



Sunday 30 December - Feast of the Holy Family

Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Holy Name please visit our parish website at www.holynamewahroonga.com.au. We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.

On this Sunday's Feast of the Holy Family let us, as a parish family, pray together

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families, too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of family, and its beauty
in God's plan

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

(Official Prayer to the Holy Family for the Synod of Bishops in October 2015)



Beginning a New Year Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Tuesday 1 January 2019 Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am

This start of a new year invites us to consider what new beginnings are being extended to us. How is God calling us, within our own circumstances, to move forward in our life? What the new possibilities into which we are being invited so that our own hearts might not lose their freshness no matter our age?

The new possibilities into which we are being invited do not need to come with great dramatic effect. They may be present in seeing the challenges that are there in our work or in our relationships in a new way. They may be present by no longer putting off something we know we should act on but have not had the courage to do so. They may be present in the way in which we enter into the unbidden events that we have to negotiated in the coming months at home or at work.

Whatever they might be, that these possibilities are indeed of the Spirit will be indicated by the recognition that our sense of who we are truly are has deepened as a result of our entry into them, and that our sense of inner freedom has increased.

As it was for Jesus, may it be for us. May our hearts never ceased to be birthed into new life by those possibilities which represent new beginnings for us. Then every day will be as a new year to us.

*We seek to grow as a Welcoming and Inclusive Community, supporting
Life's Journey, through God's Grace and Mercy*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	31 December	No Mass	7th day in the Octave of the Nativity
Tuesday	1 January	9.15am Mass	MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD
Wednesday	2 January	9.15am Mass	Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
Thursday	3 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Friday	4 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday of Christmas Time
Saturday	5 January	5.00pm Mass	Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	6 January	9.15am and 5.30pm	The EPIPHANY of the LORD



Children's Liturgy is taking a break during the school holidays.

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Charlie Deguara (husband of Sue and father to Brendan, Ben, Sam and Jared, died 20 December), Eleanor Shirley Firkins (friend of Leila and Conor McCreton, died 20 December), Ron Aboitz (nephew of Rose Planas, died in The Philippines), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners **Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, died 30 November**), **Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, died 10 November aged 92)**, Joyce James (died 1 November).

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

Katherine Morrison (grandmother of Liz Webster, 1st anniversary) and Alexander Ryan (nephew of Liz Webster - 1st anniversary). Elisha Foti - 6th anniversary on 4 January Emile Nassar - 8th anniversary on 6 January), Ricki Hayes, (friend of Cecilia Kean, 1st anniversary on 7 January), **Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 3rd anniversary on 8 January)**, Bettina Luca (7th anniversary on 7 January) and Amedeo (Laurie) Luca 22nd anniversary on 8 January and (parents of Greg Luca and Daniela McGrath). Margaret Couch (**Paul's mother**) 1st anniversary on 25 December, **Mario Severino (26 December)**, **Joe DeGuara, (father of Damian, first anniversary on 19 December)**, Tony Coutinho (5th anniversary on 16 December), Yvonne Pickup (1st anniversary on 14 December), Neville (George) Thornton (**Jackie's father in law**) 1st anniversary on 15 December, **Molly Goldsworthy (sister of Chris Madden, 1st anniversary 19 December)**, **Joan McNally (mother of Greg) Barry Fields (brother of Helen Tysoe), , Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 4th anniversary on 7 December)**, Marie Shortis (1st anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (1st anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 13th anniversary on 29 November), **Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 1st anniversary on 14 November)**, Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 51st anniversary on 16 November), Ron Young (father of Monica Dinnar, 2nd anniversary 5 November), **Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 3rd anniversary on 13 November)**.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Mike Tighe, Margaret Woodlands, Julia Farrell, Byrant and Yvonne McGrath (brother and sister-in-law of Ves McGrath), Ina Evans, Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Evelyn Ridings, Joseph Gilmore (grandson of Leila and Conor McCreton), Ron Phillips (**Lynne Attard's Dad**), **Charlie Attard (Ray's brother)**, **Nancy Portelli (Ray Attard's sister)**, Athol Higgins, Chris Le Gras, Mary Stanley, **Hildegard McLaughlin, Barbara Dunning, Eleanor Shirley Firkins, Bryan O'Brien, Joan Dell, David Coombes**, Mary Salter, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Steve Ralph, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, **Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law)**, Gus Almgren, Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Donna Lucas, Andrew Watson, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, **Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife)**, Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Eunice Spangaro, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, **baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Denise Waudby (Patrice Buzinskas' sister)**, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne, Sue Roche.



Congratulations
to the
Richards Family



Arabella Patricia Jane
was baptised on Saturday 29 December

From Fr David

Dear friends

Once again my immense gratitude to all those who made our Christmas celebrations this last wee so beautiful. Each one of them was quite special and it was encouraging to see so many visitors at each of our Masses. To all those who worked behind the scenes in so many different ways, and to all our choirs who provided such wonderful music, thank you. A special thank you to everyone for your personal kindness to Fr Anselam, Deacon Adrian and myself with so many gestures of generosity. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated - and enjoyed!

Many of our families are away for the next few weeks. May this time be one of enjoyment and safety for them all. Again, our hearts go out to the Deguara family who farewelled Charlie from our church last Thursday. He will be greatly missed by so many.

For the next two weeks I will seek to have a little time away on the Central Coast, though returning each weekend. I am hoping to catch my breath a little before the work of the Diocese and our Parish begins for another year. It will also give me some opportunity for reflection and some writing that I am committed to publishing. Fr Anselam will very kindly be on hand in the Parish during this time.



Our Over 50s and Singles Group



The recent outing for the group was to the Grace Hotel in the city where we had a buffet lunch. We met at Gordon Station at 10.15 am and went by train to Wynyard and then walked to the hotel. There was a variety of food salads, hot dishes of meat and rice and an assortment of hot and cold meats. We served ourselves to the food but a waitress

brought wines and soft drinks to our table, and then cleared our dishes as we were allowed to help ourselves to second helpings to desserts and to coffee. The meal and the service was very good and we thoroughly enjoyed the company of other diners as everyone was in the festive mood just before Christmas. This a photo is of the interior of the hotel.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be meeting on Saturday,
26th January in the Parish Sunroom to discuss
the programme for 2019.
Please join us 10.00am - 11:00am

Enquiries please phone Susan Robson on 0404 005 267 or
Reg Gibbons on 9481 0334 or 0409 599 440.

The Parish Office will reopen Monday 7th January

The answering machine will be checked regularly during this time. Craig Joshua and other helpers will be in the office until Jackie's return on Monday 21 January.

During this Christmas Season let us be reminded that the spiritual lives of children are of unsurpassable value

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things
new
You bring hope alive in our
hearts
And cause our Spirits to be
born again.



Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Parish Diary in the Coming Week

Tuesday	1 January	9.15am	Celebration of Mass for Mary, Mother of God and the New Year
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Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.15am and 5.30pm.

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (not in January)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara: Monday 9.30am

St Leo's College: Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

(Vespers with Dominican Lay Chapter 3.00pm on 2nd Sunday)

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

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass
At Hammond Care, North Turrumurra monthly

Parish Pastoral Council in 2019

Gemma McDermott, Tom Waugh, Lucian Wijetunga, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Chrissie Goldrick, Tess Denham-Fabry, along with Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee in 2019

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Brian McGarry, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty

Parish Fundraising Committee 2018

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, Sonia Carbone, Ian Edmunds, James Toomey

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests—it is very much 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 upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.

(Alternatively see the "giving" pages at www.dbb.org.au)

Donation by Electronic Transfer

Wahroonga Catholic Parish Account BSB: 062-784 Account No: 1389 8001 CBA- 48 Martin Place, Sydney

EFTPOS Available in Parish Office

Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church.

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact our Parish Secretary
secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

Do you need a lift to Mass? Be sure to let our Parish Office know and we will seek to assist you.