



29 March 2026 - *PALM SUNDAY* of the *PASSION* of the *LORD*

Holy Week: A Journey of Joy and Profound Meditation

Dear Parishioners,

As we reach Palm Sunday, we conclude our Lenten journey so far. Afterwards, Holy Week will be a time for both joy and deep reflection.

St Matthew's Gospel recounts Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. He is welcomed with an enthusiastic acclaim as the crowd spreads cloaks and palm branches on his path, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David". It is a scene of triumph, hope, and expectation.

Jesus enters the Holy City not as a powerful king who is riding a warhorse, but he is humbly seated on a donkey. This simple, yet profound attitude and gesture reveal to us the kind of Messiah He is. Jesus is an outstanding Messiah in the sense that He is gentle, peaceful, and very close to the people. Jesus is not a powerful conqueror who uses force and dominion over people; He wins people's hearts through love and sacrifice.

On the other hand, the crowd recognises something exceptional in Jesus. They proclaim Him as the one who comes in the name of the Lord. However, as we know, these same people are soon going to agree and support his condemnation. Their cry of "Hosanna" will change into "Crucify Him!". Palm Sunday has both relevant aspects: celebration and sorrow. These two aspects remind us of the fragility of our human faith and our versatile nature.

Matthew's Gospel challenges us to reflect on our own response to Jesus today in our world; a world facing a lot of ideologies and theories. Do we praise Him in the moment of joy and deny Him in times of difficulties? Or are we ready to follow Jesus even when the paths lead to suffering and death on the cross?

The branches we are carrying today signify the victory, and they call us to commitment. They also symbolise a call to accept Jesus in our lives, this is not only in word but in action as well. We are invited to receive Him as King and follow His lifestyle based on humility, service, forgiveness, and love.

Throughout Holy Week, we are going to journey very closely with Christ by accompanying Him from the joy of His entry into Jerusalem to His passion and ultimately to His resurrection from the dead.

May this Palm Sunday celebration grant us the grace of renewing our faith and deepening our love, so that we may truly proclaim He is forever alive among us.

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr Jules-Davy Malonga, Cssp

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES ARE IN
THE CHURCH FOYER.**

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN TO HELP IF YOU CAN.
THANK YOU**

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Parish Masses This Week

Monday	30 March	No Mass				MONDAY of HOLY WEEK
Tuesday	31 March	Mass	9.15am			TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK
Wednesday	1 April	Mass	9.15am			WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK
Thursday	2 April	Mass	9.15am			THURSDAY of HOLY WEEK
Friday	3 April	Mass	9.15am			FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD
Saturday	4 April	Mass	7.00pm			HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	5 April	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	NO evening Mass	EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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), John Bourke (uncle of Rosalie Belsey, brother of Pat Baxter, died 8 January), Nancy den Hertog (died 14 December), Judith (Judy) Allan (died 6 December, mother of Philippa, Vincent and Sonia).

ANNIVERSARIES: 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), Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 25th anniversary on 23 March), Rose Maiolo (2nd anniversary 27 March, (wife of Noel, mother of Christine, Melissa and Sarah, sister in law of Trish and Tony Maiolo), Donald Dunning (brother of Leila McCreton, 3rd anniversary, 27 March), Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 7th anniversary 30 March), Roger Thrum (15th anniversary, 13 March), Robyn Miller (sister-in-law of Jackie Thornton, 1st anniversary 11 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 17 year anniversary on 14th March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 22nd anniversary on 18 March), Marcelli Pochyly (45th anniversary on 19 March, father of Cecylia Ramsden), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England, 3rd anniversary 20 March), Peter Hunt (husband of Sue, longtime parishioner, 1st anniversary 7 March), Peter Brink (Dot's husband, 2nd anniversary 25 February), Ottaviano Praturlon (husband of Elsa, 30th anniversary on 6 March), Eleonora Poletto (mother of Giordana Praturlon and Carla Poletto, 9th anniversary 26 February), Edward Mendez (father of Allison Rodrigues, 10th anniversary, 2 March), Buenaventura Lizardo (father of Francis, anniversary 4 March), Jonas Buzinskas (father of Peter, anniversary on 9 March), Helen Gait (wife of Tom, 5th anniversary, 9 March).

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), Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), 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).

Spiritual Care Series

Catholic Healthcare invites parishioners to the *Spiritual Care Series* a world leading program in the spiritual care of older person. 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.

An information evening will be held on Thursday 9 April, 7.00–8.00pm, with the course running from 16 April to 4 June. Contact Adrian at 0421 407 270 or spccvolunteers@chcs.com.au for further information or to register.

Places are limited and registration is essential.

From Fr Gaspar: A word of thanks to all who prepared First Reconciliation for the children and to the Catechist team led by Sally, the parents and Prouille School.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

First Reading: Is 50:4-7: I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be shamed.

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11: He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Congratulations Bishop Anthony

**Pope Leo XIV appoints Bishop Anthony Randazzo as
Archbishop & Prefect of Vatican Dicastery**



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Anthony Randazzo, until now Bishop of Broken Bay and Apostolic Administrator of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Australia, as Prefect of the Dicastery for Legislative Texts, with the personal title of Archbishop.

The Holy Father announced the appointment on Monday evening. Archbishop Randazzo has served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay for the past six and a half years and will take up his role in the Roman Curia when he moves to the Vatican in three months.

Until that time, he will be the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The Dicastery for Legislative Texts serves the Roman Pontiff in promoting and safeguarding the proper understanding, interpretation, and application of canon law across the universal Church. Its responsibilities extend to both the Latin Church and the Eastern Catholic Churches, ensuring that ecclesiastical laws are applied with fidelity, clarity, and juridical precision.

As Prefect, Archbishop Randazzo will oversee the Dicastery's work in formulating authentic interpretations of universal Church law, offering authoritative clarifications on juridical questions, and assisting in the development and refinement of canonical legislation. He will also guide collaboration with other dicasteries, episcopal conferences, and canonists worldwide to ensure coherence and integrity in the Church's legal framework.

"I am profoundly grateful to Pope Leo for the confidence and trust he has placed in me," Archbishop Randazzo, 59 and a canon law graduate of the Pontifical Gregorian University, said.

"During my time as bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay the clergy and faithful have been a true joy in my episcopal ministry. I remain forever grateful to God, who entrusted me with the care of His flock.

HARMONY DAY 2026—21 March 2026

Thanks also to all those who participated last Saturday evening in the Parish 72nd Anniversary and Harmony Day Mass and brought a plate to share. *Fr Gaspar*



2026

H A R M O N Y D A Y



Parish News and Events



Holy Hour

This Friday - 6:30pm

NOTE: Fridays during Lent - STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30pm

Senior Ladies Group

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

NEXT MEETING THIS THURSDAY 2 APRIL

For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



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 7 April

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held in the Parish Sunroom every Sunday at 9:30am Mass during school terms, with pre-school to school age children invited to attend. Parents welcome.



If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join us. No obligation to 'sign up'. Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details - 9489 3221.

An Invitation

PASSIONTIDE CAROLS: 28 March - A Service of Music and Readings

Join us for a stirring evening of Passiontide Carols on Saturday, 28 March, immediately following the 5pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. This service of music and readings offers a unique opportunity for reflection as we journey from the Lenten season into the profound mysteries of Holy Week.

Presented by organist and hymnodist Christian Catsanos, the program will feature a selection of hymns that trace the path of the Passion, from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the Cross at Calvary. All are invited to experience this service of prayerful meditation and musical beauty as we prepare our hearts for the most sacred time of the Liturgical year.

Refreshments will be available following the service.

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**



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

To pray for disarmament and peace

Easter Schedule

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REHEARSAL THIS SATURDAY
9:00AM TO 10:30AM

POP UP NEWS

Preparations for Easter Sunday will start in mid-March.
All welcome to join.

The **Pop Up Choir** first formed 2011. It has provided uplifting choral music for **Christmas Day** and **Easter Sunday** in a relaxed and inclusive way for 14 years.

From Easter 2026, the choir will take on a new name and add to its schedule of masses.

The choir has traditionally come together for important feasts, so we are changing our name to the

Holy Name Festival Choir

We hope this change will bring together singers from all existing Holy Name singing ensembles, as well as welcoming new singers for these special celebratory liturgies.

Please join us in the new **Festival Choir** for **Easter Sunday 2026** which falls on **5 April**.

Rehearsals

Saturdays 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April 2026 from 9am-10.30am in the church or sunroom.

Singers of all abilities welcome.

All training is provided.

Please email chrisriegoldrick@gmail.com

or let the parish office know you would like to take part, or sign the sheet at the back of church.



Important Dates: Looking ahead to the next season of the Church

Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Fridays during Lent
(commencing 20 February)

Palm Sunday	29 March
Holy Thursday	2 April
Good Friday	3 April
Easter Sunday	5 April



Holy Week
Journey Together

SIGN UP
sheets for
Holy Week are in
the Church.

Please put your
name down to help
if you can.

Thank you.

Palm Sunday 28/29 March 2026

Together, we can Unite Against Poverty this Lent by donating to Project Compassion, helping people in vulnerable regions to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.



Thank you 
for Uniting Against
Poverty this Lent

 **PROJECT COMPASSION**

projectcompassion.org.au
1800 024 413
[projectcompassion](https://www.facebook.com/projectcompassion)



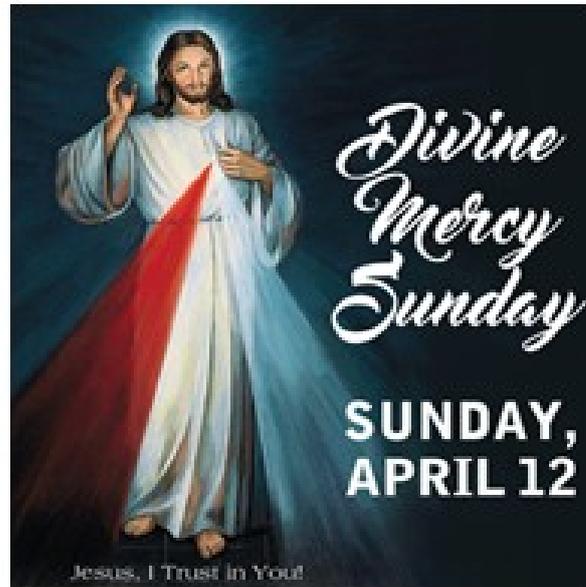
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return your
**Caritas/
Project
Compassion
donation
boxes and/
or
envelopes
as close to
Easter as
possible.
Thank you.**

Save the Date ! Divine Mercy Sunday—12th April 2026



You are invited to celebrate



*Holy Name Catholic Church
35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga*

Program

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| 12:00pm | Reconciliation |
| 1.30pm: | Welcome
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament |
| 2.00pm: | Eucharistic Procession & Holy Rosary |
| 2:30pm: | Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| 2:45pm: | Benediction |
| 3:00pm: | 3 o'clock Prayer |
| 3:15pm- 3:45pm: | Holy Mass and
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image |

All Welcome

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

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, 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.