

5 April - SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

THE LORD IS RISEN LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD INDEED

Easter is the season of teaching catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The community of Holy Name has this Easter four candidates of RCIA to experience this mystery for the first time.

The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It bursts forth first in the Resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians -the apostles of Jesus. These things testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough.

And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption/bad attitude must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough?

At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a life of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain.

Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God's eternal love?

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

Second Collection: The Second Collection is for 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 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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 sppccvolunteers@chcs.com.au for further information or to register.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday **SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Easter Sunday)**

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43: We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 5:6-8: Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Some Easter Season Notes

Holy Land Collection

Thank you for your contribution to the Holy Land Collection which took place on Good Friday. This collection for the Holy Land originated in the wish of the Popes to maintain a strong bond between all Christians throughout the World and the Holy Places. It is the main source for the support of the life of the Holy Places. Thank you for your generosity.

Project Compassion

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Easter Offering

At Easter, it is possible to make an Easter Offering. This money goes to the Clergy Remuneration, Retirement and Sick Priest Fund of the Diocese to assist in the upkeep and welfare of the active and retired 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 or delivered to the Parish Office. Thank you if you have already contributed.

If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place, this has been processed and we greatly appreciate your generosity.

Did you know?

- The Paschal candle is a sacramental that symbolizes the Resurrected Lord.
- The paschal candle is one of the major symbols used during the Easter Vigil. It is made of pure wax and replaced each year.
- The Paschal candle has a place of prominence in the sanctuary of the Church during the glorious fifty days of the Easter season.
- The Paschal candle is blessed during the service of the light at the Easter Vigil and used for the blessing of the baptismal water on this solemn night.
- The Paschal candle is used two times in the life of every Catholic Christian. The day of our baptism and the day of our funeral. To highlight our dying and rising in Christ.



Archbishop Anthony's Easter Message 2026

Peace Be With You
EASTER 2026

Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Prefect, Dicastery for Legislative Texts
Apostolic Administrator
of the Diocese of Broken Bay
and the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the
Southern Cross in Australia

At Easter, we hear a simple message that feels especially important this year: *peace be with you*. In many parts of our world right now, there is uncertainty, conflict, and fear. Many people are watching events unfold with a sense of anxiety about what comes next. Closer to home too, amongst the peoples of Oceania, there are communities carrying pain and longing for stability and dignity.

Easter speaks quietly but clearly into all of this.

The Good News of the risen Jesus begins not with triumph or grand speeches, but with a gentle greeting of peace offered to people who were worried and unsure. It is a reminder that peace is not just an idea from the past — it is something real, something we still need, and something we can share. Whatever our background or beliefs, most of us recognise the deep human desire for peace — in our hearts, in our relationships, and in our world.


"This Easter invites us to hold onto hope. Even in difficult times, new life and new possibilities can emerge. Mercy and hope can disarm rage."

Small gestures of kindness, patience, and understanding matter more than we sometimes realise. They are the quiet ways peace begins to grow.

Perhaps the message of Easter, for all of us, is this: *receive peace where you can, and pass it on.*

May the peace of the risen Christ fill your hearts this Easter.

May it bring a sense of calm, renewed hope, a shared mission, and a quiet confidence that peace in our time is possible — and that each of us can help make it real.




SERRA
Vocations Ministry
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker
Fr Rosan Mathew
— A Journey to Priesthood —

Recently ordained for the Diocese of Broken Bay, Fr Rosan Mathew shares his inspiring journey of faith, discernment, and service.

Beginning his vocation in India with a religious order, and continuing his formation in Australia, Fr Rosan has spent over a decade responding to God's call. Following his ordination by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, he now serves the People of God with dedication and joy.

*I'm really excited...
I'm looking forward to serving
the people of God.*



Event Details

Venue: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble
Date: Thursday, 16th April 2026
Mass & dinner meeting: 6:30 p.m.
RSVP: Terry Scanlan M: 0438 887 295
E: terry_scanlan@bigpond.com
Hosted by: Serra Vocations Ministry

All Welcome
Join us for an evening of faith, vocation, and fellowship.



Parish News and Events

SAVE THESE DATES:



Sunday 12 April - Fr Jules-Davy's Birthday

Tuesday 28 April - Parents and Carers—Welcome and Information Evening for the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist.

Saturday, 9 May - Parish Celebration for Fr Jules-Davy's birthday after 5:00pm Mass.
Everyone is invited!
- First of four Sacramental Preparation Groups for First Holy Eucharist.

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 7 April

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.



Holy Hour Recommences

Friday 10 April - 6:30pm

All Welcome



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



**Our next Youth Group will be held in the Sunroom at Holy Name on
Friday 1st May from 4 pm to 6 pm.**

Drinks and snacks will be provided—JUST COME ALONG!

The students will engage in activities for their age group lightly intertwined with Catholic principles. The youth group will run fortnightly over Term 1 and include as many young people from the area as possible. **Contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com** for more details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held in the Parish Sunroom every Sunday at 9:30am Mass **during school terms**, with pre-school to school age children invited to attend. Parents welcome.



If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join us. No obligation to 'sign up'. Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details - 9489 3221.



Engaged Encounter Weekends 2026

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information visit our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **May 23-24, Aug 8-9**

What is the Divine Mercy?

What is the Divine Mercy message in a nutshell?

To quote from the **Diary of St Faustina**:

Ask God for His Mercy -

"...be willing to talk openly with your God of Mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you" Diary #1485 and "... Do not lose heart coming for pardon, for I am always ready to forgive you. As often as you beg for it, you glorify My mercy". Diary #1488;

Be merciful to others -

The Merciful shall be shown Mercy ... "three ways of exercising mercy - by deed, by word, by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy..." Diary # 742; and

Trust in Jesus completely -

"... if your trust is great, then my generosity will be without limit" Diary #548 and

"...Your great trust in Me forces Me to continuously grant you graces ..." Diary # 718.



"I shall sing forever the Lord's mercy" (Ps 89 [88]).

This year, Sunday 12 April is recognised by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonised on April 30, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Sr Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. Jesus also asked that a picture be painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy. He gave her a chaplet to be recited and said that it was appropriate to pray the chaplet at three o'clock each afternoon (the Hour of Great Mercy).

Pictured is the original image of the Divine Mercy painted by Eugene Kazimierowski when Sister Faustina was in Lithuania. It currently hangs in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Vilnius, Lithuania

Everyone is welcome to be part of our Divine Mercy Sunday proceedings commencing with Reconciliation at 12:00pm and concluding with Holy Mass at 3:15pm. (Full program on next page).

Next Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday—12th April 2026



You are invited to celebrate



*Holy Name Catholic Church
35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga*

Program

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| 12:00pm | Reconciliation |
| 1.30pm: | Welcome
Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament |
| 2.00pm: | Eucharistic Procession & Holy Rosary |
| 2:30pm: | Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| 2:45pm: | Benediction |
| 3:00pm: | 3 o'clock Prayer |
| 3:15pm- 3:45pm: | Holy Mass and
Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image |

All Welcome

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Gaspar Mushi Cssp	gaspar.mushi@bbcatholic.org.au
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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: 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) Mr Paul Sutherland (Housebound)
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:		Volunteer needed please.
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

**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.