

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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		Volunteer needed please.
		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823
		Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)
		Vacant—(Secretary)
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :		
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		

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

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 Fr Kelvin
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, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and a representative from St Lucy’s.
Parish Finance Committee: Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O’Brien.
Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul.

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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24th August 2025 — 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

The American comedian Groucho Marx was accepted as a member of the exclusive Friar’s Club in Hollywood. Groucho however expressed his disappointment that the club was not as exclusive as he first thought. His telegram to the committee read: “Please accept my resignation. I don’t want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member.” We can all take Groucho’s humorous take on club membership, but in the Gospel today (Lk 13: 22-30), Jesus clearly says that the Kingdom of Heaven is *not* a club. Membership is not based on familiarity where some people will say: “we ate and drank with you.”

Further to this misunderstanding of what it means to belong to the Kingdom of God, is the man who asks: “How many will be saved?” Jesus avoids getting caught up in the numbers game. In fact in the Book of Revelation (the last book of the Bible) the author St. John quotes that there will be 144,000 saved, but this number is purely symbolic.

Jesus in the Gospel uses the image of the gate through which people can enter, but in time that door becomes a locked gate when no one can enter. Therefore, the time to be a disciple of Jesus is *now*! In other words, to be a disciple of Jesus is to forego using excuses why we are not embracing the immediate call of Jesus to follow him.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews (Heb 12:5-7, 11-13) says that God is our Father who guides and directs his children with spiritual discipline. A parent who truly loves their child will offer moral support to form a good character that helps them to make good choices and have respect for all.

Today, is the time to turn toward the Lord. As disciples of Jesus we are following the way he has marked out for us to respond to his invitation with love and forgiveness.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin



Please join us for a picnic in the garden after Father Kelvin’s Farewell Mass at **9.30am Mass on Sunday, August 31st 2025.**

Bring along a blanket or chair to sit on, plus nibbles and drinks.

everyone is welcome!

In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Holy Name Parish Church
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga



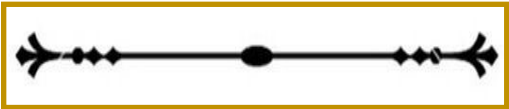
Parish Masses This Week						
Monday	25 August	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Tuesday	26 August	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Wednesday	27 August	Mass	9.15am			St Monica
Thursday	28 August	Mass	9.15am			St Augustine, bishop, doctor
Friday	29 August	Mass	9.15am			The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr
Saturday	30 August	Mass	5.00pm			Weekday, Ordinary Time 21
Sunday	31 August	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Please Remember in your Prayers						

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Matthew Hunter (brother of Julie Levins, died 12 August aged 60yrs), Michael Kean (Noel Kean’s brother), David Lewis (father & father-in-law of Simon & Allison, died 23 June aged 81 in Camden), Ursula Laverty (died 4 July aged 94 years), Enid Sinclair (died 4 July aged 90 years), Valerie Hernandez, Jeremy Wong (brother of Judy Meloy), Elaine McCarthy (aunt of Kate Sutherland, died 10 June aged 99 years

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 8th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Chris’ Mum, 10th anniversary on 27 August), Giuseppe Abignano (brother of Gennaro Abignano, 2nd anniversary 31 August), Sr Patricia Woodbury (1st anniversary 27 August), Betty Laing (Ken’s Mum, 7th anniversary, 22nd August), Louis Planas (19th anniversary on 19 August), Joseph Malouf (7th anniversary, 9 August, husband of Yvonne Malouf) Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, 4th anniversary on 9 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 10th anniversary, 11 August), John McGarry (husband of Linda, much loved parishioner, 3rd anniversary, 12 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 11th anniversary on 13 August), John Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 30th anniversary on 16 August), Michael (Mike) Poirrier (1st anniversary 2 August husband of Mary, father of Sally Oong (our Sacramental Co-ordinator), Anne-Marie, Jo and Ged and much loved grandfather of their children), Des McCarthy (much loved uncle of Kathy and Paul Sutherland, 2nd anniversary 5 August), Tony Kassis (1st anniversary 3 August—brother in law of Denise Kassis) Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick’s mum, 6th anniversary on 4 August), Patricia Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 14th anniversary on 5 August), Tomas Thrum (2nd anniversary 25 July, grandson of Daphne Thrum, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth , brother of Joel and nephew of Rachael, Andrew, Edmund, Damian, Benedict, Dominic, Emma, Nathan and Jessica), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 19th anniversary on 26 July), George Altomonte (brother of Betty Severino—1st anniversary 31 July), Barbara Wing (3rd anniversary 31 July), Paul Joseph Mitchell (father of Michael Mitchell, 3rd anniversary 21 July), Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Jason, father in law of Sally and grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe and Zara, 4th anniversary 21 July), William Thomas “Bill” Wallington (Joanne Dummer’s Dad, 30th anniversary on 23 July), Bruce Phillips and Enid Phillips (parents of Megan Khannah, 23rd anniversary on 23 July and 17th anniversary on 15th May), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) 2nd anniversary 13 July.

FOR THE SICK: Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O’Brien, Domenic Tavernese (dear friend of the Kassis Family), 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), Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Noline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, 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), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), 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).



Baptism for Older Children Program



Last Sunday, 17 August, we completed our ‘Baptisms for Older Children’ program with the Baptisms of

Scarlett, Sophia, Maddie, Kai and Mackenzie

who are all pictured here with Fr Kelvin.

This was a wonderful celebration with their families. Fr Kelvin blessed the holy water in the Baptismal font and baptised each child with holy water individually in turn, their parents and Godparents standing with them.

In their preparation, the children learned the symbols of Baptism: holy water, anointing oil, the Cross, purity of their white garment and their Baptism candle which is lit from the Paschal candle. Three of these children will now prepare for Confirmation with more than 50 of our Parish children.



Getting Ready to Welcome our New Priests....

As we prepare to welcome Fr Gaspar Mushi and Fr Jules-Davy Malonga as our new Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest, here is a little about the **Origins & Mission of their order**:

The **Congregation of the Holy Spirit**, commonly known as the **Spiritans** or **Holy Ghost Fathers**, was founded in Paris in **1703** by **Claude-François Poullart des Places**; later revitalized in **1848** through a merger with a congregation founded by Francis Libermann.

Spiritans in Australia

The Spiritans began engaging in mission work in Australia starting in the **1970s**:

They returned in **1971**, initially to **Queensland**, then expanded to **Victoria (1977)**, **New South Wales (1991)**, and **Western Australia (1992)**

- ◊ A key milestone was the establishment of **Holy Spirit Parish**, Bray Park, Queensland, around **1974**, delegated by the archbishop to the Spiritans those states, working alongside **four parishes in Papua New Guinea**.
- ◊ Personnel-wise, the Spiritans in Oceania—including Australia—comprise priests and brothers from diverse nations such as **Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, PNG, Tanzania, Uganda** and **Vietnam**. As recent as **2024**, Australia is home to **nine active** and **two retired Spiritan priests**, illustrating their active presence today.

Institutions & Ministry

- ◊ The Spiritans are officially registered under Australian charitable frameworks, e.g., at **Strathpine, QLD** (National Redress Scheme records and ACNC listings refer to them as the **Congregation of the Holy Spirit Australia**, also known as **The Spiritans Australia**). They minister through a network of **parishes and churches** across Australia. These include: Churches in Western Australia (e.g., Broomehill, Cranbrook, Kojonup, South Hedland, Newman, Frankland, Tambellup, Tom Price), and in Queensland (e.g., St Michael’s, Dorrington and Church of the Holy Spirit, Bray Park).

Broader Role & Values

- ◊ Globally and in Australia, Spiritans focus on **evangelisation, education, and pastoral care**, aiming to build **local, sustainable faith communities** that reflect local culture and leadership.
- ◊ As part of **Spiritans Oceania**, they engage in retreats, parish life, educational initiatives, and community events tailored to Australian and PNG contexts.
- ◊ The Spiritans are officially recognised among religious orders in Australia under Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) listings as **Spiritans – Congregation of the Holy Spirit (CSSp)**.

Aspect	Details
Founding	1703 in Paris; revitalized in 1848
Mission	Evangelization of poor and marginalized
Australia Arrival	First established presence: 1971 (QLD), expanded across states by 1992
Parishes	7 in Australia, with additional in Papua New Guinea
Personnel	~9 active + 2 retired priests in Australia (as of 2024)
Institutional Presence	Official charity and redress listings; numerous church sites
Values	Evangelisation, education, local leadership, community engagement

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday
21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading:** Is 66:18-21 They will gather all of your people from all nations.
- Second Reading:** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13: The Lord disciplines those he loves. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!
- Gospel:** Lk 13:22-30: From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God .

Fr Kelvin Leaves Holy Name in ONE WEEK!

Farewell for Fr Kelvin

Fr Kelvin will be leaving our Parish and returning to the Archdiocese of Sydney. We have been so very fortunate to have Fr Kelvin as our Parish Priest over the last couple of years and he will be missed. Please see Page 6 for an insight into the order of our new Parish Priest, Fr Gaspar Mushi and Assistant Priest, Fr Jules-Davy Malonga who will join us mid-September.

There will be a **Parish Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Kelvin following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 31st August and after morning tea, everyone is welcome to stay for a Picnic in the garden—BYO Blanket/chair, nibbles and drinks**. We hope as many parishioners as possible will be at morning tea to give Fr Kelvin a wonderful send off. There are gift envelopes available in the Church if you wish to contribute toward a farewell gift for him and also cards for everyone to sign.



Farewell Mass for Fr Kelvin
Calling All Singers (and would-be singers) in the Parish

We are putting together a special choir to sing at Fr Kelvin's Leaving Mass on Sunday 31 August at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join whether part of an existing choir in the parish or not. No prior experience is necessary and all training will be given. We now have more than 16 singers for the Mass on 31 August - which is great!

- Rehearsals:
- Saturday 23 August 9.30-11am
 - Saturday 30 August 9.30-11am
 - Sunday 31 August 8.30am Sunroom

If you are interested in being part of this special farewell for Fr Kelvin, please sign the form at the back of church with your email, or let Jackie in the office know on 9489 3221 OR Holynome@bbcatholic.org.au

Rather than give Fr Kelvin a number of individual gifts to add to his moving and storage, we think it would be best for him to receive a special Parish Farewell gift and he can put it toward something he would like. These envelopes are in the Church if you would like to contribute. Thank you.



Farewell Gift
for
Fr Kelvin

Please place cash/cheque inside this envelope or, if you wish to contribute by credit card, please provide your details on the back of this envelope. Place sealed envelope into the Collection boxes. Thank you.

Parish Help Needed



OCCASIONAL DRIVER NEEDED:

We have parishioners living in Boundary Road, Wahroonga (section between Wahroonga Ave & Lister St) who can no longer drive and would be very grateful if anyone would be willing to pick them up for 9:30am Sunday Mass sometimes.

If you can help, please ring the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or email: Holynam@bbcatholic.org.au

Can you spare a couple of hours on a Friday?

We are looking for another helper (or helpers) to assist with the pre-weekend clean up of the Church (vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, general tidying). Please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Thank you.



Children's Liturgy is held in the Parish Sunroom every Sunday at 9:30am Mass during school terms, with pre-school to school age children welcome to attend. A dedicated group of volunteers assist with Children's Liturgy, with a commitment of only one Sunday each school term.

We are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to assist with this wonderful ministry as either a leader or assistant. Training and all materials are provided. If you are interested in finding out what is involved in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join. There are safeguarding requirements (WWCC) if you wish to join our team). Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details 9489 3221.

Parish Events



HOLY HOUR
Friday evenings 6:30pm
Everyone is Welcome

Senior Ladies Group:

Meets on the **First Thursday of the month** at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom.

Next Meeting - 4 September

For further details contact: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



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 26 August

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact: Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 or Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119 for more information

CAYA

Come As You Are Discussion and Reflection Group
in the Parish Sunroom following morning Mass
on Thursday



Sacramental Program - Confirmation - Enrol Now

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least **Year 3** at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

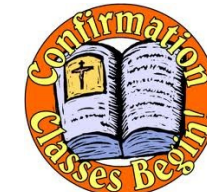
Enrolments now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYAMC>

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)

Tuesday 19th August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet in a large group at Prouille School Hall on:



Lesson 1: THIS Saturday, 23rd August at 3.30pm

Lesson 2: Saturday, 30th August at 3.45pm

Lesson 3: Saturday, 6th September at 3.45pm

Lesson 4: Saturday, 13th September at 3.45pm, with each lesson followed by 5.00pm

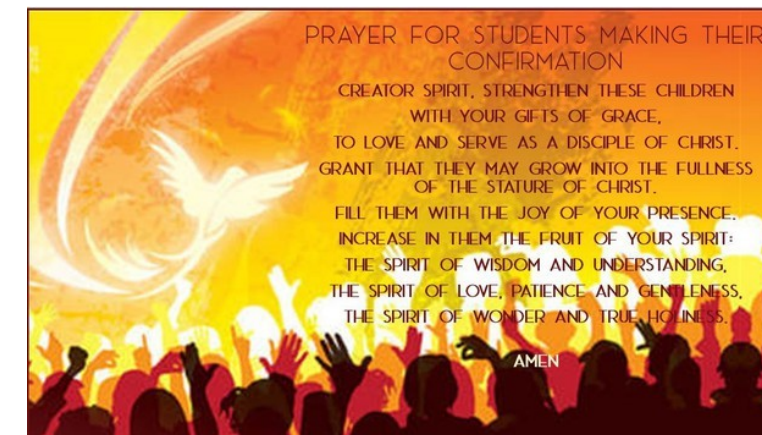
Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the whole family.

Practice: Tuesday, 16th September, 6pm at the Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:

Thursday 18th September at 6.00pm

It is a condition of enrolment that full completion of this Program is required in order for your child to celebrate Confirmation. Please contact Sally Oong if you need to discuss this.



Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen**