



## 25 January 2026 - 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### “CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

Dear Parishioners,

We are called to be the disciples of the light. But at times we find ourselves walking in darkness. We are caught up with the webs of difficulties, hardships, and unable to see a way out. However, since discipleship is a call, we realise that it is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. And it has two dimensions. Firstly, some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, the sons of Zebedee (James and John) heard the voice of Jesus - and made a radical decision.

The others become disciples of Jesus in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds.

Today's Liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation, calling us to follow Him. In the Gospel, we have the Good News, the living word that brings light into the dark moments of our lives. Both groups of disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow Him.

The Second Reading, St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, attests to this. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called to move away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. And, sad to say, that is where our world is right now.

It is easier to leave nets than to leave the webs of one's prejudices.

God bless,  
Fr Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.



### Australia Day - 26 January - MASS at 9.15am (Monday)

Australia Day, celebrated annually on 26 January, marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British Ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain at that site by Governor Arthur Phillip.

Australia Day has been called by several names reflecting the various experiences and interpretations of our history since that time. On 26 January, we seek to come together as a nation to celebrate Australia and being Australian: “from all the lands on earth we come”

May we celebrate all the great things about Australia; for example, the many blessings that God has granted us, all our people, land, diversity, sense of a “fair go”, way of life, democracy and the freedoms we all enjoy. Australia Day is a day to pray and reflect about our national journey: to acknowledge our past, where possible rejoice in the present and look with faith and hope to our future. On Australia Day, let's recommit to making Australia an even better nation.



**SENIOR SERVER/ACOLYTE**  
**URGENTLY NEEDED**  
**FOR ROSTERED WEEKS**  
**1 & 3 OF THE MONTH**  
**FOR SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS.**

*Please contact the  
Parish Office or Fr Gaspar if you can help.*

*Thank you.*



### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

To pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	26 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 3, <b>Australia Day</b>
Tuesday	27 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Wednesday	28 January	Mass	9.15am			St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Thursday	29 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Friday	30 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Saturday	31 January	Mass	5.00pm			St John Bosco, priest
Sunday	1 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Daisy Chiu (longtime parishioner, sister of Lily Wong, mother to Celine, Bernard and Felix, died 6 January), John Bourke (uncle of Rosalie Belsey, brother of Pat Baxter, died 8 January), 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).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lasserre Gomes (3rd anniversary 28 January, father of Linette Sardinha), Patricia McGrath (3rd anniversary, 17 January, wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Felicidad Lizardo (Francis' mother - anniversary 15th January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (4th anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Kathleen Le Gras (sister of Brian McGarry, 3rd anniversary 24 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), Monica Vince (cousin of Cecilia Kean, 3rd anniversary 20 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 10th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (Christine Shannon's father, 32nd anniversary 8 January), Elisha Foti (13th anniversary on 4 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), 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).



**CAYA Come As You Are  
Discussion & Reflection Group**  
Commences for 2026 on Thursday,  
5 February after morning Mass.  
We meet in the Parish Sunroom.  
**Everyone is welcome.**



**Senior Ladies Group**  
will resume on  
Thursday, 5 February 2026  
at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom.

For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



**Holy Hour**  
will resume on Friday, 6 February 2026  
6:30pm - 7:30pm



**Mass 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 and 5:30pm. Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

**Parish Office Hours into January:**

The office is closed until Monday 2 February. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to email [Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au) or leave a message on 9489 3221.

## What do the Readings say to us this Sunday 3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME?

**First Reading:** Is 8:23 - 9:3 *In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:10-13,17: *I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you. Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Mt 4:12-23: *He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Good wishes to all our school teachers and students and their families as their summer holidays begin to come to an end, and as they prepare to return to school! May they all be kept safe and be refreshed ahead of the start of school this week.

Prouille Catholic Primary: Teachers return 28 January, Years 1-6 commence Thursday 29 January, Kindergarten commences Friday 30 January 2026.



### ***A Prayer for the New School Year***

Loving God, we come to you at this new beginning of the school year. We have been many places during the summer and our journey has brought us back here and to this time together. We know that this is not by accident, but by your intimate design for each of us.

As we turn towards you at the beginning of this year as a school community, we begin by saying thank you. Thank you for this call to service in our Catholic community. Thank you for where we are on our journey and for the journey ahead. Thank you for where we are on the path of life.

Be with us as we begin the year. Steady our hearts and our minds to be open to what is being constantly revealed through your loving presence. Give us joy-filled hearts—a warm and friendly attitude that is open to the movement of your spirit and to others. Help us to be open and ready to respond to what is needed by our students, our parents, our teachers, and the wider communities of our parish family.

In you, we place our trust as we ask these things through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## **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. The RCIA Program also offers Confirmation for adults who celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Eucharist as children.

We also offer a special Baptism program for children 5 years and over, later in the year.

We are commencing our RCIA Program for 2026 this week after the Sunday 9.30am Mass.

**For further information, please contact the Parish Office or speak to our priests directly.**

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp	gaspar.mushi@bbcatholic.org.au
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Prouille Primary School:		5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076
School Principal:		Ms Genevieve Smith
Phone	(02) 7256 2146	School Website: <a href="http://www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au">www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au</a>
CCD Coordinator:		Mrs Hayley Edmunds
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:		Mrs Judy Dalton (SAN– Tues) Mr Barry Clibborn (SAN - Fri) Mr Paul Sutherland (Housebound)
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:		<b>Volunteer needed please.</b>
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823 Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)

**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](http://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.**