

Third Sunday of Advent



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17th December 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is the Latin word which means "rejoice."

Rejoice is the first word of the entrance antiphon for today's Mass. This call to rejoice is the reason why the candle to be lit this Sunday on the Advent wreath is rose-coloured.

In the gospel of St. John (1:6-8, 19-28) we once again encounter the towering figure of St. John the Baptist. Significantly, John the Baptist, when questioned by the Pharisees, points away from himself to the coming of the Messiah.

John the Baptist remains a potent reminder to us of how we are preparing for the coming of the Messiah into our minds and hearts this Christmas. Are our hearts and minds ready to receive the Christ child born to us, knowing that our salvation is near at hand?

Blessings,
Fr. Kelvin



Christmas Helpers Needed!

Required for Christmas Masses

- * **Welcomers**
- * **Ushers**
- * **Readers**
- * **Servers (Lead & Junior)**
- * **Eucharistic Ministers**
- * **Collectors**

**We would greatly appreciate your help!
Sign up sheets are at the entrance to the
Church**



Our Advent Wreath

The Presider, or an assistant light the third candle, which can be named the Saints' Candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church.



Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy, for God clothes us in the garments of salvation (First Reading). As a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly (Second Reading). May the joy of the Lord be in our hearts as we journey together, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church of Australia.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light (Gospel). Like John the Baptist may we be witnesses to the power of Jesus and be people open to Conversion and Renewal in the Church of Australia.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider:

O God, who sees how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen

The third candle is lit.

*Please lend a hand
with our Christmas Masses Ministries*

*"...the Lord your God will bless you in all your work
and in everything you your hand to" Deut.15:10*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	18 December	No Mass				Monday of 3rd week of Advent
Tuesday	19 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 3rd week of Advent
Wednesday	20 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent
Thursday	21 December	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of 4th week of Advent
Friday	22 December	Mass	9.15am			Friday of 4th week of Advent
Saturday	23 December	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of 4th week of Advent
Sunday	24 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:00pm* 7:30pm	*Children's Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass
Monday	25 December	Mass	8:00am	9:30am	No Mass	CHRISTMAS DAY—The NATIVITY of the LORD No Evening Mass

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel, died 15 September, aged 37), Sr. Margaret Hill OP, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Colin Maclean (past parishioner, husband of Bianca, father to Cara and Alexander (Sandy)), Katie Mutter (friend of Cecylia Ramsden).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, 1st anniversary, 16 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 10th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (11th anniversary on 16 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, 1st anniversary, 9 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 3rd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 54th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—6th anniversary, 25 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 9th anniversary on 7 December), Denese O'Brien (2nd anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Lasserre Gomes, (10 month anniversary 28 November), Ruth Gomes (10½ year anniversary 26 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 18th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 5th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (6th anniversary on 30 November), Marie Shortis (6th anniversary on 27 November), Peter Carbone (husband of Frances and father of Sonia, 20th anniversary on 17 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 1st anniversary 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 1st anniversary, 15 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 4th anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 2nd anniversary 17 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 8th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 6th anniversary on 14 November).

FOR THE SICK:

Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Barry Clibborn, Tim McGrath (nephew of Dominic McGrath), Lima Sadeik (sister of John Kassis), Baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Robert Waring (brother in law of Denise Kassis), and Greg Hayes (brother-in-law of Maureen Kippax), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Mike Tighe, Chris Le Gras, Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, 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).

Names on the Sick List will be removed after 4 weeks unless otherwise advised. Thank you.

Men's Rosary & Bible 19 December The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church 7:10pm Rosary

7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.



2024 HNW men's group rosary/bible study meetings :



January: 2nd, 16th and 30th **February:** 13th and 27th.

Christmas Message from Fr Paul Durkin:

A year ago our own Bishop Anthony and Archbishop Anthony Fisher asked me to take up the position of Vice Rector at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd.

I often hear news of Holy Name parish. I'm writing this message to wish all parishioners, including those in the school communities, a wonderful Christmas and blessings for the new year. **Fr Paul**

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

First Reading: *Is 61:1-2, 10-11: I exult for joy in the Lord.*

Second Reading: *1 Thess 5:16-24: May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

From the Wahroonga Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society: Please accept our thanks for the extremely generous response to this year's Christmas hamper appeal. Over 100 hampers were prepared by parishioners. These hampers were provided to those in need in the Whalan area, local women's shelters and also to those in Wahroonga who have requested help from the St Vincent de Paul Society during the year. For some, often the only gift or gesture of goodwill they receive at Christmas is a hamper from our Parish. *Anthony Weaver (President)*

Fr Kelvin also acknowledges the wonderful effort put into this and thanks all those involved, in particular Chris Madden, Anthony Weaver and Ken Laing.



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

*WE WOULD ALSO LIKE SOME YOUNG MUSICIANS
TO COME AND PLAY PLEASE*

Let Sally know if you can help

Second Practice: Saturday 16 December 9.00am - 11:00am

- **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: Thursday 21 December 10.00am-12noon

- **Children, Singers and all Musicians** - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and all the carols

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Sunday 24 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 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.



The Christmas Offering envelopes in the Church are for the support of our Clergy. If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place for Christmas Offerings, this will be processed next week.

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

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

Sunday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate 2 Masses:

5.00pm Children's Mass (Carols from 4.30pm)
and
7.30pm Mass

Monday, 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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Office Hours :	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
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Prouille School :	5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076	
School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
Phone:	(02) 9489 3233/ 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) (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), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (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: Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

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

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.