

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :			
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):			

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 evenings Holy Hour: 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

St Leo's College, Wahroonga - Friday 1:15pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Parish Priest

Baptisms - 11.00am—2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month 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: Rosalie Belsey (Chair), Anne-Louise Deakin (Co-Chair), Sajanee Senn (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Nick Chapman, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (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.

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**7 December 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

'REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS CLOSE AT HAND.'

Dear friends,

Last Sunday was the beginning of the season of Advent. Jesus called us to stay wake because we do not know when our master is coming. Thus, we are called to get prepared for the unknown time of arrival of the master.

This Sunday, the call for preparation continues. John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the kingdom - a call to repent as part of the preparation to enter the kingdom of God.

The sacrament of Baptism and of the penance become the key to unlock the gates of heaven. John the Baptist invoking the words of prophet Isaiah who said, 'A voice cries out in the wilderness, prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight'. John the Baptist spoke God's message without fear or favor and paid with his life.

His passionate mission was about preparing the people to welcome the savior. He offered baptism as a washing ritual signifying the wash away of sin. Many flocked into him.

When the religious leader (Pharisees and Sadducees) came for baptism. John was very hard on them, calling them brood of vipers trying to escape the coming retribution He warned them against the presumption of salvation by claiming descent from Abraham. The only security lies in bearing the fruits of genuine repentance.

It is only the good works of love especially towards the needy and marginalized flowing out of genuine heart of repentance, that open wide the doors of our hearts. And so, Advent calls us to prepare the way to welcome the Lord and experience salvation. St Paul says in the second reading, 'Christ is the hope of all people'.

Fr Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.



2025 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Just a reminder prepared hampers need to be back at Holy Name by the start of 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7 December. Thank you to everyone who has provided hampers so others can have a lovely Christmas.



Congratulations Julie Madden!



Last week the CCD Annual Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral.

Bishop Anthony presented Julie with a certificate of service for 20 years as a Catechist in Broken Bay.

What a wonderful achievement - congratulations Julie!



Parish Masses This Week						
Monday	8 December	Mass	9.15am			The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— Solemnity
Tuesday	9 December	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of 2nd week of Advent
Wednesday	10 December	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of 2nd week of Advent
Thursday	11 December	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of 2nd week of Advent
Friday	12 December	Mass	9.15am			Friday of 2nd week of Advent
Saturday	13 December	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of 1st week of Advent
Sunday	14 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT


Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Sharon Ogden (died 3 December aged 79yrs), Marie Maloney (Mary Weaver’s Mum, died 18 November aged 92), Angela Wodzga (life long friend of Linette Sardinha, died 17 November), John Clark (husband of Joan (dec), father of Julie, Cathryn and David, died 4 November aged 96), Gennaro (Jim) Abignano (died 24 October aged 93, husband of Maria, Dad to Nina, Luisa, Biagio, Joe, Mario and Pierre,), Robert Malonga (Fr Jules-Davy’s father—died 14 October aged 86), Nancy Joan Parsons (aunt of Jenny Gregory, died 11 October aged 100), Walter Sutcliffe (died 9 October - Director of Music at Holy Name and long time friend of the Holy Name Community)

ANNIVERSARIES: Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, 1st anniversary 7 December), Joseph Anthony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda,12yr anniversary on 16 December), William (Bill) Hayward (1st anniversary 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 7th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (8th anniversary on 30 November), Marie Shortis (8th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 20th anniversary on 29 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 58th anniversary on 16 November), Brian O’Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 6th anniversary 16 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, 3rd anniversary 17 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 4th anniversary 17 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 4th anniversary 11 November), Jean Carroll (mother of Irene Jenkins, anniversary 12 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti’s Dad, 10th anniversary on 13 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, 3rd anniversary 15 November), Joe Couch (Paul’s Dad, 16th anniversary on 25 October, Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma Couch, 8th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 14th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 7th anniversary on 21 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo’s mother, 12th anniversary 23rd October), Dennis Vincent McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland’s Dad, 22nd anniversary on 19 October), John Hamilton Cutler (Jennifer Gregory’s grandfather, 46th anniversary 19 October.

FOR THE SICK: George Ozelins, Peter and Jan Van de Velde (Jacqui’s parents), Jannette Mary Cameron (sister of Tom Gait), Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O’Brien, Lawson Wynter, grandson of Marilyn Orrock, Megan Khannah, Jenny Southam, Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Tammy Ibda (friend of Dominic McGrath), 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), Henry Alan Field (grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, 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).

Fr John wishes to thank everyone who attended his final Masses and Morning Tea last weekend. He is very grateful for the gift(s) and well wishes for his future endeavours. He will begin his new appointment at Star of the Sea Parish, Terrigal on 12 December.



Around and About

HEALING MASS



Sunday 14th December at 9:30am
Sacred Heart Church
2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble
Celebrant Fr Justin Torres

Fr Justin Torres is a Philippine Priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, He shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus through the Intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

All are welcome

AN INVITATION



Advent
How to Best Prepare for Christmas

Join us for a special talk on how we can prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Christmas.

WHERE: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral,
23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara


WHEN: Wednesday, 10th December

TIME: 7:30pm


PRESENTER:
Charbel Raish,
Founding Director of
Parousia Media

TO REGISTER, GO TO:





Entering December Awareness, Safeguarding, and Seasonal Wellbeing



As we enter December, our Parishes become places of preparation, anticipation, and joyful gathering. Advent invites us into a season of light, welcome, and hope, yet for many people, the lead-up to Christmas can also heighten vulnerability.

Resource	Description
Beyond Blue Financial Stress Toolkit	Practical tools and advice to help individuals and families manage money-related stress during the festive season.
Beyond Blue Loneliness Support Resources	Guidance for those experiencing loneliness or isolation, including ways to connect and seek help.
Lifeline Managing Christmas Stress	Strategies and tips for coping with emotional pressure, expectations, and stress during December.
St Vincent de Paul Society Emergency Assistance	Financial help, food assistance, and support for individuals and families experiencing hardship.
Salvation Army Doorways Support	Crisis support, financial counselling, and community programs for people in need.
CatholicCare Broken Bay Support Services	Local counselling, family supports, and community programs available across the Diocese.

This time of the year can bring:

- **Financial pressures** arising from gift-giving, travel, school holidays and social expectations
- **Family stress or conflict**, often intensified during gatherings of family and friends
- **Loneliness or isolation** for those without the support or companionship of loved ones
- **Increased needs among vulnerable adults**, who may experience reduced services, limited social contact, disruptions to routine care, or greater emotional strain during the holiday Period
- **Significant changes in routine for children and young people**, as they finish the school year and navigate holiday downtime that may include less structure and potential isolation from friends and support networks

Handel's Messiah

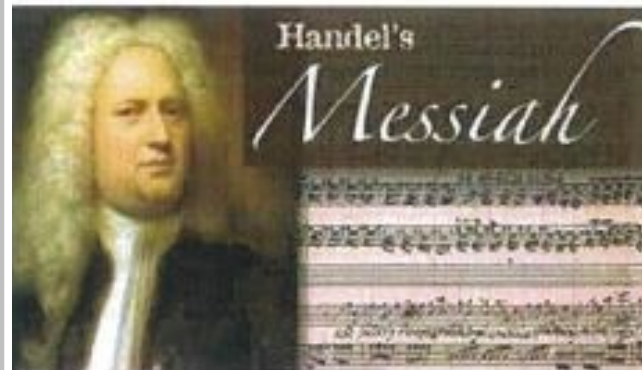
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1411890>

Handel's Messiah will again be presented in Hornsby to welcome the Christmas season.

**Thursday 11 December in
Holy Name Catholic Church Wahroonga.**

Musical Director, Phillip Linnquist, organist Heather Boyd and the choir will be joined by an ensemble of musicians and young professional soloists singing favourite arias.



RCIA Program

Have you ever wanted to know what Catholics actually believe? Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formative process by which those interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church are invited to attend sessions with our priests and RCIA Team over an extended period of time.

They are presented with a variety of essential topics which cover the key pillars of the faith: our profession, celebration, lifestyle, and our prayer.

At different stages of the process, individuals are given the invitation to continue on their journey towards the Easter Sacraments and reception into the Church.

We also offer a special Baptism program for children 5 years and over.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office or speak to our priests directly.

Parish Events

Men's Rosary & Bible Study

The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program - next meeting 16 December

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church

7:10pm Rosary

7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion

Contact: Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069

Alexander Fletcher O.P 0452 524 119
for more information



**FRIDAY EVENINGS
HOLY HOUR from 6:30pm
Final 2025—12 December**

MORNING ROSARY GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join our Rosary Group following the **9:15am Mass Tuesday to Friday** and after the First Saturday of the Month 9:15am Mass.



**Please let the Parish Office know when
your groups are winding up for 2025**



Getting Ready For Christmas

**WANTED:
AGAPANTHUS – WHITE ONLY!!!
Plants and seeds**

We are looking to establish and grow our own supply of **white agapanthus** to use for the floral displays in the Church. If you have white aggies at home and could donate a couple of plants or if you are able to collect some seeds after they have flowered, please bring them to the Church office.



If you're not sure if they're white, please wait until they flower in a few weeks and then donate the plants or seeds after that. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Oong at the Church office (sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au) Thank you!

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday? SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

First Reading: Is 11:1-10: He judges the poor with justice.

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9: Christ, the hope of all people. Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

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

2026 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Joseph House is a young men's house of discernment, an innovative living space for young Catholic men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism. Residents will contemplate, pray and actively discern their vocation, whilst being active in the world maintaining regular work, studies and daily life. Joseph House is located in the Parish of Lower North Shore in Willoughby near the church of St Thomas, enjoying convenient access to public transport.

Throughout a 12-18 month stay, the young men will experience community living and explore an openness to discover where God might be leading them as disciples of Jesus Christ. Residents will meet the challenge of living as Christian men in a fruitful environment, under the guidance of St Joseph as a great role model of virtue and character. The House has the capacity to accommodate six men, and has a chapel as well as various common areas to encourage community life and engagement.

For more information, email josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au OR
Stephen.WayoyiOmwanda@bbcatholic.org.au.

Thank you for your continued support of vocations and for your dedicated pastoral ministry.
With gratitude in Christ,

Fr Stephen Wayoyi Omwanda AJ
Director of Joseph House



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 December 9th 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 the 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday December 13th (11am to 1pm)

- * **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: Saturday 20th December (11am to 1pm)

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

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Wednesday 24th 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.



Volunteers Urgently Needed for Upcoming Events

This weekend

We need people to take a Ziploc bag of flyers and street drop them to the streets indicated on the bag. Also please take an A4 poster and pin to a noticeboard near you. See tables at back of church.

Thursday 11 December - Handel's Messiah

We need people to manage the parking and also to help and guide all the visitors who will be in our church. You will be needed from 7pm onwards.

Please support our concert **Handel's Messiah**. Quite a few of our parish singers are participating. It will be a memorable start to the Christmas season. Purchase tickets online on the link below or pay at the door. All proceeds to help homeless women in our locality. Tickets start at \$20 concession. \$30 full price. Children free.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1411890> or scan the barcode



Monday 15 Decembe - Noel Noel !

This concert by the **Australian Brandenburg Orchestra** is a sell out with 500 people attending. We need help with the car parking. Please let the parish office know if you can help.

Christmas Rosters

Next week we will have a sign up sheet in the Church Foyer

asking for helper for the Christmas Masses:

Acolytes, Servers, Readers, Flowers, Cleaning.

Please help if you can—many hand make light work!



JOIN US THIS
Christmas
AT HOLY NAME WAHROONGA

The parish of Holy Name Wahroonga invites all to join us this Christmas to pray for peace in our troubled world and celebrate the beauty of the Christmas story.

MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve
Wednesday 24 December 2025
Children's Nativity Mass 4.30pm-6pm
Christmas Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Midnight Mass by Candlelight 11.30pm onwards

Christmas Day
Thursday 25 December 2025
Christmas Dawn Mass 8am
Christmas Day Mass 9.30am

HANDEL'S MESSIAH 2025
Thursday 11th December
Presented by the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Ecumenical Choir at Holy Name on Thursday night 11 December at 8pm.
Entry by prebooking tickets via the following link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1411890>
All proceeds will help support Beecroft House. Tickets available at the door.

Everyone is welcome



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

To pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.