

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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			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 evenings Holy Hour: 6:30pm (Recommencing 2026—
Date to be advised)

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 - Dates TBA 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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25 December 2025 The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)



MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO DD JCL BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Across many lands there is a venerable and beautiful custom: at the Christmas table, a place is set but left empty. It is a quiet sign of welcome for the unexpected guest, perhaps a stranger, perhaps someone in need. Such a simple gesture, yet it speaks profoundly of the goodness of an open heart and a willingness to receive and to share.

In the busyness that so often accompanies Christmas, we can lose sight of these small but powerful symbols. The empty chair itself draws us back to the very first Christmas, when Mary and Joseph found no room at the inn. Into that humble setting, God chose to enter our world as a tiny child, carried by a young mother who dared to say "yes," and protected by Joseph, who trusted the message of an angel.

The place prepared for the Christ Child was nothing more than a manger, an open box where animals were fed, yet it became the cradle of our salvation. His birth in such unassuming surroundings was not only the fulfilment of ancient prophecy; it was the dawn of a hope that shines in every darkness, a mercy that heals the wounded heart, and a love that endures beyond all telling.

Often at this time of year, countless people feel overwhelmed by financial strain, social pressures, or the uncertainties of our times. Year after year, we find ourselves speaking of conflict, fear, and suffering, now felt with heart-breaking clarity in recent days when the brutal Bondi massacre devastated families and shattered communities. And yet, Christmas proclaims a hope that cannot be silenced.

This Holy Year of Hope was never intended to distract us from the world's sorrows, but rather to teach us that no darkness, however deep, has the final word.

So, this Christmas, as we give thanks for God's greatest gift to the whole of humanity, may our parishes, families, and communities become *living Bethlehems*, places where the tenderness, humility, and peace of Jesus Christ are encountered anew. And may we always keep a place at our tables, and in our hearts, for those in need.

I pray that the graces poured out upon us in this Jubilee of Hope will lead us into the coming year with renewed confidence in our Saviour, who draws near to us always.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a holy and blessed Christmas Season.

+ Anthony Randazzo
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

*May His love surround you,
your family and friends at Christmas time
and throughout the New Year.*



Parish Masses This Week

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
Monday	29 December	No Mass				5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday	30 December	Mass	9.15am			6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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: December: 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), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul’s Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony’s mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December),

January: Aaron Iori (13th anniversary 1st January), Elisha Foti - 13th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (4th anniversary, 6 January) Tim O’Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 10th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (32nd anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (3rd anniversary, 17 January, wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (10th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 3rd anniversary 21 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 9th anniversary, 23 January, Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 6th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis’ brother, 65th anniversary on 21 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 39th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester ‘Ves’ McGrath (4th anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January).

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).

Parish Office Hours into January: The Parish Office **will be open** on Mondays and Wednesdays up until 14 January and then closed until Monday 2 February. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221. During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

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.

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 difficult circumstances 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”.

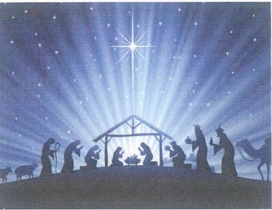
The first Christmas after you lose someone you may not feel like celebrating. It will hurt. The presents not bought. The chair not sat in. The memories of past Christmases.

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)



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.

Mass and Parish Office Times

Throughout December and January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained. **Weekdays:** Tuesday to Friday 9:15am **Weekends:** Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am & 5:30pm **Would you like to be kept up to date with Parish News and Events?** If you wish to subscribe to our regular electronic mail-out each week please email us at: Holyname@bbccatholic.org.au