

26 April - FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

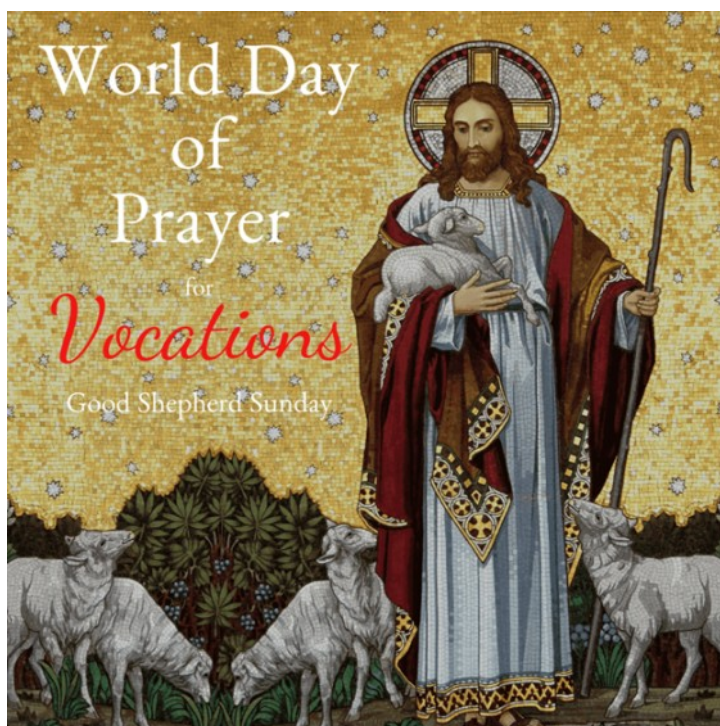
On this Good Shepherd Sunday, as we also observe the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are reminded that vocation is not limited to a select few, but is a call given to all. We pray not only for those called to ordained or religious life, but for every person, that each may become a good shepherd in the place where we are sent. In our families, workplaces, and communities, we are entrusted with one another. In this shared responsibility, we are invited to reflect the care, patience, and love of Christ, who remains our true Shepherd.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter speak with conviction to the crowd at Pentecost. Having encountered the risen Lord, he now stands as a shepherd for the early Church, opening the way for others to enter into a new life through repentance and Baptism. His words are filled with urgency and hope. They remind us that the voice of the shepherd calls us not to condemnation, but to conversion and communion.

The second reading invites us to look upon Christ, the suffering servant, who bore all things with patience and love. In Him, we see the depth of the shepherd's care: one who does not abandon the flock in times of trial, but walks with us through suffering. His wounds become our healing, and His fidelity becomes our example. We are reminded that to follow this shepherd is to walk a path marked by compassion, endurance, and trust in God.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of Himself both as the shepherd and as the gate. He is the one who knows His sheep and calls them by name, leading them to life in abundance. At the same time, He is the very passage through which we enter into that life. There is a quiet reassurance here: we are neither lost nor forgotten. We belong to Him, and He remains attentive to our needs.

This Sunday calls us to reflect on our own vocation to shepherd one another. In many ways, we are entrusted with the care of others; within our families, our communities, and our wider society. To be a good shepherd is not to seek power, but to offer presence, to listen, to protect, and to serve with generosity. It is to mirror, however imperfectly, the love we ourselves receive from Christ.



Deacon Richard



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



ANZAC DAY MASS

**will be celebrated on
Saturday, 25th April
at 9:15am**



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	27 April	No Mass				Monday of the 4th week of Easter
Tuesday	28 April	Mass	9.15am			St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Wednesday	29 April	Mass	9.15am			St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Thursday	30 April	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of the 4th week of Easter
Friday	1 May	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 4th week of Easter
Saturday	2 May	Mass	9.15am*	5.00pm		FIRST SATURDAY of the Month*
Sunday	3 May	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis, died 17 April aged 82), Dr Jock Shumack (uncle of Rosalie Belsey), Don Reade (husband of Jeanette, father of Mark and Michael, died 22 February aged 92), Mary Toomey (mother of James, died in the UK on 6 February), Geoffrey Fonseca (brother of Mark, died in Canada on 7 Feb), Daisy Chiu (longtime parishioner, sister of Lily Wong, mother to Celine, Bernard and Felix, died 6 January).

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Northcott (wife of Bill and mother of Tina, 16th anniversary on 27 April), Monica Gibbons (wife of Reg, 10th anniversary on 21 April), Donna Carbone (sister of Frances Carbone and daughter of Rosina Palamara, 6th anniversary on 24 April), Sr Teresita (Joan Sexton - friend of Pam Gallagher 7th anniversary, 26 April), Giovanni (Jack) Cincotta (father of Trish Maiolo, 51st anniversary on 16 April), Andy Watson (son of Maurice and Jane) 7th anniversary on 13 April, Richard Blake (husband of Jo, 1st anniversary 6 April), , Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 8th anniversary on 1 April), Philip Clump (husband of Simone, dad of Oliver and Estelle, son of Brenda and Carl, 1st anniversary 2 April), Helen Nader (sister of John Kassis, 16th anniversary on 1 April), Yamami (Lima) Sadeik (sister of John Kassis, 2nd anniversary 2 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother, 6th anniversary 5 April).

FOR THE SICK: Julie Madden, Peter and Bernadette Vince (brother and sister-in-law of Cecilia Kean), Joseph Akkary (great-great-nephew of Denise and John Kassis), Pam Gallagher, Stevan Dind (friend of Dominic McGrath and Spiros Potiris), Megan Khannah, José Joaquim De Sousa (son of Ines), Shannon Van Der Bergh (nephew of Amalie G), George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui's parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Jenny O'Brien, Lawson Wynter (grandson of Marilyn Orrock), Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), 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), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), 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).

A Wonderful Opportunity



Spiritual Care Series

Catholic Healthcare invites parishioners to the *Spiritual Care Series* a world leading program in the spiritual care of older people. This **free** eight week course equips and empowers those interested in volunteering in aged-care settings, carers and those accompanying older people. Topics include exploring understanding ageing journey, dementia, spirituality in later life, good communication, and the power of faith and hope.

*A second information evening will be held in the Parish Sunroom
On Thursday 7 May, 7.00–8.00pm,*

The course will run from MID MAY 2026 (Exact Dates to be confirmed).

Contact Adrian at 0421 407 270 or spccvolunteers@chcs.com.au
for further information or to register.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday
FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41: God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25: You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10: I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Sacramental Program—First Eucharist

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST (FIRST COMMUNION)

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4 and must celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation & Reconciliation before the Sacrament of First Eucharist (First Communion).

Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHMJH>

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 28 April, 7-8pm in Holy Name Church, 35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga.

This is a **compulsory** information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Group Leader Training:

Tuesday 5 May, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall before 3.45pm.

Lesson 1: Saturday, 9 May at 3.45pm

Lesson 2: Saturday, 16 May at 3.45pm

Lesson 3: Saturday, 23 May at 3.45pm

Lesson 4: Saturday, 30 May at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle.

(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)

Practice: Wednesday 10 June at 6.00pm at the Church.

***Celebration of the Sacrament of
First Holy Eucharist at the Church:***

Sunday 14 June at a special 11.00am Mass



**THE HOLY NAME PARISH SCHOLA WILL BE
RETURNING TO REGULAR SINGING,
BEGINNING ON SUNDAY 3 MAY AT 9.30AM.**

See Page 4 for full details and how to be involved.

Exciting News !!

NEWS OF THE PARISH SCHOLA



THE HOLY NAME PARISH SCHOLA WILL BE RETURNING TO REGULAR SINGING, BEGINNING ON SUNDAY 3 MAY AT 9.30AM.

It's been a long pause since the choir ceased singing regularly at mass after the onset of COVID in 2020 followed by the sad loss of its long-time director Walter Sutcliffe OAM last year.

This is a joyful moment for our parish which has such a long and proud tradition of fine quality choral and organ music. The word **Schola** usually denotes a choir dedicated to singing the more traditional music of the church including Gregorian Chant.

The choir is especially thrilled to welcome back **Godelieve Ghalvalas** as their dedicated organist. Godelieve brings a wealth of church music talent and experience and will be a wonderful partner in supporting and enriching the choral singing. Godelieve was director of the parish choir in the mid-1990s and some of the current members were already serving in the choir back then.

The initial plan is for the choir to sing **once a month** at Sunday Mass on the first Sunday of each month. On those mornings, they'll meet for a rehearsal in the sunroom at 8.15am for an hour before Mass begins.

THE CHOIR'S FIRST MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY 3 MAY AT 9.30AM.

Whether you've sung with the Schola for years, are completely new to it, or are returning after some time away, you are most warmly invited to join. It will be a relaxed, welcoming and uplifting way to connect — with the music, with each other, and with the parish community.

You will need a love of good church music, a basic ability to read a music score, although help will be available to learn parts of the music, and, most importantly, the dedication and commitment to turn up regularly to sing with the group.

The choir dates for the rest of the year are as follows

- 3 May
- 7 June
- 5 July
- 2 August
- 6 September
- 4 October
- 1 November
- 6 December
- Christmas Eve



Please sign up using the form at the back of church or email Richard Fitzpatrick: richardf@fitzpatrick.net.au if you plan to sing on 3 May. This is so we know how much music to copy for you. There is no particular dress code at this time.

The invitation to become a member of the Parish Schola will be **always open**. Even if you can't make it this time, you are welcome to join the Schola at any time in the future.



Parish News and Events

CAYA Come As You Are - Discussion & Reflection Group
RETURNS Thursday 30 April

We meet in the Parish Sunroom Thursdays after morning Mass. **Everyone is welcome.**



Holy Hour
Friday - 6:30pm
All Welcome

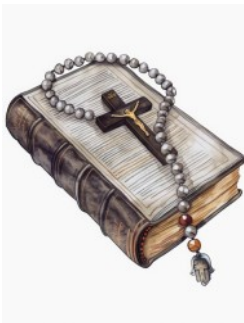
Our next Youth Group (Yrs 7 - 9) will be held in the Sunroom at Holy Name on
Friday 1 May from 4 pm to 6 pm.
Drinks and snacks will be provided—JUST COME ALONG!

The students will engage in activities for their age group lightly intertwined with Catholic principles. The youth group will run fortnightly over Term 1 and include as many young people from the area as possible.



Youth Ministry

Men's Rosary & Bible Study



The men of HNW meet every fortnight on Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program - next meeting 5 May
7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact : Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 or
Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119
for more information.

Senior Ladies Group

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 7 MAY

For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



Appeal for Volunteers

The Holy Name community has always been generous in serving the life of the parish, and we are grateful for your continued support. As some of our older members step back, we now invite others to become involved. This is an opportunity for all of us, including families and younger parishioners, to learn new skills, become more involved in the life of the Church, to grow in faith, and to develop our gifts in service of others.

Additionally, we recognise that life moves through different seasons; times when we have more to offer, and others when our availability is limited. Please feel assured that any involvement in a ministry can be adapted to suit your current circumstances. As the saying goes, "Do what you can, when you can."

All ministries include simple introductory training and ongoing support from experienced volunteers. Time commitments can be discussed to suit your availability. If you feel called to assist, please complete the online form at the link provided, or contact the parish office on 9489 3221. A ministry leader will follow up with you to answer any questions and guide you further.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

Acolytes, Servers, Readers, Catechists to the Schools, and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (including the Chalice), Children's Liturgy, Flowers and Altar Care.

We warmly invite you to consider where you might serve.

Here is a link and QR code to the form mentioned
Link - [Holy Name Parish volunteer registration form – Fill in form](#)



Invitations to Participate

Volunteer Catholic Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion visit hospitals throughout the Diocese of Broken Bay providing comfort and care to Catholic patients. Our Diocese and NSW Health require that 40 hours of training is completed to perform this important role. The **Introduction to Pastoral Care Course (IPCC)** meets this requirement, is **FREE** and is open to those who already volunteer in a hospital context, or in local health and aged care facilities, and to those who might be deciding if they are suited to this ministry.

As well as being prepared by your Parish to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, some of the key qualities we are looking for in anyone who may be considering being part of this hospital ministry are:

- A genuine prayerful faith life including reverence for and regular participation in Sunday Eucharist
- An ability to listen and a willingness to refer on when necessary
- A warm, friendly, empathetic disposition
- The ability to relate to people of different ages, personalities and backgrounds
- A respect for others and their diversity
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Enthusiasm, motivation and professionalism
- A compassionate heart

*Please note that this role is not suitable for those seeking to proselytise.

The course will be offered on five consecutive **Wednesdays: April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 between 9:00am and 3:00 pm** at the Ambrose Centre, 12 Ashton Ave, The Entrance (behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church). Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please speak to your Parish Priest for more information about the course and how to apply, or contact **Denis O'Brien, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay, on 0439 009 932.**

Seasons for Growth Adult Companions

A warm invitation is extended to all trained Companions in the *Seasons for Growth* Adult program who may feel called and be willing to collaborate with Mission Broken Bay in offering a gentle and hope-filled opportunity for those across our deaneries who are carrying the weight of bereavement and loss.

In the life of the Church, we are reminded that no one should walk the path of grief alone. It is through this initiative we seek to accompany and walk beside those who mourn with compassion, understanding, and the quiet assurance of Christ's presence.

It is in this spirit, we invite you to prayerfully consider whether you might like to share your gifts in this special way. If you are a trained Companion and feel called to participate in this ministry, we warmly invite you to express your interest to Libby, in Mission Broken Bay: mission@bbcatholic.org.au

Together, may we be instruments of Christ's consolation, creating spaces where healing, connection, and faith can gently bring hope.

Engaged Encounter Weekends 2026



How prepared are you for marriage?

Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **May 23-24, Aug 8-9**



IGNITE Conference 2026

*"I am delighted the Diocese of Broken Bay will be hosting the **Ignite Conference** this year. **Ignite is a dynamic event for students, young adults and their families.** It provides wonderful opportunities for faith formation in a creative and fun environment while encountering the living Christ. Let's all pray the Ignite Conference brings new hope and life to our community of the Church."*

Archbishop Anthony Randazzo
Apostolic Administrator of Broken Bay

The Sydney Ignite Conference is your time. You are invited to join in four days of unforgettable Catholic speakers, music, dance, sacraments, workshops and worship. Join high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. A national Catholic conference – a conference for everyone – the Church gathered and alive – God's people united with one heart.

The Ignite Conference is a crafted experience. From the speakers, to the music choices, to the ministry offered, each day is faith based. Each day, the conference elements are designed to be inviting, inspirational and allow people to encounter a real and present God in their midst.

Broken Bay is the host of the Ignite Sydney Conference, a gathering of Catholics. It is a conference for all, children, high school students, and young adults, and deeper sessions for adults, specifically parishioners, priests, religious, ministry leaders, parents, and grandparents. There is something for everyone at the Ignite Conference.

**"Ignite Conference 2026 | Ascend Thursday 9 July – Sunday 12 July 2026
Light of Christ Centre, Waitara proudly hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay**

Experience God in the most extraordinary way through formation, renewal of faith, amazing people and powerful worship. Ignite Conference 2026 is coming to Broken Bay.

Registrations are now open

To support our young people encountering Christ and community through this event, the Diocese of Broken Bay will offer subsidies for individual young participants to attend Ignite Conference with a group from their parish. If you would like to express interest in obtaining a Broken Bay subsidy, complete the Microsoft Form via [BB Ignite Subsidy EOI](#) or through the QR code attached.

Ignite Conference 2026- Catholic
Diocese of Broken Bay Subsidy-
Expression of Interest



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp	gaspar.mushi@bbcatholic.org.au
Assistant Priest:	Fr Jules-Davy Malonga Cssp	jules-davy.malonga@bbcatholic.org.au
Deacon Richard Houwing:	(02) 8379 1753	richard.houwing@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Jackie Thornton	jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Office:	Email	holyname@bbcatholic.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours:		Weekdays* 9:00am to 5:00pm (*CLOSED Tuesday)
Phone:		(02) 9489 3221
Postal Address:		P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076
Prouille Primary School:		5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076
School Principal:		Ms Genevieve Smith
Phone:	(02) 7256 2146	School Website: www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au
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:		Volunteer needed please.
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.

Holy Hour: Friday evenings 6:30pm (except during Lent—
when we have Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm).

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

**McQuoin Park, Waitara: Fr Jules-Davy celebrates Mass on
Sundays at 11:00am**

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Parish Priest
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. Fr Jules-Davy visits Hornsby Hospital on a
regular basis and the SAH (The SAN) by arrangement.

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), Chrissie Goldrick, Alex Fletcher, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Rebecca Kirwan (St Edmunds) and Courtenay Peters (St Lucy's).

Parish Finance Committee: Robyn Elizondo, Tony Monardo, 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.