

## 4 April - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

### THE LORD IS RISEN ALLELUIA!

The women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness, which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sunrises, flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, a blaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is THE MYSTERY, for nowhere is it described in the Gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace of God, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos/creation, as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

This is the day that the Lord has given us. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death.

Alleluia! Is our Easter song, Jesus is risen, death and sin have no power over us anymore.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

**Fr. Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.**



**Happy Easter:** Together with Fr Jules-Davy, Deacon Richard and the Parish Team, I wish each parishioner a very happy and blessed Easter. A special note of welcome to any visitor who is with us at Holy Name this Easter.

**Some Easter Season Notes:** Supper will be held after the Easter Vigil. All are welcome.

**Project Compassion Appeal:** With the end of Lent, this appeal comes to an end. The boxes/envelopes can be left in the basket provided at the entrance to the church or placed on any of the collection baskets.

**First Collection:** The First Collection is for the priests of the Diocese.

**Second Collection:** The Second Collection is for all the running costs, upkeep, administration and all other associated expenses of our own Parish. This is our main source of income and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Easter Offering:** This money goes to the Clergy Remuneration, Retirement and Sick Priest Fund of the Broken Bay Diocese to assist in the upkeep and welfare of the priests of the Diocese. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the entrances to the church and can be placed on any of the collection baskets. If you have an automatic credit card deduction for an Easter Offering in place, this has been processed. Thank you.

**Remembering those not able to be with us** - We pray for the very sick, suffering, elderly and the housebound parishioners and members of our community who are unable to join us for the Easter ceremonies. We pray that the peace and joy of the Risen Lord will be a real source of strength for them – and for all of us.

**Thank You:** To all the volunteers who have contributed generously to the Liturgies throughout Holy Week, up to and including Easter Sunday Masses. This includes welcomers, readers, altar preparers, servers, extraordinary ministers of Communion, counters, sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaners and all who helped in the preparations for our Easter liturgies. A special word of thanks to the musicians and singers for your hours of preparation and the sharing of your gifts and talents.

## *Parish Masses This Week*

Monday	6 April	Mass	9.15am			MONDAY within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday	7 April	Mass	9.15am			TUESDAY within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday	8 April	Mass	9.15am			WEDNESDAY within the Octave of Easter
Thursday	9 April	Mass	9.15am			THURSDAY within the Octave of Easter
Friday	10 April	Mass	9.15am			FRIDAY within the Octave of Easter
Saturday	11 April	Mass	5.00pm			SATURDAY within the Octave of Easter
Sunday	12 April	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>

### *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), Marceli 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 in the Parish Sunroom**

**on Thursday 9 April, 7.00–8.00pm,**

**with the course running from MAY 2026 (Exact Dates to be confirmed).**

**Contact Adrian at 0421 407 270 or [spccvolunteers@chcs.com.au](mailto:spccvolunteers@chcs.com.au) for further information or to register.**

## *What do the Readings say to us today The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

**First Reading:** Gen 1:1- 2:2: God saw all he had made, and indeed it was good.

**Second Reading:** Exodus 14:15 - 15:1 Tell the children of Israel to march on, to walk through the sea on dry ground.

**Third Reading:** Isaiah 54:5 - 14 But with everlasting love I have taken pity on you, says the Lord, your redeemer.

**Fourth Reading/Epistle:** Romans 6:3- 11 Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10 He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

## *Congratulations to our 2026 Catechumens!*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church. It is a spiritual journey of conversion, education, and prayer, spanning several months, culminating in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

Here at Holy Name Parish, we have witnessed and supported our RCIA candidates' faith journey and will welcome Jeannette Jones, Christopher Langley, Anthony Nguyen and Aidan Park to be received into our Catholic faith during the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. The photos below show our candidates at the Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony.

We thank Fr Gaspar Mushi and our RCIA leadership team: Maria Wood, Sajanee Senn and Oliver Senn. These wonderful leaders have shared their time and their own faith with our candidates and have inspired them to explore different aspects of being Catholic as they expand their knowledge.

We look forward to the ongoing support of our community for our new Parishioners as they continue to grow in their faith, sharing the good news and love of Jesus. Please congratulate and welcome Jeannette, Christopher, Anthony and Aidan to Holy Name Parish as we share supper in the Portico after the Easter Vigil Mass.



### **Children's Sacramental Program at Holy Name**

**\*\* Start with Confirmation, then First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion \*\***

The next program commences with Confirmation for children in Year 3 or older. This will be in Term 4 this year. Please contact Sally Oong at [sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au) or the Parish office for more details.

#### **BAPTISM for Older Children (aged 5 to 12 years)**

Registrations for this program are currently open. Two lessons: Saturday 19 September and 17 October from 2.30pm-4.00pm in the Church for Parents/Carers, Godparents and children, followed by Mass. Attendance by all at the 5pm Family Mass on both 19 September and 17 October is part of the preparation. Baptism Sacrament: will be celebrated in a group on Sunday 25th October at 11am in Holy Name Church.

Please email Sally Oong: [sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au) or contact the Parish office for more details.

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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), 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](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.**