

*“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”*



## Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



### 2nd January—The EPIPHANY of the LORD

#### *The Epiphany of the Lord from Fr Paul*

I hope all the families of the parish have enjoyed a happy and holy Christmas. **Thank you** once again to all who contributed to making the Christmas Liturgies so beautiful and meaningful. The priests and parish team thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts received during the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us and for your generosity to others outside the parish.

**Today's Gospel** tells of the visit of the three Magi to the newborn Christ child. When they found him, the Magi offered him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**Gold** is the gift for kings (see 1 Kings 9:14, 28); it symbolizes kingship and royalty—a fitting gift for the “King of kings” (1 Timothy 6:15). Gold has historically served as a most precious metal and form of currency. It is a pure and incorruptible metal, suitable for the One who is without sin. Some traditions further note that gold is a symbol of divinity, recognizing Jesus as God in human form.

**Frankincense** is sweet-smelling incense. Frankincense was mixed with oil for anointing priests. Thus, it can represent the Lord's priesthood and his role as the Lamb of God to be sacrificed on our behalf (see John 1:29). The psalmist prays: “May my prayer rise before you like incense.” Like the frankincense, Jesus' life would be given up as a sacred offering in obedience to the Father for the sins of humanity.

**Myrrh** is associated with the death of Jesus. Myrrh was mixed with the wine and offered to Jesus on the cross (Mark 15:23) and its bitter taste is associated with the suffering Jesus endured on the cross. The use of myrrh in embalming and preparing the body for burial points to the death of Jesus.

So the three gifts are highly symbolic, reminding us that Jesus is King of Kings, Son of God, our one and only true High Priest who suffers and dies for all humanity.

We reflect:

- ◆ How do I greet the newborn King, the child Jesus?
- ◆ Do I follow the star seeking him? Do I bring him gifts?
- ◆ Do I receive the gift of his salvation, his riches, his peace and his life?

*Fr Paul*

#### **Farewell Fr Anselam**

*We say goodbye to Fr Anselam after three years of ministry at Holy Name Parish. We give thanks for all that he has been to us and all he has done for us. He will be very much missed.*

*There will be an opportunity for a Parish farewell sometime in the New Year. In the meantime, we wish Fr Anselam every blessing as he begins his ministry at Our Lady of the Rosary Hornsby Cathedral Parish, Waitara.*



## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	3 January	No Mass			Weekday of Christmas Time
Tuesday	4 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday of Christmas Time
Wednesday	5 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday of Christmas Time
Thursday	6 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday of Christmas Time
Friday	7 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday of Christmas Time
Saturday	8 January	Mass	5.00pm		Weekday of Christmas Time
Sunday	9 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	The BAPTISM of the LORD

## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18<sup>th</sup> December), Dr Narlin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), 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).

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Aaron Iori (9th anniversary on 1 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, 2nd anniversary 6 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Jenny and Paul, brother of Julia, 6th anniversary on 8 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 20th anniversary 13 January), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 16th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 4th anniversary on 25 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 21st anniversary on 28 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 1st anniversary 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 1st anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (36th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), 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).

### **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 Fragiacomio, 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.

*Please let the Parish Office know if you would like anyone added or removed from our list of Prayers for the Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and the Sick.*

## What do the Readings say to us on this Sunday -

**First Reading (Is 60:1-6).** The prophet cheers the exiles who returned from Babylon with a vision of a restored city. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ and in the new Israel, the Church.

**Second Reading (Eph 3:2-3, 5-6).** St Paul expresses the theological meaning of the feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share the salvation brought by Christ. The feast shows that election by God is not a privilege for some, but a gift for all.

**Gospel (Mt 2:1-12).** Three Gentile Magi came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

The Magi can serve as models for us on our faith journey. When they found Christ they offered him gold, frankincense and myrrh. Their hearts are awakened and burst into life.

The Magi return home changed and enriched by their encounter with Christ.

When we find Christ and offer our love to him, he will help us to open up the treasures of goodness that lie buried within us, so that we can offer 'gifts' to our brothers and sisters.



### Reflection/Quotes of the Week

*The visit of the Magi can offer an opportunity during this holiday season to reflect on hospitality*



“Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ,  
because He will say: ‘I was a stranger and you received Me’ (Matt 25:35).  
And let due honour be shown to all ...”

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 53*

“Make hospitality your special care.”

*St Paul ( Letter to the Romans)*

“Vocations are born in prayer,  
and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit....”

*Pope Francis*



*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 has been processed and we thank you for your generosity and appreciation of our Clergy.*

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### 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 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. 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](http://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.**