

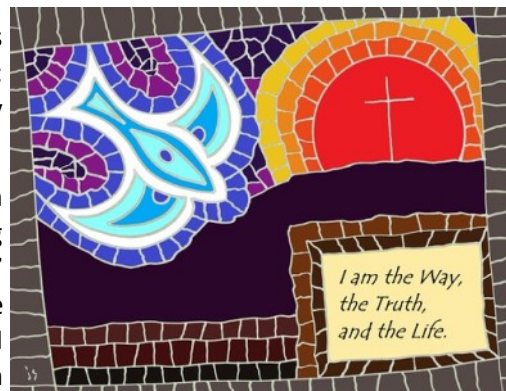
## 3 May - *FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER*

### **CALL TO BELIEVE AND TRUST TO THE ONE WHO IS "THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE".**

The disciples are full of premonitions/great fears that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet Jesus tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.' Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in evermore intimate fashion with his followers; with us.

How does this come about? A simple example, at every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

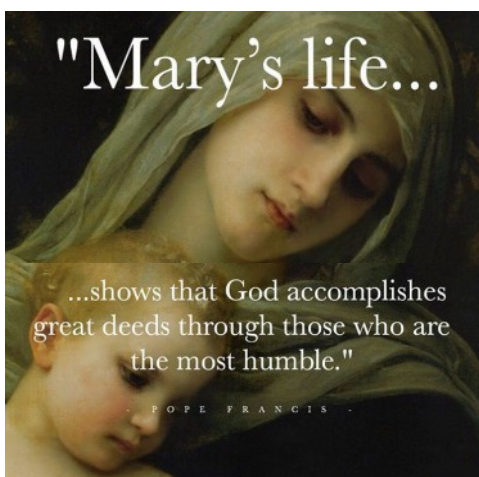
What a powerful verb! By grace, we can share in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord. As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that human beings might become God.' This is in line with the words of Jesus answering Philip's question: - "To have seen me is to have seen the Father....you must believe me when I say that I am in the father and the Father in me". Or also, "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life..."



We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope Saint John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life we have received/dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

**Fr Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.**



### **MAY— THE MONTH OF MARY**

*We are reminded that May is the month dedicated to our Mother, Blessed Virgin Mary (Month of the Rosary). Mary, whom we honour as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. We recognise Mary as the one who listened and responded to the call of God.*

*How will you honour Mary during this month of May?*

*On 25th May we celebrate the feast day of Mary, Help of Christians, Patron Saint of Australia. This feast day was instituted by Pope Pius VII in 1815, in thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Holy See from the tyranny of Napoleon.*

*In the same way, we pray for Mary's intercession that God would continue to bless and protect our parish, our families and our nation.*

*We honour Mary as Mother of God and as Mother of the Church. As Pope Francis reminded us in *Evangelii Gaudium* (n285) Jesus left us his mother to be our mother. (John 19.27). At the foot of the cross, at the supreme hour of the new creation, Christ led us to Mary.*

***Nobody know better of the children's needs than their mother.***

## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	4 May	No Mass				Monday of the 5th week of Easter
Tuesday	5 May	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Wednesday	6 May	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter
Thursday	7 May	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of the 5th week of Easter
Friday	8 May	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 5th week of Easter
Saturday	9 May	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Sunday	10 May	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

### *Please Remember in your Prayers*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eva Tulinsky, 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:** Lillias Roche (longtime parishioner, 3rd anniversary, 4 May), Fr John Pearce (Passionist Father, friend of Margaret and Patrick MacMillan 7th anniversary, 5 May), Fred Burke (husband of Betty and father of Virginia, 10th anniversary on 6 May), Marina Byrne (Lauren Montgomery's mother, 9th anniversary, 7 May), Andy Couch (son of Gemma & Paul, brother to Greg and Jessica, 9th anniversary, 8 May), Rosina Palamara (mother of Frances Carbone, 3rd anniversary 9 May), 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 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**  
**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 [sppcvolunteers@chcs.com.au](mailto:sppcvolunteers@chcs.com.au) for further information or to register**

## *What do the Readings say to us this Sunday* **FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7: They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

**Second Reading:** 1 Pet 2:4-9: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one come to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Jn 14:1-12: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

## *What's Happening in May?*

### **May Mass Counts**

Starting this weekend and for the first 4 weekends throughout the month of May the Mass Count is taken throughout the whole of Australia. This gives us the sense of trends both in parishes and in Dioceses. If you see people wandering around the church counting the number of people at Mass, this is the reason.

We would appreciate volunteers to assist with these Mass counts. Weeks 1 and 2 are just attendance numbers, however Week 3 requires gender breakdown and Week 4 Age Groups. Recording sheets will be in the Sacristy if you are able to help. Thank you.

### **PWBB (Pastoral Works Broken Bay) — Final Appeal for FY 2025-2026**

Supporting the PWBB puts your gift to work in our local faith community. Donations \$2 and over are 100 % tax-deductible and support the following:

#### **CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program:**

Where Pastoral Care Practitioners reach patients, families and hospital staff each year across hospitals in our Diocese.

#### **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine:**

Creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

**St Lucy's School:** For primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College:** For secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre:** Serving the Catholic deaf community.

*Any shortfall of our Parish Quota (\$33, 961.00) must be made up from Parish funds. Please give generously if you can. If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place with the Parish Office, this will be processed on Monday, 4 May. Thank you.*

**PASTORAL WORKS** Broken Bay

Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)  
Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care

Donate Now

Every gift makes a difference.  
**THANK YOU!**

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

## **Sunday 24th May - the Feast of Pentecost**



It's the 323 year Anniversary of the Spiritan Congregation (the order of our Priests), World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and the 33rd anniversary of Fr Gaspar's Ordination as a Priest (21 May).

**After the Sunday 9.30am Mass our Parish is celebrating with a special morning tea. We invite you to come along, to wear your cultural attire and bring a plate of your family's favourite food to share.**

**This is a Family Mass, with our local school students filling the Mass roles, such as Reading, Offertory, Prayers, Singing and Playing in the Band.**

To register your child to take part, please contact Sally Oong asap at the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or [sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au).

### **PENTECOST FLAME DISPLAY**



We'll have a Parish display made by our community, parishioners and students at our schools.

Please feel welcome to add a flame to the display, BYO or use a 'flame' provided in the Church to contribute your own prayer or wish for Pentecost.

## Parish News and Events

### **CAYA Come As You Are - Discussion & Reflection Group**

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



**Holy Hour**  
Friday - 6:30pm  
**All Welcome**

### **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](#)



## *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>

#### **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**

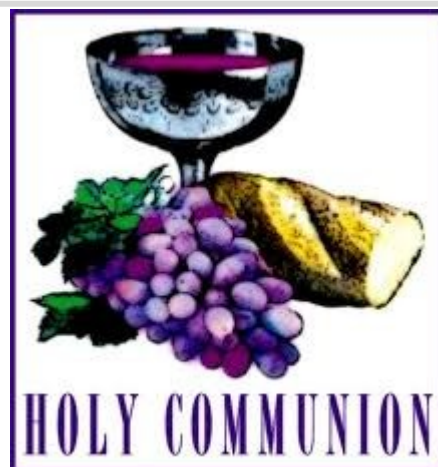
**Lesson 4: Saturday 30 May at 3.45pm,**

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***



## *Exciting News*



**THE HOLY NAME PARISH SCHOLA  
is returning to regular singing!**

**BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY 3 MAY AT 9.30AM MASS**

## *Invitation to Participate*

### **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](mailto:mission@bbcatholic.org.au)

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

## 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

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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: <a href="http://www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au">www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au</a>
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:		<b>Volunteer needed please.</b>
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](http://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.**