcome to attend. A dedicated group of volunteers assist with Children's Liturgy, with a commitment of only one Sunday each school term.

We are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to assist with this wonderful ministry as either a leader or assistant. Training and all materials are provided. If you are interested in finding out what is involved in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join. There are safeguarding requirements (WWCC) if you wish to join our team). Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details 9489 3221.

Parish Events



HOLY HOUR
Friday evenings 6:30pm
Everyone is Welcome

Senior Ladies Group:

Meets on the **First Thursday of the month** at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom.

Next Meeting - 4 September

For further details contact: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



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 26 August

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

CAYA

Come As You Are Discussion and Reflection Group
in the Parish Sunroom following morning Mass
on Thursday



Sacramental Program - Confirmation - Enrol Now

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.

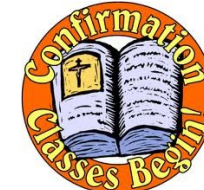
Enrolments now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYAMC>

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)

Tuesday 19th August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet in a large group at Prouille School Hall on:



Lesson 1: Saturday, 23rd August at 3.30pm

Lesson 2: Saturday, 30th August at 3.45pm

Lesson 3: Saturday, 6th September at 3.45pm

Lesson 4: Saturday, 13th September at 3.45pm, with each lesson followed by 5.00pm

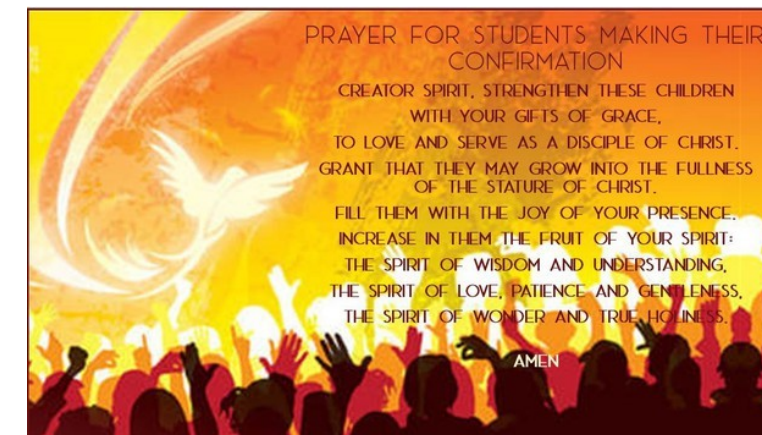
Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the whole family.

Practice: Tuesday, 16th September, 6pm at the Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:

Thursday 18th September at 6.00pm

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



Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen