

First Sunday of Advent



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3rd December 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dear friends,

This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent known as the beginning of the Church's 'New Year.' In the secular world the beginning of the New Year is marked by the 1st of January by partying and celebration as we begin the new calendar year.

However, the Church invites us to begin the New Year this Sunday by focusing on the spiritual meaning of our lives with the words from the gospel of Mark saying: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.' (Mk 13:33).

The spiritual writer Fr. John Main OSB, compares this 'spiritual awakening' to the state of a dream where we think 'our dream' is real, and we think it is actually happening to us, until we wake up to the fact that it is only our time of sleep and we are being influenced by our subconscious.

Our consciousness is our time of 'wakefulness' where what is happening to us is 'real.' We are being asked to respond with all our being to the call to love our sisters and brothers as we prepare for the return of the Lord.

Advent is our time to be alive with the love of Christ today and every day until he comes again. Now, is our opportunity to grow closer to Christ and one another.

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians this week says: 'I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ.' Those graces are our opportunity to turn away from the negative and superficial events of life to the love of God which gives meaning and purpose to our daily living.

Let us give thanks for all the graces we receive each day in the form of our love from our sisters and brothers, and let us be truly awake as we await the Lord's return.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the principal symbols in our church in our Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause and pray together with a longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

We pray together:

God of grace and promise, at the beginning of the Advent season, we gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We ask you now to bless our Advent Wreath and all who gather round it. May it remind us of the first coming of Jesus in the Incarnation, of His continued coming in our hearts and our world today, and of His future coming in glory.

The wreath is now blessed with holy water.

Priest: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning or end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Priest: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Priest: May we find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The first candle is lit.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	4 December	No Mass				Monday of 1st week of Advent
Tuesday	5 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 1st week of Advent
Wednesday	6 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 1st week of Advent
Thursday	7 December	Mass	9.15am			St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Friday	8 December	Mass	9.15am			The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday	9 December	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of 1st week of Advent
Sunday	10 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel, died 15 September, aged 37), Sr. Margaret Hill OP, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Colin Maclean (past parishioner, husband of Bianca, father to Cara and Alexander (Sandy)), Katie Mutter (friend of Cecylia Ramsden).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Denese O'Brien (2nd anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 9th anniversary on 7 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, 1st anniversary, 9 December), Marie Shortis (6th anniversary on 27 November), Lasserre Gomes, (10 month anniversary 28 November), Ruth Gomes (10½ year anniversary 26 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 18th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 5th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (6th anniversary on 30 November), Peter Carbone (husband of Frances and father of Sonia, 20th anniversary on 17 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 1st anniversary 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 1st anniversary, 15 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 4th anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 2nd anniversary 17 November), Arie van der Plaats (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 8th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 6th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 56th anniversary on 16 November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 2nd anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 5th anniversary 10 November), Catherine Agnes Kirkwood (Patrick's mother, 47th anniversary, 6 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 2nd anniversary 11 November), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 14th anniversary on 25 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 6th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 12th anniversary on 20 October).

FOR THE SICK:

Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Barry Clibborn, 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, Margaret MacMillan, 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.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE St Mary's Sydney Cathedral Forecourt—**Saturday 2 December at 1:00pm**. Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray for peace, making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fulfilling the First Five Saturday's Devotion has never been more important. Confession is available from 11.30am and Holy Mass at 12pm in St Mary's Cathedral. It's time for ACTION - join us, share the message, invite others and bring your mates and sons along. Rain, hail or shine it's on! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. #mensrosarycrusade For more information call Tomasz on 0413 802 069



Christmas Party

Senior Ladies Gathering (final for 2023)

will be held in the Parish Sunroom next Thursday, 7th December at 2:00pm.

Contact Jo Waldron for further details 0412 018 819

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8: *Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9: *The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 13:33-37: *Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*



Carols in the Garden
 Holy Name Parish Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga.
Saturday 16 December 2023 6:00pm-8:30pm

*Featuring the combined choirs and musicians of
 Holy Name Parish and schools
 with lots of singalong carols.*

Everyone welcome. Invite your neighbours & friends to join us.
In the event of wet weather, we will have a carol concert in the Church instead.

Bring your own

- Nibbles, food and drink.
- Picnic rug, camping chairs/table

ALSO

*There will be delicious Paella
 available for purchase.*

Are there any singers or musicians from the parish community who would like to join in?

If so, contact Rosalie Belsey
rosaliebelsey@gmail.com

Our Rehearsals will be held in the Parish Sunroom:
Saturday 2 December 10:00am – 12:00pm
Saturday 9 December 9:00am – 11:00am

Men's Rosary & Bible Study 5 & 19 December

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

Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAHROONGA CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS PRACTICES

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga ph 9489 3221 ALL WELCOME

First Practice: Wednesday 13 December 3.45pm-4.30pm

- **Children** - Allocation of roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- If you cannot make this practice, please contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.
- All children can be an Angel or a Shepherd, as long as they can attend the 2nd or 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday 16 December 9.00am - 11:00am

- **Children, Singers, Dancers, Musicians** - run through of Nativity Play for Gospel, some carols plus children to practise Readings, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings, Prayers.

Third Practice: Thursday 21 December 10.00am-12noon

- **Children, Singers and all Musicians** - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and all the carols

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Sunday 24 December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

For more details, please contact Sally Oong, Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
 email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or at the Parish office - phone: 9489 3221

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS are very welcome to come and help, please.



Thank you to our wonderful Pop Up Choir who sang so magnificently for the Feast of Christ the King Mass last Sunday.

Now the rehearsals start for our Christmas Pop Up Choir!

All welcome. New members encouraged.

Wednesday, 13th December 7:00pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, 20th December 7:00pm-8:30pm

Saturday, 23rd December 9:30am-11:00am

We will sing at the 9:30am Mass on Christmas morning.
 Please call Chrissie on 0438 625 056 with any questions.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest :	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
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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.