

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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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 evenings Holy Hour: 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 Parish Priest
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, Sally Oong, with Genevieve
 Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and Courtenay Peters (St Lucy's).

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

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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21 December 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Friends,

JOSEPH - A MAN OF HONOUR.

In our families, communities, nations and in the world, we have people of honour. They are good people whom society notices, as their wise ways of living are exceptionally good. They are present in every aspect of life. They are our role models in the community.

The gospel today invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary. He played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour, who combined love, respect for the Jewish law and compassion for Mary.

Like King Ahaz in the First Reading when asked by the Lord, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above." He humbly said, 'No, I will not put the Lord to the test.'

The same humility is seen in Joseph, who was open to hear God's word to him. Thus the words of prophet Isaiah were fulfilled, "The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel. A name which means 'God-is-with-us'".

Sisters and brothers, God comes into our lives on His own terms, not ours. This can be disturbing and confronting. We would expect God's coming to be pleasant, comfortable and without struggle. After all, is not God the source of blessing and joy?

Yet, as the Gospel testifies that His entry into Mary and Joseph's lives was far from pleasant nor was it comfortable. Instead, it was the cause of darkness, suffering and hardship. We can only imagine how devastated Joseph must have felt to discover that his beloved was pregnant, but not with his child! However, in obedience to the angel's disclosure about Mary's pregnancy and the command to accept the child, Joseph obeys without hesitation. Thus, Joseph is an example and a role model for us all. He accepted God's Invitation, however demanding. Doing God's will is always a blessing, but often costly. We too, when confronted with challenging situations, like Joseph, would profit from waiting patiently upon the Lord, praying for light and grace to act with integrity, charity and justice.

Blessings,

Fr. Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.



CHRISTMAS HELPERS REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES

Please put your name down to help on the forms at the back of the Church. There is a sheet for each of our Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm, 7:30pm, Midnight

Christmas Day: 8:00am and 9:30am

We also need some additional regular Acolytes, Servers, Collectors, Piety Store helpers to go on our Roster.
 Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	22 December	No Mass				Monday of 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	23 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 4th week of Advent
Wednesday	24 December	Mass	No Mass	5.00pm	7.30pm	Wednesday of 4th week of Advent
Thursday	25 December	Mass	Midnight	8.00am	9.30am	The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)
Friday	26 December	Mass	9.15am			St Stephen, the first martyr
Saturday	27 December	Mass	5.00pm			St John, apostle, evangelist
Sunday	28 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia), Sharon Ogden (died 3 December aged 79yrs), Marie Maloney (Mary Weaver’s Mum, died 18 November aged 92), Angela Wodzga (life long friend of Linette Sardinha, died 17 November), John Clark (husband of Joan (dec), father of Julie, Cathryn and David, died 4 November aged 96), Gennaro (Jim) Abignano (died 24 October aged 93, husband of Maria, Dad to Nina, Luisa, Biagio, Joe, Mario and Pierre), Robert Malonga (Fr Jules-Davy’s father - died 14 October aged 86yrs).

ANNIVERSARIES: Denese O’Brien (4th anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 5th anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 56th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul’s Mum—8th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (20th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 25th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony’s mother, 5th anniversary 29 December), George Thornton (8th anniversary on 15 December), Geoff Ranson (Fr David’s father, 6th anniversary on 15 December), Joseph Anthony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 12yr anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris’ father, 11th anniversary on 7 December), Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, 1st anniversary 7 December), William (Bill) Hayward (1st anniversary 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 7th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (8th anniversary on 30 November), Marie Shortis (8th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 20th anniversary on 29 November).

FOR THE SICK: George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui’s parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O’Brien, Lawson Wynter, grandson of Marilyn Orrock, Megan Khannah, Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ibda (friend of Dominic McGrath), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret and Pat MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), 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).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL:

We had wonderful support from the Parish for the Christmas Hamper Appeal and an excellent response in terms of hampers prepared. To all those who prepared hampers, drove them to the drop off point, who helped on the day and to Vinita Martin for organising the labels- we say a huge **THANK YOU!**

Anthony Weaver - President Wahroonga Conference SVdP



Noel Noel 2025



Noël! Noël!

On Monday, December 15, Holy Name Church was again filled with the resounding music of the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra’s concert ‘Noel Noel’ *An evening to lift the spirit and fill the heart*. The Church was packed to the rafters with parishioners and local residents. We also had Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Fr David Ranson join Fr Gaspar for the festivities. The evening was a wonderful celebration of music and all present were delighted to be in attendance and full of praise for the performers and the acoustics of our Church.

A cherished holiday tradition showcasing the sublime Brandenburg Choir, Noël! Noël! remains a Brandenburg favourite for its unique ability to weave traditional chamber music, rarely performed festive pieces, timeless chorales and contemporary threads into a festive tapestry to enrich the spirit.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for their help and support throughout this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and we want to thank you all for your attendance, participation and generosity toward this parish community and so many others, who like the Holy Family, are so needy at this time. Thank you for all the many and varied ways you care for and support our Holy Name Parish and our parishioners.



Thank you!

Parish Events

MORNING ROSARY GROUP
Everyone is welcome to join our Rosary Group following the **9:15am Mass Tuesday to Friday** and after the First Saturday of the Month 9:15am Mass.



**FRIDAY EVENINGS
HOLY HOUR
RETURNING 2026**

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 TBA
7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion
Contact: Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069
Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119 for more information



RCIA Program

Have you ever wanted to know what Catholics actually believe? Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formative process by which those interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church are invited to attend sessions with our priests and RCIA Team over an extended period of time.

They are presented with a variety of essential topics which cover the key pillars of the faith: our profession, celebration, lifestyle, and our prayer.

At different stages of the process, individuals are given the invitation to continue on their journey towards the Easter Sacraments and reception into the Church.

We also offer a special Baptism program for children 5 years and over. For further information, please contact Sally Oong (sally.oong@bbctholic.org.au) or speak to our priests directly.

Please let the Parish Office know when your Parish groups are winding up for 2025 and recommencing in 2026.

Entering December Awareness, Safeguarding, and Seasonal Wellbeing

As we enter December, our Parishes become places of preparation, anticipation, and joyful gathering. Advent invites us into a season of light, welcome, and hope, yet for many people, the lead-up to Christmas can also heighten vulnerability.



Resource	Description	
Beyond Blue Financial Stress Toolkit	Practical tools and advice to help individuals and families manage money-related stress during the festive season.	
Beyond Blue Loneliness Support Resources	Guidance for those experiencing loneliness or isolation, including ways to connect and seek help.	
Lifeline Managing Christmas Stress	Strategies and tips for coping with emotional pressure, expectations, and stress during December.	
St Vincent de Paul Society Emergency Assistance	Financial help, food assistance, and support for individuals and families experiencing hardship.	
Salvation Army Doorways Support	Crisis support, financial counselling, and community programs for people in need.	
CatholicCare Broken Bay Support Services	Local counselling, family supports, and community programs available across the Diocese.	

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday?

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading: Is 7:10-14: The virgin will conceive.

Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7: Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel; God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 1:18-24 : Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

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



We are now moving into the final week of advent. Like any family expecting and awaiting the arrival of a newborn baby, the family of the church prepares to welcome the Christ child anew into our hearts, our homes, our lives, our parish and our world.

May each of us welcome God's greatest gift to us: his only begotten son, the Saviour of the world, the Prince of peace, the one whose reign will have no end.

We have now celebrated the end of the school year, and we prepare for the celebration of Christmas and the holidays ahead. May this be a time of love and friendship for all parishioners. Thank you to those who are preparing rosters, nativity plays, our Church and music for our Christmas Masses.



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.

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

First Practice: Tuesday December 9th 3.45pm-4.30pm

- **Children** - Allocation of roles, jobs (and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- If you cannot make this practice contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.
- All children can be a Shepherd, as long as they can attend the 2nd or the 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday December 13th (11am-12pm)

- **Children, Singers, Dancers, Musicians** - Run through of Nativity Play for Gospel, some carols plus children to practise Reading, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings, Prayers.

Third Practice: Saturday 20th December (11am to 1pm)

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

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Wednesday 24th 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.



JOIN US THIS *Christmas*

AT HOLY NAME WAHROONGA

The parish of Holy Name Wahroonga invites all to join us this
Christmas to pray for peace in our troubled world and celebrate
the beauty of the Christmas story.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December 2025

Children's Nativity Mass 4.30pm-6pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Midnight Mass by Candlelight 11.30pm onwards

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December 2025

Christmas Dawn Mass 8am

Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

