



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



19 December — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



From Fr Paul Today's Gospel is St Luke's account of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth following the Annunciation (Luke 1.39-55). This apparently simple story offers us a key insight into how Mary was remembered and celebrated within the early Church. Remember the Gospels reveal how the Good News is being told and celebrated from the earliest times of the Church.

It is fitting that Mary takes us this last part of the Advent journey to Christ because that is Mary's mission and vocation: she gives birth to Christ not only in our world but also in our hearts. In her beautiful prayer, the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55), Mary speaks on behalf of all humanity celebrating the great things God has done for us in Christ.

Schools

This past week Fr Sam, Fr Anselam and I celebrated the Year 6 Graduation Mass and Presentations, and then the end-of-year whole school Mass for Our parish school of Prouille. They were very special and memorable occasions. The parish wishes all the school students (K-12) in the parish (irrespective of which school you attend) a happy and relaxing holiday. May it be a blessed time for our families.

Ordinations

Having celebrated Fr Sam's Ordination in recent months, this month we also acknowledge and celebrate the anniversary of Ordination of the other three Clergy in the Parish:

Fr Paul on 17th December

Deacon Peter McCulloch on 21st December

Fr Anselam on 27th December

May God continue to bless and support them.

Special Care of our Elderly, Sick and Housebound

I want to let parishioners know that I have sent out Christmas cards and greetings on behalf of the Parish community to 30 of our most vulnerable parishioners, especially our Elderly, Sick and Housebound. They are very much part of our Holy Name community. Christmas is a time to remember that Jesus reached out to the sick, the sinner and the lost, and those who were rejected and despised by the powerful.

Ministries

Once again I thank all those who have been engaged in both Liturgical ministries and outreach ministries to the parish and wider community. We are the one body as a parish, with many different gifts at work.

Thanks for your continuing attendance and presence with us in worship, prayer and other activities of the parish. Let us look forward with joy and hope to the celebrations of Christmas and the year ahead.

Be assured of our prayers and good wishes, *Fr Sam, Fr Anselam and Fr Paul.*

Our Advent Wreath

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us prepare to light the fourth candle on our Advent Wreath. As Advent draws to a close we pause for faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God . . . In the words of the acclamation let us pray:

Fr : Come Lord Jesus, hope of the prophets and desired of all the nations:

All: **Come! Lead us back to you!**

Fr: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary:

All: **Come! Take flesh in us!**

Fr : Come Lord Jesus, source of grace and hope for peace:

All: **Come and save us, delay no longer.**

The Fourth candle is lit



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	20 December	No Mass				Monday of 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	21 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 4th week of Advent
Wednesday	22 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 4th week of Advent
Thursday	23 December	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of 4th week of Advent
Friday	24 December	9.15am	5.00pm	7.30pm	Midnight	Friday of 4th week of Advent
Saturday	25 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	No Evening Mass	The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)
Sunday	26 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November), John O'Brien (died 15 October, aged 89, father of Dominic, Michael, Sean, Simone, Patrick and Mark), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, died 15 October aged 92), Geoffrey Bolt (son of friend of Leila McCreton), Paul Joseph Santamaria (father of Tom, died 10 October aged 59 years).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (grandmother of Jennifer Gregory—52nd anniversary on 24 December), Alois Babsky (uncle of Monica Caly, 1st anniversary on 16 December), George Thornton (4th anniversary on 15 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda 8th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father 7th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (4th anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (4th anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother-in-law of John Kassis, 16th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 3rd anniversary 30 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 6th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 4th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 54th anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 3rd anniversary 10 November), Caesar Bruno (father of Terri Vernier, 3rd anniversary on 18 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 7th anniversary on 19 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 4th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 10th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 3rd anniversary on 21 October),

FOR THE SICK:

Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacommo, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

What does the Word say to us today – the fourth Sunday of Advent?

First Reading (Micah 5:1-4). The prophet Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.

Second Reading (Hebrews 10:5-10). Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.

Gospel (Luke 1:39-45). Elizabeth praises Mary, and, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, tells of the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

When Micah was writing (late eighth-century BC) Jerusalem was under siege and David's dynasty was in jeopardy, but salvation would come from a comparatively insignificant place - Bethlehem. From there a new leader would come to gather together the scattered exiles and unite the nation once more. Christians see this promise as foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who was born in Bethlehem and descended from the line of David.

The Gospel tells the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Both are pregnant. Enlightened and moved by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth praises Mary and tells of the uniqueness of the child she has conceived. Elizabeth speaks faith of the infant Church, revealing the place of honour in which Mary was held from the beginning.

Reflections/Quotes for the Week before Christmas

*"There is no benefit in Christ being born,
if he is not born within us."*

St Augustine

*"Mary conceived the Word in her heart
long before she conceived him in her body".*

St Ambrose

*"Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is
absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.
But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place
in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for
whom there is no room.*

*His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected
by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited,
who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those
for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world.
He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be
nothing but the world at its worst."*

*Thomas Merton, "The Time of the End Is the Time of
No Room" in Raids on the Unspeakable*



Christmas Helpers Needed!

Do you have any Christmas Bush and/or Agapanthus (purple and/or white) in your garden you could spare for our Christmas flower arrangements for the Church?

If so, can you please drop off to the Church by the **morning of Thursday, 23rd December**. There will be buckets with water in the foyer of the Church for you to put them in. Thank you.



Required for Christmas Masses

- * Car Park Wardens
- * QR Code/Sign In Marshalls
- * Welcomers
- * Ushers
- * Readers
- * Servers (Lead & Junior)
- * Eucharistic Ministers
- * Collectors

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

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

Spirit of St Lucy's

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Last week we ended our 2021 school year with a fabulous Christmas Carols Concert! This event took place outside and withstood all elements of the weather ☺ We were able to have at least one adult per child attend, and also provided a livestream for those we could not allow onsite due to current COVID restrictions. Each and every student and staff member involved helped bring to life the meaning of Christmas – that of joy, faith and unity! Here at St Lucy's, we wish all of you at Holy Name Parish a happy, holy and safe Christmas, with continued good health and joy for the coming New Year!

Personally, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful way in which you embrace our school community, and I will indeed cherish all the wonderful connections and relationships that have been formed. These will no doubt continue to be in place long after I am gone, and I am so happy to have Liz Webster coming into this role of Head of Mission and Identity and taking a very firm and competent hold of the reigns! I am very sad to be leaving the St Lucy's community, but am also excited for what my new role at St Edmund's will bring!



"Holy Name Parish wishes Vanessa Dillon every blessing as she transfers from St Lucy's to St Edmund's at the beginning of the 2022 school year. Vanessa will be a great loss to the St Lucy's community and we take this opportunity to acknowledge her enormous contribution to the pastoral care, religious formation and education of the students."

Fr Paul

When visiting our Church...

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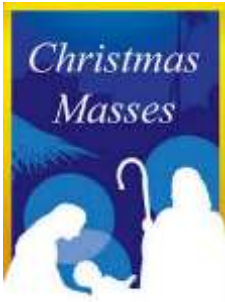
PHYSICAL DISTANCING USE HAND SANITISER COVER YOUR COUGH OR SNEEZE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK SCAN IN & REGISTER YOUR DETAILS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

When visiting our Church, please remember :

- **Physical Distancing**
- **Use Hand Sanitiser**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Scan and register your details**

Christmas Masses at Holy Name



Christmas helpers are needed for all our Christmas Masses.
Please put your name and number on the sign up sheets in the Church foyer.

- ◆ Parking Wardens
- ◆ QR code/Check in
- ◆ Front of House Security
- ◆ Welcoming
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Readers
- ◆ Servers,
- ◆ Eucharistic Ministers
- ◆ Collectors.

Christmas Mass Times

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Friday 24th December — Christmas Eve:

4.30pm Children's Carols followed by

5.00pm Mass

7.30pm Christmas Vigil with our beautiful Parish Schola

Please note: There is no Carol Service before Midnight Mass

Midnight Traditional Gregorian Mass by Candlelight (please bring a small torch)

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day:

8.00am Christmas Morning Mass

9:30am Christmas Day Mass with our legendary Pop Up Choir

There is no evening Mass



on Christmas Day

After the Christmas weekend, our usual weekday and weekend Mass times will resume.
Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Christmas Offering



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

*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.

Preparing for Christmas at Holy Name



Christmas Pop Up Choir

Calling all keen singers to join our Pop Up Choir for the 9:30am Mass on Christmas Day.
All welcome, no experience necessary!

Final Rehearsals will be held in the church :

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve), 10:00-11:30am

Please bring a pencil, a water bottle and lots of enthusiasm!

Please RSVP to Rosalie Belsey, so we can prepare your music booklet. rosaliebelsey@gmail.com or 0437 076 988

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?

FINAL Practice:

Saturday 18 December 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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

MASS: Christmas Eve 5PM on Friday 24 December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

For more details, please contact Sally Oong:
hnwsally@gmail.com or the Parish office 9489 3221.
The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS
are welcome to come and help, please.



2022 Columban Calendars \$9.00

Now Available in the Piety Store
(located at the back of our Church)



Majellan Christmas Cards
(Set of 10 with envelopes)
\$9.00

A Special Christmas Reflection

Christmas Time

We hope and pray that Christmas is a time of renewed faith in God's great love and mercy, a time of peace and joy, shared with family and friends.

As a parish community, we acknowledge that Christmas can be a challenging and difficult time for some, especially after the challenges of the past two years.

We all long to make sense out of our misfortunes and struggles in the past year and our separations from loved ones through distance and misunderstanding.

We want to live in God's peace within the messiness of life.

Mothers and fathers who have lost children may have difficulty even viewing the baby in the manger.

Single people are reminded during this season of family that they do not have one of their own.

People who have lost jobs or simply do not have money to spend are reminded of their inadequacies during this season of plenty.

No matter the community or parish, suffering and unfortunate circumstances come out of hiding during the season that our culture says is "merry and bright".

The first Christmas after you lose someone you may not feel like celebrating. It will hurt. The presents not bought. The chair not sat in. The memories of past Christmases.

But you will get through it. If you can – thank God for the Christmases you had with them. Light a candle. Cry. Start a new tradition in their memory.

May we all enter into the true spirit of Christmas by welcoming Christ anew into our lives and may we reach out to someone who is in special need this Christmas.

(adapted from an article by Rev Ron Raab CSC)



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School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
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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

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 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 for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), 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 Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, 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 has a NEW 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 deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible by emailing: Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests.

It is very much 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