



## Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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### Christmas 2020

#### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Holy Name please visit our parish website at [www.holynamewahroonga.com.au](http://www.holynamewahroonga.com.au). We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.

**My dear friends,  
on behalf of Fr. Anselm and myself a very Happy Christmas!**

Just as Easter this year was celebrated in the most unusual manner, so too is Christmas being celebrated with a simplicity that we did not expect. Though we had hoped that we may have returned to some normalcy by this time, suddenly we find ourselves in the uncertainty of the pandemic again, with our capacity to gather severely limited. However, as one parishioner reminded me during the week, "The first Christmas was pretty simple. Its okay if yours is too." So though our celebrations will be simple in both the number of people whom we can welcome and in their tone, we come before the crib of the Lord still full of wonder and joy at the proclamation that is given us each Christmas: "Emmanuel: God is with us." Yes, God is with us in all of our current anxiety and uncertainty, and even in their midst, opening a new pathway for us. This fills our hearts with hope and with peace. Christmas peace is never about the absence of disconcerting feelings but the deep assurance that God's Promise to us has and will be fulfilled. It is the nature of Christian faith to affirm this even in the face of what might suggest otherwise.

**This is my last Christmas with you. Next weekend (2-3 January) will be my last weekend with you, before I relocate to my new appointment as Parish Priest of Chatswood and I look forward to celebrating each Mass of that weekend with you.** And so, my own heart is full of many, many memories this Christmas. During the coming week I will write a Letter of Farewell to you but I want you to know that I will be holding you all in a very special way during our Christmas Masses, grateful for the privilege of walking with you in faith over these last ten years. It has been a singular privilege for me to be your Pastor and to journey with you through so many experiences and to assist in the growth of our parish community in so many diverse ways.

On your behalf I express our gratitude to all those who have brought us to our Christmas celebrations this year in the face of all the limitations challenging us. I record our deep gratitude to Fr Anselm and Deacon Peter for their ministry amongst us. To Jackie Thornton, our Parish Secretary: well, where would we be without her extraordinary generosity and presence constantly working for the good of our community. We thank: Trish Maiolo who has prepared our beautiful flowers for Christmas; Marie Claire for her attention to our church linen; Paul Sutherland for our golden banners; Sally Oong, and Nataile, for their coordination of our Christmas Children's Mass; Walter Sutcliffe and the members of our Parish Schola; Chrissie Goldrick and the Women's Chorale, and Ian Edmunds, and Clare, for their ministry of music on Christmas morning. This year in a special way we thank Ben Thrum, and Edward, William and Oliver, for their tremendous contribution recording our Masses and his work in the installation of our new camera and recording system that is now fully operational for Christmas. **We thank too those who have been so generous in the last week in the face of our expected crisis of electricity supply.** Due to their amazing kindness, we have been able to pay the \$37,000 cost of the project and have come to Christmas with power restored and installed in a way to endure many years.

**Thank you all for your remarkable witness of Christian faith!**

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	28 December	No Mass				The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Tuesday	29 December	Mass	9.15am			5th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Wednesday	30 December	Mass	9.15am			6th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Thursday	31 December	Mass	9.15am			7th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Friday	1 January	Mass	9.00am	11.00am		MARY, THE Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Saturday	2 January	Mass			5.00pm	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory
Sunday	3 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	The EPHIPHANY of the LORD

### Please Remember in your Prayers

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Felix Vindurampulle, Diane Poirrier (sister of Mike, aunt of Sally Oong), Fr Luke Rawlings (died in New Zealand, 3 November), Betty Hoskings (died 27th October, mother of Bob (deceased) and Paul).

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 3rd anniversary on 25 December), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 15th anniversary on 26 December), Ingrid Tighe (35th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (2nd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 8th anniversary on 4 January), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's Dad, 1st anniversary on 15 December), George Thornton (3rd anniversary on 15 December, Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 7th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 6th anniversary on 7 December), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 2nd anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (3rd anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 15th anniversary on 29 November), Marie Shortis (3rd anniversary on 27 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 1st anniversary 16 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 5th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 3rd anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 53rd anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 2nd anniversary 10 November), Dr Joseph Couch (Paul's father, 11th anniversary on 25 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 6th anniversary on 19 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 3rd anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 9th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 2nd anniversary on 21 October). Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 7th anniversary 23rd October), Sarah Royle (ex Prouille student, daughter of Jill and Peter, sister of Leah, 20th anniversary), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 35th anniversary on the 9 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 11th Anniversary on 9 October).

#### FOR THE SICK:

Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother), Bill Murrell, Danielle Uskovic, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiaco, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Nonoy Tad-y (cousin of Rose Raward), Colin Higgins, Candy Cosgriff, Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Nancy Den Hertog, Walter Sutcliffe, Karen Tighe (daughter of Mike), Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Mike Tighe, Cyril Littrich, Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Baby Thomas Joseph Elley, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Margaret Woodlands, Hildegard McLaughlin, David Coombes, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Eunice Spangaro, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

*Congratulations  
to Kean Family*

*Thomas John*

will be baptised on Sunday, 27 December



## *A Christmas Prayer for Children*



Gentle Jesus born today  
In a manger filled with hay.

We your Christmas children be.  
Help us now your love to see.

Gentle Jesus, come today  
Be our shepherd, Lord we pray.

Gentle Jesus, come this hour.  
Fill us with your love and power.

You fell asleep in Mary's arm  
God kept you safe from all alarm.

Gentle Jesus come today  
Be our shepherd now we pray. Amen

## *Thank You*

Our wonderful flower ladies wish to thank the Kassis and the extended Vambucca families who donated agapanthus and Christmas bush for our beautiful Christmas floral arrangements. This was greatly appreciated and all the flowers were used.

Special thanks to Trish Maiolo and Annette Stuart-Robertson for their wonderful arrangements over this very difficult year.

## *A Christmas Prayer*

**May God's love surround,  
God's grace abound,  
And heavenly peace  
Be all around**



## *Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Christmas Message*

On the First Sunday of Advent I released my first Pastoral Letter as Bishop of Broken Bay, outlining my six key priorities for the Diocese. The Letter is entitled Jesus Christ, our beginning and end, and it is addressed to each one of you, my brothers and sisters in the community of the Church of Broken Bay. The first priority, the person of Jesus Christ and his message of the Good News, is a natural one to contemplate in this Advent Season as we prepare for the Christ Child, our heavenly King. The person of Jesus Christ comes to us at Christmas in the most pure and vulnerable state – as a newborn child. This Child comes in poverty and littleness, in lowliness and humility.

Perhaps this year we have become more acutely aware of our vulnerability. Right across the world, it seems no one has been spared the effects of the pandemic. Our health, our economy, our freedom and our way of life, have all been affected. It's never comfortable to be made aware of our vulnerability. In the midst of this discomfort, Jesus Christ shows us the way to respond. He understood what it was like to be fully human. God, the all-powerful Creator of the Universe, comes as a newborn baby, exposed to the powers of the world and susceptible to hunger and cold and loneliness. More than once I have heard someone say they can't wait until 2020 is over. Yes, it has been a challenging year for our country and world, a year like no other. It is understandable that many hope to put the year of the pandemic behind us.

However, if our desire is to close the door on 2020, get it over and done with so that we can get back to normal, then an opportunity has been lost. This year has given us an opportunity to be grateful for the many blessings we have encountered amidst the difficulties. The blessing of family and friends at times of social separation. The blessing of home amidst the frenetic pace of everyday life and demands. The opportunity to address the poverty of loneliness by reaching out to others. The comfort of prayer and relationship with God in times of isolation. This year has given us the opportunity to push the reset button. To come right back to basics. To discover anew the person of Jesus Christ, our beginning and end. (Rev 1:8)

There is much to prepare for Christmas. In our homes we display decorations and symbols that convey meaning and help tell the narrative of Christmas. We make preparations of hospitality to welcome family and loved ones into our homes. This year more than ever we might cherish the opportunity to gather together and be family in each other's presence. The Church gives us the season of Advent in which to prepare. The physical preparations are important, but most important are the preparations we make in our hearts to welcome Jesus Christ. Though there was no room at the inn, the Holy Family might find welcome and refuge in your heart and home this Christmas. Christmas gives us an opportunity like no other to welcome the Christ Child into our midst. To contemplate him, and with all God's angels, to worship him with fervour and joy (Hebrews 1:6). Advent and Christmas is a time for tenderness and welcome, for gratitude and giving, for peace and hope. May the peace embodied in Jesus Christ born for us, rest upon you and your loved ones this Christmas and be a light of hope for the year ahead.

Many Christians across the globe and in Australia this year joined together during the pandemic to pray the blessing that God gave Moses to pray over the people of Israel. Let me pray that blessing over you now: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)  
May you have a blessed Christmas

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### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

### Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday (Suspended)

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

### Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

#### Mass is also celebrated :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

### Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

(Suspended until further notice)

### Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

### Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

### Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 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.

### Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass

### Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020

Gemma McDermott (Chair), 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 Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

### Parish Finance Committee

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

### Parish Fundraising Committee

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

### Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests—it is very much 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 upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.

(Alternatively see the "giving" pages at [www.dbb.org.au](http://www.dbb.org.au)) **EFTPOS Available in Parish Office**

**Our Parish has Tap n Go Facilities at the entrance to our church. The money donated at these terminals contributes to our Parish Planned Giving—These monies are for the support of our Parish and Clergy.**