

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son...”*



## **Holy Name Catholic Parish**

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



*25 December — The NATIVITY of the LORD (CHRISTMAS)*

*From Fr Paul*

### **Welcome to all Holy Name parishioners and visitors:**

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 (5pm and Midnight Masses).

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 glorify and praise God by our lives of faith, hope and love. May we welcome the Lord Jesus anew into our lives.

At Christmas, perhaps more than any other time in the Church’s year, all the 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.

At the Christmas Mass, we come to be nourished at the altar of the Lord, where we are fed with his Word and with the “bread of Life”.

### **Thanks to many who contribute to our Liturgies:**

Thanks to all those who any way have been involved in preparing our Church and preparing for the five 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.

Thanks for your presence and for participating in the Liturgy. May all we do give praise, glory and thanksgiving to God, especially for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, whose nativity we commemorate.



### **Happy Christmas:**

On behalf of the Fr Anselam, 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 (my first at Holy Name) and we look forward to sharing a wonderful 2022 together.

*Fr Paul*

## Parish News and Events

On 22nd December, Bishop Anthony Randazzo advised that he has appointed **Fr Anselm** as Assistant Priest to the Cathedral Parish, Hornsby, effective from 30th December, 2021.

As a Parish Community, we are very sorry to see Fr Anselm leave us and we wish him well for his appointment to Hornsby. There will be an opportunity for a Parish farewell for Fr Anselm sometime in the new year.

**Fr Manoj Manuel** has been appointed Assistant Priest at Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga to replace Fr Anselm. Fr Manoj will be on extended leave for January to the end of March 2022, and will take up his duties in the parish from 1st April.



### Thank You for your Financial Contribution:

Thank you to our regular contributors through Planned Giving.  
Thanks to those who regularly give via 'Tap n Go' and through donations 'to the plate'.  
The time of lockdown has affected Church funds adversely.

- **Our 1st Collection** is for the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- **Our 2nd Collection** is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.
- **Christmas Offering Envelopes** — a special gift to our Priests and Parish at this time of year.

**We thank you for any contribution you can make.**



### 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

### Parish Office Hours into January:

The Parish Office **will be open** next week Wednesday 29 December to Friday 31 December. The office will be closed from 1st January to Monday 17 January. 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.

### 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@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone the Parish Office: 9489 3221



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