

*John the Baptist said:
"The one who follows me will baptise
you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."*



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4th December - SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

From Fr Paul

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has spoken and written about how much he enjoyed his Visitation to Holy Name Parish on 25th-27th November. He was very thankful to the Parish community and to the Parish Team for all the preparation that had gone into the visit. Please see Pages 4 and 5 for more details.

We have begun to celebrate various end-of-year events, such as Graduation Masses, whole school Masses, concerts and celebrations. We wish all the schools of our Parish well with Graduations and these final weeks of school.

This weekend we will hold our **Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal**. This is the second of three appeals. Donations to PWBB are 100% tax deductible and assist the following organisations:

St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, Confraternity for Christian Doctrine (CCD - Catechists), Hospital Chaplaincy (to support people often in their most vulnerable times) and The Ephpheta Centre (providing support for all people who are deaf or hard of hearing).

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal; Hampers due **THIS WEEKEND**. Those preparing hampers are asked to return them to the Church at the **5:00pm Mass on Saturday** or the **8:00am or 9.30 Masses on Sunday**.

My best wishes as we continue our preparation for Christmas in this second week of Advent.

Today we hear St Matthew quote the prophet Isaiah: "A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord".

With my prayers and good wishes, *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the key symbols in the Church's 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.*

Our Advent Wreath

As we gather around our Advent Wreath to prepare for the lighting of the second candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. In the words of the acclamation let us pray:



Fr: Prepare a way for the Lord!

All: Make his paths straight!

Fr: Let every valley be filled in!

All: Let every mountain and hill be laid low!

Fr: Straighten the winding pathways, make the rough roads smooth!

All: That all people may see the saving power of God.

The second candle is lit

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	5 December	No Mass			Monday of 2nd week of Advent
Tuesday	6 December		9.15am		Tuesday of 2nd week of Advent
Wednesday	7 December	Mass	9.15am		St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Thursday	8 December	Mass	9.15am		The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday	9 December	Mass	9.15am		Friday of 2nd week of Advent
Saturday	10 December	Mass	5:00pm		Saturday of 2nd week of Advent
Sunday	11 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Mike Champlin OP (died in USA, 14 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, died 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, died 15 November aged 92), Ruth Donnelly, (friend of Mockler family), Newton McMahon, (husband of Maxine & father of Anne Box), Franciszek Smigowski (died 1 November in Jurkow, Poland, aged 88. He is survived by his wife, Ana and his 8 children. Father of Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS, Assistant Priest in the Parish of Pittwater), Denis Joyce (brother of Maureen Rolleston, died 28 October), Joan Dell (died 22 October), Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96), Sam Calvi and Vince Calvi (brothers of Ralph), Judith Mackay (sister and sister in law of Barry Clibborn and Jennifer, died 30th September), Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife, died 14 September), Peter Higgins (son of Norma, died 26 September), George Maiolo (brother of Tony, died 21 September aged 73).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Denese O'Brien (1st 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, 8th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (5th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 17th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 4th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (5th anniversary on 30 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 3rd anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 1st anniversary 17 November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 1st anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 4th anniversary 10 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 1st anniversary 11 November), Arie van der Plaats (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 7th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 5th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 55th anniversary on 16 November), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 13th anniversary on 25 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 9th anniversary 23rd October).

FOR THE SICK:

Marian Noach, Pammie Lee (former parent St Lucy's & St Edmund's), Gerard de Silva, Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha), Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Edda Fragiaco, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



November Memorial Photographs:

Please collect the photographs of your loved ones which have been displayed on the altar for the month of November.

The remaining photographs will be placed on the table at the rear of the Church for collection during the week.

Thank you.

What does the Word of God say to us today - the second Sunday of Advent?

First reading (Isaiah 11:1-10). The reign of David was the high point in the history of Israel, but his successors failed badly. Still, the hope remained that a future king would succeed where his predecessors failed.

Here Isaiah foretells that even though the family tree of Jesse (David's father) has been reduced to a mere stump, nevertheless from that stump a new shoot (a new king) will spring. He goes on to sketch a portrait of the true king. He will be filled with the Spirit of Yahweh and endowed with all the virtues of his ancestors: the wisdom and understanding of Solomon, the prudence and might of David, the knowledge and fear of the Lord of the patriarchs and prophets. Thus endowed, he will judge fairly and be the champion of the poor. Furthermore, he will restore the peace of paradise. The images used here have become proverbial: prey and predator feeding and sleeping in harmony; a child being safe with the viper.

Second reading (Romans 15:4-9). Paul sees Jesus as the one through whom God fulfilled his promises. He highlights the value of hope. The scriptures show that those who hope refuse to give up. By urging us to treat others in the same way Christ has treated us, the reading continues the theme of peace and harmony of the First Reading.

Gospel (Matthew 3:1-12). Matthew portrays Jesus as the one who fulfils the Old Testament promises. Here he introduces us to John the Baptist and his mission. He has John preaching in the wilderness as Isaiah had foretold, and baptising with water in anticipation of the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit. He tells us that John wore a garment made of camel hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Why these details about his clothes and diet? Because this is how Elijah was clothed (2 Kings 1:8). Thus Matthew is telling us that John is that 'Elijah' who was to come.

John begins with the urgent call: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.' For John, the Messiah would be an uncompromising judge. He issued a particularly grim warning to the Pharisees and Sadducees, who were to unite in common opposition to Jesus.

A Quote for the coming week

*John (the Baptist) is the voice,
but the Lord in the beginning was the Word.
John is a voice for a time,
but Christ is the eternal Word from the beginning.*

Saint Augustine of Hippo



Episcopal Visitation to the Parish of Wahroonga

***Bishop Anthony Randazzo visited our Parish
FRIDAY 25th November—SUNDAY 27th November.
Here is a summary of his three day schedule***

- ◆ Met with the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest and Parish Team
- ◆ Visited St Lucy's, Prouille Primary School, St Edmunds College including morning tea with the staff and greeted the children in the playground.
- ◆ Met with the School Principal and School Executive
- ◆ Drove around the Parish to be familiarised with the area.
- ◆ A Parish gathering where all parishioners are warmly invited, particularly those involved in ministries in the Parish.
- ◆ Visited Hammond Care North Turramurra - met and anointed some of the residents.
- ◆ Met with History/Archive Group, Ministry Co-Ordinator, Music Representative, Catechists, liturgical people and so on.
- ◆ Had an evening gathering with the PPMC and PFC.
- ◆ Visited housebound parishioners - gave Holy Communion and Anointed the Sick,
- ◆ Celebrated and preached at the Masses.
- ◆ Baptised three children.
- ◆ Spending time meeting parishioners—morning Tea with parishioners.



Bishop Anthony visits Holy Name



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: Tuesday 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.

Second Practice: Saturday 17 December 9.00am - 11:00am

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

Third Practice: Thursday 22 December 10.00am-12noon

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

MASS: Christmas Eve 5PM on Saturday 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: hnwsally@gmail.com or at the Parish office.

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

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



Preparing for Christmas

The Carols Bus is back

On the 17th December the Holy Name Carols bus will be making its way around the neighbourhood. The bus carries a group of parish singers who will visit homes in the parish and sing a few favourite carols before moving on to the next home.

- * *We will need volunteer drivers for the buses.*
- * *Good singers who can hold a tune acapella.*
- * *Households willing to host fellow parishioners and neighbours where the carols bus will stop.*
- * *Households will need to be within a 2 kilometre radius of the church and have enough room for the choristers to assemble in the front garden or inside if the weather is inclement. There can be up to 20 of them.*

We can visit five (5) homes at most (**currently there are 2 on our list**) and will choose locations based on the most practical itinerary if we are oversubscribed with host homes. The bus will travel between 6.30pm and 9pm.

Please complete the expressions of interest forms at the back of church or contact the office.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas

Thursday, 15th December at 7:00pm

*We will gather for a simple Liturgy of the Word in preparation for individual Reconciliation.
Visiting Priests will be available .*

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate 3 Masses:

- ♦ **5.00pm**
Children's Mass (Carols from 4.30pm)
- ♦ **7.30pm**
Christmas Vigil Mass
- ♦ **Midnight Mass**

Sunday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

- ♦ **8.00am**
- ♦ **9.30am**

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:	Mrs Pam Koroknay: Mr Chris Madden. (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Mr Chris Goldrick cgoldrick@optusnet.com.au 0450 963 596	
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
and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.30am - 9.00am Silent Prayer

9.00am—9.15am Morning Prayer of the Church

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Adoration 6:00pm

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 12.55pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

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 for 2020/2021: 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: Marinela Mendes, 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 deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new 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.