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18th February—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Discussing this Gospel, Pope Francis once said that 'Lent is a time of repentance, yes, but it is not a time of sorrow!'

The Pope wanted to remind Christians that Lent is a season of 'a joyous and serious commitment to strip ourselves of our selfishness ... and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism.' Note his emphasis on it being 'joyous.'

In one of his major teaching documents, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Pope begins as follows: 'The Joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.' He goes on to say that 'With Christ joy is constantly born anew.' This is the kind of Lent we should all strive for: a joyful one.

Later in the same document the Pope expresses concern about joyless seriousness. 'There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.'

The Pope then reminds us that 'Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved.'

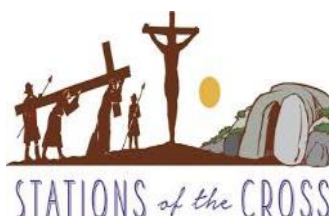
Our Lent should be a time of joyful response to that love. Fasts and penances should be helping us find joy in Christ, not misery.

After all, Jesus emerged from the desert proclaiming 'Good News'.

Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.



Fr Sam will be leaving Holy Name Parish as our 'Priest in Residence' on 8 March To celebrate his time with our Parish and wish him well in his new home, we will have a **Farewell Morning Tea following 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 25th February.** We hope you can join us then.



**Commencing on
Friday, 23rd February,
there will be
Stations of the Cross
at 6:30pm on Fridays
during Lent.**

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	19 February	No Mass				Monday of the 1st week of Lent
Tuesday	20 February	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
Wednesday	21 February	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
Thursday	22 February	Mass	9.15am			The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Friday	23 February	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 1st week of Lent
Saturday	24 February	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of the 1st week of Lent
Sunday	25 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mrs Susan Scott and Mrs Gibson (friends of Rose and Graham Raward), Chris Le Gras (died 20 January, aged 93), Elizabeth Kral (Cyril Littrich's sister, died 16 January).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maggie Hendriks (mother of Yvonne van den Berg, 1st anniversary 24 February), Jack Jones (brother in law of Jo and Frank Waldron, 3rd anniversary 21 February), Tom Anderson (father of Margaret MacMillan) anniversary 22 February), Kerry Lupton (2nd anniversary, 20 February, wife of Vic, former parishioner and friend of Jen and Barry Clibborn), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe, 2nd anniversary 22 February), Julia Martin (friend of Joanne Dummer, 1st anniversary 19 February), Denise and Keith Waudby (4th anniversaries—sister and brother in law of Patrice Buzinskas), Maureen Taylor (Carol Reidy's mother, 13th anniversary on 13 February), Ellen Babich (aunt of Cecylia Ramsden, anniversary 11 February), Chris Roche (6th anniversary on 12 February), Reg Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 6th anniversary on 14 February), Kay Elizabeth Ann Baguley (mother of Jo Toomey, 25th anniversary on 2nd February), Margaret Bizannes (12th anniversary on 7 February), Evelyn Waters (cousin of Margaret MacMillan, 3rd anniversary 9 February), Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha, 1st anniversary 28 January), Marie Gibbons (sister-in-law of Reg Gibbons, 1st anniversary 28 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Ves McGrath (father of Dominic, brother-in-law of Reg Gibbons, 2nd anniversary 26 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 7th anniversary, 23 January), Agnes Pochyly (Cecylia Ramsden's grandmother, 60th anniversary 21 January), Patricia McGrath (1st anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (8th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 7th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 4th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 63d anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 37th anniversary on 23 January), Tod Walker (Bishop David Walker and Lillas Roche's brother, 8th anniversary 20 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (2nd anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 54th anniversary, 31st January, Ingrid Tighe (38th anniversary, 29 December), Vincent and Leo Tighe (father and uncle of Mike Tighe—40th anniversary.

FOR THE SICK:

Karenne Crow (Hayley Edmund's Mum), Conor and Leila McCreton, Bernard and Dorothy Tighe (Brother and Sister in law of Mike Tighe), Gerard Tighe (Mike's brother), Margaret MacMillan, Stephen Reidy (son of Caroline), Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), 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), 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, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, 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.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1 March 11am Holy Name Church followed by morning tea in the sunroom.

The service for 2024 has been written by the people of Palestine.

It is entitled: ***'I beg you...bear with one another in love'.***



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

First Reading: **Gen 9:8-15:** *I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the water shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

Second Reading: **1 Pet 3:18-22:** *The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

Gospel: **Mk 1:12-15:** *He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

Parish Groups

Men's Rosary & Bible: 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

2024

- ◆ **HNW Men's Group Rosary/Bible Study Meetings:**
- ◆ **February: 27th.**

Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069



Come as You Are

Thursdays after morning Mass in the Sunroom

Our *Come as You Are* reflection and discussion group meets on Thursday after morning Mass about 10.00am. Preparing for Easter, our Lenten Program is "Pieta" - produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Please come along and join in a friendly and inclusive discussion. All welcome.

Patrick Kirkwood and Annette Stuart-Robertson
0439 649 906

Save the Date ! Trivia Night is Back!

18th May 2024

Our Parish is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 18th May at Prouille School Hall.

*It will be a night of great fun, entertainment & community.
I would very much appreciate you joining me at this wonderful Parish event.*

Fr Kelvin

Sacramental Program 2024—Reconciliation

Enrolments for Reconciliation are NOW open for the 2024 Sacramental Program

Compulsory Parent/Carer Welcome & Information Evening this Tuesday 21 February 7-8pm Prouille Hall

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The Parish Confirmation Program will be in July/August 2024 with the Sacrament celebrated on 5th September.

For further information, contact our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

Children's Sacramental Program 2024

Holy Name Catholic Parish, Wahroonga
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga. Ph: 9489 3221

Please note that attendance at the Information Evening for each Sacrament (Parent) and all Sessions/Masses (Parent/child) is compulsory. If this attendance criteria is not fulfilled, your child will not be eligible to celebrate the Sacrament and will be asked to return next year.



RECONCILIATION

(February, March 2024)



Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNSKD>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be celebrated in July/August 2024.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Wednesday 21 February, 7-8pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is a compulsory information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carers on 21 February, 2024.

Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 28 February, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

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

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

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 2 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 9 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 16 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:
Tuesday 19 March at 6pm



FIRST EUCHARIST

(May, June 2024)

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4 and must celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation before the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 7 May, 7-8pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is a compulsory information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carers on 7 May, 2024.

Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 15 May, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups: Meet at the Prouille School Hall.

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

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 18 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 25 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 1 June 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)**

Practice: Wednesday 12 June at 6.00pm at the Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the Church:
Sunday 16 June at a special 11.00am Mass



SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father David Ranson, Vicar General and Parish Priest of Chatswood Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood on Thursday 22nd February 2024. There is very limited parking in the Parish Kirk Street Carpark but street parking is free and available on the surrounding streets.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting in the Magnificat Room which is directly across Kirk Street from the Church. Following the meeting Father David will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Preparing for Easter



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
BEGINNING
FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY
6:30PM**

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS



Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

Ash Wednesday
14th February

PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday
24th March

HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

Holy Thursday
28th March

GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

Good Friday
29th March

EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!



Alleluia!
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter Sunday
31st March

DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



Project Compassion First Sunday of Lent 17 / 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

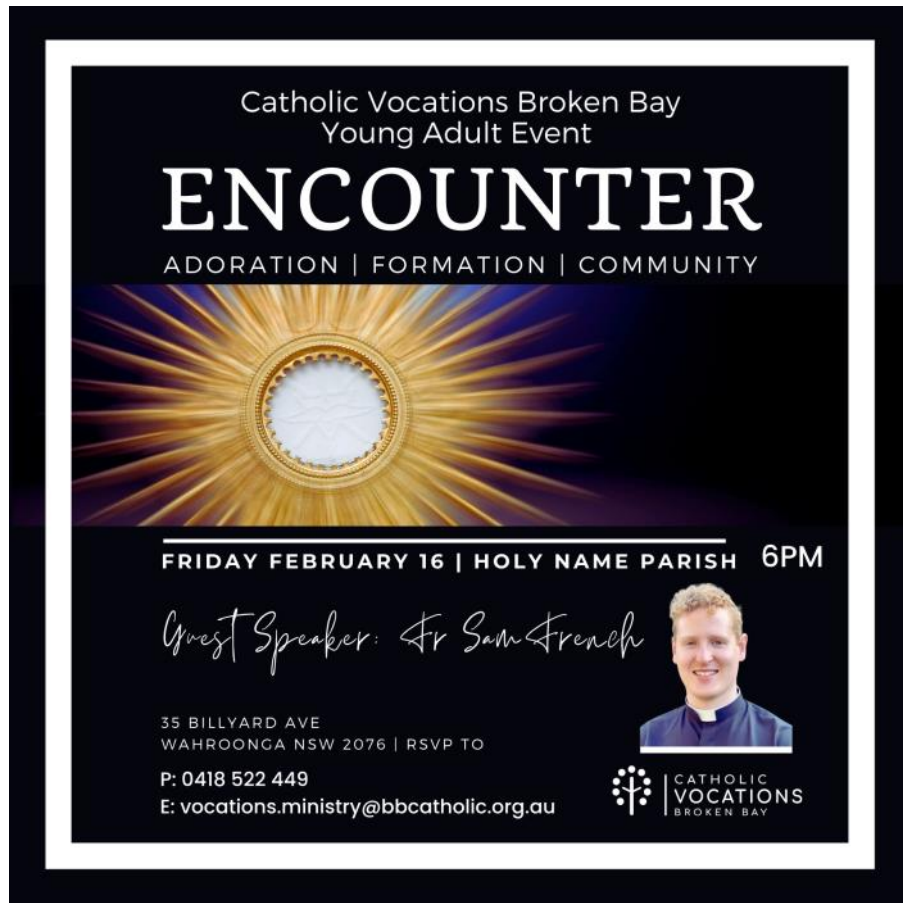
Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion
Boxes and envelopes are available in the Church.**

Vocations—Broken Bay



Encounter

Adoration | Formation | Community

Young Adult Event (*formerly Holy Hour & Discernment Evening*)

Date: Friday, February 16

Join us for Encounter: A Night of Adoration, Formation & Community.

Formerly known as Holy Hour & Discernment. Encounter begins with Holy Hour & Reconciliation, allowing time for introspection and connection. Followed by dinner and special guest speaker: Fr Sam French.

Fr. Sam French will share inspiring insights, guiding us on our spiritual journey and encouraging discernment in our daily lives, and like always we conclude the evening with a delightful dinner! Let's come together in faith, reflection, and community. Encounter promises to be an evening of spiritual growth, shared wisdom, and delicious food. Spread the word, invite your friends, and let's make this night one to remember!

Holy Hour & Reconciliation: 6:00 PM

Talk by Fr. Sam French & dinner: 7:00 PM

RSVP to the Vocations Office by February 12 to ensure we cater to all our guests.

For RSVP or more information, contact the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au.

See you at Encounter! #EncounterFaith #CatholicEvent #SpiritualJourney

Around and About in our Diocese of Broken Bay



2024 Open Days

Our 45 schools situated across the Central Coast, Sydney's Northern Beaches, and the North Shore, provide a K-12 educational pathway offering a diverse and enriching atmosphere for students in faith, learning and wellbeing.

Explore the upcoming Open Days of local schools in your area by visiting our website.

This Safer Internet Day, discover practical tips for navigating the digital playground. Connect, Reflect, protect, and learn ways to secure devices and create a safer online conversation for your family. CSBB parents share some practical insights with what worked for their children alongside expert tips from our own Safeguarding team. Use today as an opportunity to make every day a safer day online! bit.ly/42vNugv

OPEN DAY Sunday 3 March 10am-2pm
Bookings online www.msb.nsw.edu.au

 **Mount St Benedict College**

449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills www.msb.nsw.edu.au

Mount St Benedict College
OPEN DAY
Sunday 3 March
10am - 2pm

Please note: Families with a daughter in Year 5 should apply now for Year 7, 2026.

Online Expression of Interest forms should be lodged by the end of Year 4.

THE SHRINE OF JPII PRESENTS...

THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

24.02.2024
@GOSFORD PARISH

A RETREAT DAY

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER:
FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ
CSMA

WITH ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II

9AM | MASS & PRAYERS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF JPII
9:45AM | CONFERENCE 1: THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY
10:45AM | COFFEE BREAK
11:15AM | HOLY ROSARY + CONFERENCE 2: THE SECRETS OF ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II
12:30PM | LUNCH BREAK
1:30PM | CONFERENCE 3: THE ANGELS IN THE LIFE OF ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II, INVESTING WITH A SCAPULAR OF THE DIVINE MERCY
2:15PM | HOLY HOUR
3:20PM | END OF RETREAT

An Invitation:

Gemma Sisia who in 2002 opened The School of St Jude in Arusha, Tanzania with just three students, to bring free quality education to children experiencing poverty is coming to Australia. St Jude's has grown to three schools with 1,800 students including a girls only secondary school.

Gemma is speaking at **St Agatha's Parish Hall, Pennant Hills on Sunday 3rd March 7.30pm** about the School of St Jude so please come and join us.

For more information, please contact Trish 0428 604 405







The School of St Jude Australian flag

A story to Remember

Join us for an unforgettable conversation with the renowned founder of one of the largest charity schools on the African continent - Gemma Sisia.

After opening The School of St Jude in Tanzania over 22 years ago, we are honoured to welcome Gemma and two incredible alumni, Salomon and Winnie, to share the heartwarming development, successes, challenges and personal stories from Arusha, Tanzania. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience the true impact of St Jude's.

School of St Jude 3/3/2024 7.30pm St Agatha's Hall
Trish 0428604405

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest :	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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Parish Office:	Email	Holynamewahroonga@bbcatholic.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours :	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
Phone:	(02) 9489 3221	
Postal Address:	P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076	
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.