

*FOURTH Sunday  
of  
Advent*



*The NATIVITY of  
the LORD  
(CHRISTMAS)*

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*24th December 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT*

Dear friends,

A special word of welcome to all visitors to Holy Name parish this Christmas. If you have been away from the Church for a time, know you are welcome. Welcome to our regular parishioners and those who may be joining us via livestreaming and recording. May we all be a blessing to each other this Christmas and may our time of worship help us to receive Christ anew into our hearts, our families and our Parish.

A Christmas Wish and Prayer:

May we each hear anew the words of the Angel to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy. Today a saviour has been born to you." (Luke 2:10-11).

Like the three wise men who will come to adore the Christ child in Matthew's account (Mt 2:1-2), the shepherds also visit the child Jesus, and return home glorifying and praising God. (Lk 2:20). May we too glorify and praise God by our lives of faith, hope and love.

At Christmas, perhaps more than any other time in the Church's year, many members of the family of faith come home. All know they are welcome. We gather to greet a newborn baby, the Christ child. We gather to be filled once more with delight and beauty, with joy and peace. These are the things for which our human spirit longs.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rosalie Belsey, the choir and musicians who so beautifully led us a night of joy and laughter as we sang of the Saviour's birth and celebrated our faith as a community of faith and companionship at our Carols in the Garden last Saturday evening. Thank you to the Vieira family for their wonderful hospitality. Thanks to our outstanding MC Ken Laing and to all who attended. It was a wonderful evening of community spirit.

Thanks to all those who any way have been involved in preparing our Church and preparing for the Christmas Liturgies. Thank you for all the thought and planning and practices. Thanks for the beautiful music and singing, for the children's nativity play, for all who filled the special roles and ministries.

Let us be mindful and reach out in love for those around us who may be struggling, or lonely or in need. Thank you to those who have contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Appeal. Your donations have made a real difference to people in need in greater Sydney.

On behalf of Fr Sam and the Parish Team at Holy Name Wahroonga, I wish you a very happy, safe and holy Christmas and many blessings for the year ahead. Thank you as always for your help and support this year.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed until Monday, 15 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly if you want to leave a message.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

*May true Peace, Love and Joy be our  
blessing at this time and always...*



## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	25 December	Mass	8:00am	9:30am	No Mass	CHRISTMAS DAY—The NATIVITY of the LORD <b>No Evening Mass</b>
Tuesday	26 December	Mass	9.15am			St Stephen, the first martyr
Wednesday	27 December	Mass	9.15am			St John, apostle, evangelist
Thursday	28 December	Mass	9.15am			The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Friday	29 December	Mass	9.15am			5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Saturday	30 December	Mass	5.00pm			6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday	31 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel, died 15 September, aged 37), Sr. Margaret Hill OP, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Colin Maclean (past parishioner, husband of Bianca, father to Cara and Alexander (Sandy), Katie Mutter (friend of Cecylia Ramsden).

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

**December:** Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 3rd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 54th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—6th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (18th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 23rd anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 3rd anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (38th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 3rd anniversary 31 December), Elsa Praturlon (Joe's mum, 1st anniversary, 19 December), Nalin Singh (2nd anniversary, 18 December), Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, 1st anniversary, 16 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 10th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (11th anniversary on 16 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, 1st anniversary, 9 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 9th anniversary on 7 December), Denese O'Brien (2nd anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan).

**January:** Aaron Iori (11th anniversary 1st January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (5th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 11th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (2nd anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 8th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (30th anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (1st anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Linda, 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 aged 96yrs, 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,

### **FOR THE SICK:**

Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Barry Clibborn, 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), and 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, Chris Le Gras, Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, 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.***

**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:**



**January:** 2nd, 16th and 30th



**February:** 13th and 27th.

## What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

**First Reading:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16: The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** Rom 16:25-27: The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed. Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38: You will conceive and bear a son.

**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, thank you—this has been processed.

Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Clergy.

### Christmas Offering



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

### News from Fr Sam

Dear Parishioners and Families of Holy Name,

As we approach the joy of Christmas, I write to you with a heart full of gratitude and a touch of sadness. After three wonderful years at Wahroonga Parish, serving as a deacon, assistant priest, and most recently as "Priest in Residence," the time has come for me to say goodbye.

Though I'll be continuing my service as the Vocations Director in Broken Bay and Director of Joseph House of Discernment, I will be transferred from here to become Priest in Residence at Watsonville (The Bishop's House) in March 2024.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve in this parish community. Your witness of faith, as well as your love and support have been foundational in helping me grow as a priest. I thank you sincerely for the gift you have been to me, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I take this next step in the service of God and his people.

May the peace and joy of Jesus be with you this Christmas, and the prayers of his Mother accompany you and keep you safe.

With sincere gratitude,

**Fr. Sam French**

### Welcome to Holy Name Fr John



Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, has made some recent clerical appointments.

**Fr. John Puliparambil** will be arriving in the Parish of Holy Name, Wahroonga, on 30th December, 2023, to take up his appointment as **Priest in Residence**. I know you will warmly welcome Fr. John to our community.

**Fr Kelvin**

### Congratulations



**John and Nerolie Murray** celebrate 50 years of marriage on Friday, 29th December. They were married at St Kevin's Eastwood in 1973.

**Tony and Denise Lenehan** were married at Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara on 4 January 1964.

Happy 60th anniversary.



## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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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](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.