

*"What is this? A new teaching
with authority!
He commands even the unclean
spirits, and they obey him."*



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28th January—4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

This week in the gospel of St. Mark (Mk 1: 21-28) while Jesus is teaching in the synagogue he is confronted by a man possessed by an unclean spirit. Whenever I hear a story about devil possession I always think back to the 1970's film "The Exorcist". The film details a young girl possessed by the devil and how a priest comes to do battle with the devil to release the girl from its power. While the movie has all the special effects of a horror movie, what the movie does show us is the power struggle between good and evil. The priest battles with the devil and only after a strenuous battle with evil, does the priest sacrifice himself, in order that the girl is freed from the grip of evil.

In the gospel Jesus has a similar battle with a man possessed by an unclean spirit. While the scene may seem less dramatic than the movie set, St. Mark is portraying his world as one dominated by demonic powers which have overtaken the world. While the apostles and others in the synagogue are still not quite sure who Jesus is, "here is a teaching that is new, with authority behind it. He gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey him". The evil spirit on the other hand knows exactly who Jesus is, "I know who you are, you are the Holy One of God?"

While the battle for good overpowering evil is very pronounced in parts of our world such as: wars, human trafficking, denial of basic human rights for many, the struggle for justice and respect for life, the confrontation between these two forces lies in the effort for all of us to create a better world for everyone. Only when we can recognise the authority and power of Christ in us, can we silence the influence of violence and terror on our world.

Blessings, **Fr. Kelvin**

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 parish 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 our 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

Good wishes to all our school students and their families as their summer holidays come to an end, and they return to school this week!

May they all be kept safe and be refreshed ahead of the start of school again.

The educational year for 2024 commences for Teachers on Tuesday 30th January.

We will welcome the Prouille Primary School staff to our Tuesday morning Mass.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	29 January	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Tuesday	30 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Wednesday	31 January`	Mass	9.15am			St John Bosco, priest
Thursday	1 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Friday	2 February	Mass	9.15am			The Presentation of the Lord
Saturday	3 February	Mass	9.15am*	5.00pm		*FIRST Saturday of the month Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Sunday	4 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chris Le Gras (died 20 January, aged 93), Elizabeth Kral (Cyril Littrich's sister, died 16 January).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha, 1st anniversary 28 January), Marie Gibbons (sister-in-law of Reg Gibbons, 1st anniversary 28 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Ves McGrath (father of Dominic, brother-in-law of Reg Gibbons, 2nd anniversary 26 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 7th anniversary, 23 January), Agnes Pochyly (Cecylia Ramsden's grandmother, 60th anniversary 21 January), Patricia McGrath (1st anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Lynette, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (8th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 7th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 4th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 63d anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 37th anniversary on 23 January), Tod Walker (Bishop David Walker and Lillas Roche's brother, 8th anniversary 20 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (2nd anniversary 26 January, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 54th anniversary, 31st January).

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret MacMillan, Stephen Reidy (son of Caroline), Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Tim McGrath (nephew of Dominic McGrath), Lima Sadeik (sister of John Kassis), Baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Robert Waring (brother in law of Denise Kassis), and Greg Hayes (brother-in-law of Maureen Kippax), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Mike Tighe, Chris Le Gras, Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

Names on the Sick List will be removed after 4 weeks unless otherwise advised. Thank you.



The Funeral Mass for
Christian (Chris) Le Gras
will be held on Thursday,
1st February at
11:00am at Holy Name.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Be JOYFUL in hope,
PATIENT in affliction,
FAITHFUL in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deut 18:15-20: I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35: The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy. Alleluia, Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28: This is a new kind of teaching tht speaks with authority.

Parish Groups

We have a variety of groups and ministries we are always looking for new participants for: ie Catechists, Children's Liturgy, Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Housebound, Readers, Servers... Please talk to Fr Kelvin if you are able to assist. If you have a group or event you would like us to put in the bulletin, please let the Parish Office know 9489 3221 or holynam@bbcatholic.org.au

Men's Rosary & Bible: The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

2024

◆ HNW Men's Group Rosary/Bible Study Meetings:

◆ January: 30th

◆ February: 13th and 27th.

Senior Ladies Group RECOMMENCING Thursday 1 February

We meet in the Parish Sunroom at 2:00pm on the first Thursday of the month. Casual group who meet for a chat and a cuppa. Everyone welcome.

Contact Jo Waldron for further information:
0412 018 819

Come as You Are RECOMMENCING Thursday 8 February



Our *Come as You Are* reflection and discussion group meets on Thursday after morning Mass about 10.00am. Please come along and join in a friendly and inclusive discussion. All welcome.

Patrick Kirkwood and Annette Stuart-Robertson
0439 649 906

World Day of Prayer - Friday, 1st March 2024



World Day of Prayer 2024

Palestine

'I beg you...bear with one another in love'



World Day of Prayer Service will be held at
11:00am on Friday, 1st March at:

Holy Name Catholic Church
35 Billyard Avenue
Wahroonga

The service for 2024 has been written by the people of Palestine. It is entitled:

'I beg you...bear with one another in love'.



~WEEKEND COLLECTIONS~

1st Collection: LEAVES the parish and goes to a common fund outside the Parish to support priests.

2nd Collection: STAYS in the parish to pay for all our costs, including insurance, maintenance, wages, Church and office expenses, telecommunications, Pastoral programs, the Priest's car and petrol etc and is ESSENTIAL for our PARISH to FUNCTION FINANCIALLY.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest :	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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Office Hours :	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
Phone:	(02) 9489 3221	
Postal Address:	P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076	
Prouille School :	5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076	
School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
Phone:	(02) 9489 3233/ 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) (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Volunteer needed please.	
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):	Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (Secretary)	

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

(and **FIRST Saturday of the month** Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

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 evening during Lent: Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Mass is also celebrated: :

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

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 1:15pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Fr Kelvin
Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.
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: 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 Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

Parish Finance Committee: 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 would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the 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.