

“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



26 December — The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

From Fr Paul

Today is an opportunity to honour the Holy Family and to be inspired by them.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on our own marriage and family life, and on the state of marriage and family life in our society and world today. There are great strains and pressures on family life across all cultures. In our Mass today, may we pray for our own families and pray for family life within the Church and throughout world.

Remember the Lord wishes to be the foundation and strength of your marriage and family life.

The Book of Revelation has a beautiful image of the risen Christ saying: “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If you but allow me to enter in, I shall sit at the table and eat with you.” In the spirit of that promise, I encourage you to continue to make a real place for God in your marriage and family life. In the words of the Old testament: “... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15)

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Liturgies so meaningful and beautiful.

The priests and parish team thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts received during the Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us and for your generosity to others outside the parish.

Fr Paul



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

*we place in your tender and powerful care the life
of our parish and the life of every parishioner.*

May marriage and family life be valued in all cultures.

May the will of the Father be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	27 December	No Mass				St John, apostle, evangelist
Tuesday	28 December	Mass	9.15am			The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Wednesday	29 December	Mass	9.15am			5th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Thursday	30 December	Mass	9.15am			6th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Friday	31 December	Mass	9.15am			7th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Saturday	1 January	Mass	10.00am	5.00pm		MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday	2 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18th December), Dr Narlin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November), John O'Brien (died 15 October, aged 89, father of Dominic, Michael, Sean, Simone, Patrick and Mark), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, died 15 October aged 92), Geoffrey Bolt (son of friend of Leila McCreton), Paul Joseph Santamaria (father of Tom, died 10 October aged 59 years).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 16th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 4th anniversary on 25 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 21st anniversary on 28 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 1st anniversary 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 1st anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (36th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Hilda May Cutler (grandmother of Jennifer Gregory—52nd anniversary on 24 December), Alois Babsky (uncle of Monica Caly, 1st anniversary on 16 December), George Thornton (4th anniversary on 15 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda 8th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father 7th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (4th anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (4th anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother-in-law of John Kassis, 16th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 3rd anniversary 30 November).

FOR THE SICK:

Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, 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.



*What do the Readings say to us on this Sunday -
The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph?*

First Reading (1 Sam 1:2--22, 24-28). Samuel was a very special child. Hannah saw him as a gift from God, a sign of God's favour to her. She dedicated him to the Lord. In due time Samuel made his own that dedication and went on to play a major role in the history of Israel. In truth, every child is a gift from God. All parents have hopes and dreams for their children, but parents can't determine the future for their children. The children must make their own choices.

Second Reading (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24). We are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Gospel (Lk 2:41-52). This tells the story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem. It shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We are inclined to say that "Jesus got lost in the Temple." Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, he was at home there. It was there he began to find himself, and to discover his true identity. He was not just the son of Mary, but the unique Son of God.

Joseph and Mary were entrusted with the raising of the child Jesus, who grew in wisdom and stature under their care. Today is an opportunity to honour the Holy Family and to be inspired by them.

The family unit is the foundation of any society and civilisation. If family life is strong, if the values that guide family life are strong, if they are values of love, generosity, peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, understanding, cooperation, self-sacrifice, self-control.... then this serves society and serves all humanity.

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The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Saturday 1 January

Please note:
***A Special Mass will be celebrated in Holy Name Church
on this day at 10:00am***

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among us. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, that is, her Yes: "Be it done to me according to thy word".

Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honour we can give to her. Just as Christmas honours Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honours Mary as the "Queen of Peace".

New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

*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.

Christmas Offering



*Wishing you the gift of
faith, the blessing of hope
and the peace of His love
this 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

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

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

(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.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: 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 Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (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

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

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.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

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

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. 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.