

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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		Mr Paul Sutherland (Housebound)
		Volunteer needed please.
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer)
		Vacant—(Secretary)

**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

### 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 Fr Kelvin

**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, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and a representative from St Lucy's.

**Parish Finance Committee:** Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

**Parish Fundraising Committee:** Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul.

**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.**

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## 7th September 2025 — 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Today we thank God for our fathers. We remember all dads, grandfathers, and father figures who care for us. We also pray for those who have gone to heaven. When we think of a father, we think of someone who loves us, protects us, works hard, and helps us grow strong. Saint Joseph was that kind of father for Jesus. His quiet faith and love made a big difference in Jesus' life.

In the Gospel today (Luke 14:25–33), Jesus talks about what it means to follow Him. He says that being a true follower takes love, effort, and sacrifice. Like Saint Joseph, they give their time and energy to support their families, often without asking for anything in return. Their love shows us what it means to follow Jesus with courage and kindness.

The first reading (Wisdom 9:13–18) says that we need God's help to understand life. Fathers often face hard choices and carry many responsibilities. Like Saint Joseph, they trust God to guide them. We are thankful for their faith, strength, and care. Even when things are difficult, they keep going and do their best.

In the second reading (Philemon 9–17), Saint Paul speaks with love about someone he has helped and cared for. This reminds us that being a father also means teaching, guiding, and loving. Today we say thank you to all fathers. We ask God to bless them and help them continue to be good and loving role models. May they feel proud of the love they give and the lives they shape.

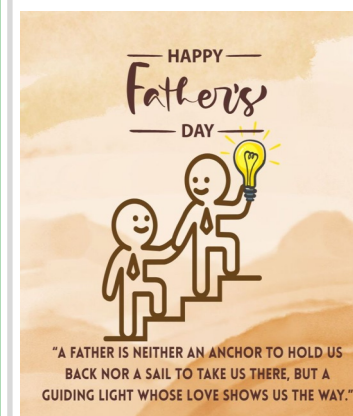
This Wednesday, on the 10th of this month, we joyfully welcome our new priests, Fr Gaspar and Fr Jules-Davy to the parish. Let us open our hearts and make them feel at home in our community. Our prayers, kindness, and support will help them as they begin their mission among us. Together, with their guidance, may we continue to grow as a strong, faith-filled family united in Christ.

Kind regards,

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Fr John will celebrate Mass at 9:15am on Monday, 8 September**  
**The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Fr. John**



**Wishing all our Dads, Grandfathers and other special men in our lives a very Happy Fathers Day!**

God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old and in between.

We pray for new fathers, embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember all fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who will live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

We give thanks for our spiritual fathers, Fr John and our incoming new priests, Fr Gaspar and Fr Jules-Davy for their guidance and support of our parish. **Thank you God for the gift of Fathers. Amen**


Parish Masses This Week						
Monday	8 September	Mass	9.15am	Celebrating the Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	9 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Wednesday	10 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Thursday	11 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Friday	12 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Saturday	13 September	Mass	5.00pm			St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Sunday	14 September	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	THE EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS

Please Remember in your Prayers

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 \*Mike Tighe (husband of Dot, died 1 September aged 92yrs), Matthew Hunter (brother of Julie Levins, died 12 August aged 60yrs).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Immacolata Vumbaca (mother of Nancy, George and Tony, 8th anniversary on 9 September), Pam McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland’s Mum, 7th anniversary, 11 September), HEND El-Daher (mother of Denise Kassis - 16th anniversary on 11 September), Vincenzo Monardo and Nicola Panetta (Tony Mondardo’s Dad 7th anniversary, 12 September and his uncle, 1st anniversary on 12 September), Margaret Denham (Tess Denham-Fabry’s mother, 9th anniversary 14 September), Faye Amodeo (Alan Amodeo’s mother, 8th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Darwell (mother of Steve and Greg, 9th anniversary 6 September), Anthony Pochyly (Grandfather of Cecylia Ramsden, 62nd anniversary, 6 September, Giuseppe Abignano (brother of Gennaro Abignano, 2nd anniversary 31 August), Cedric Holden (husband of Patricia, 27th anniversary on 31 August), Claire McGrath (19th anniversary on 1 September, mother of Dominic, Damien and Justin, sister of Reg Gibbons), Mick O’Conner (father of Louise Limbers, 8th anniversary, 3 September), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 8th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Chris’ Mum, 10th anniversary on 27 August), Sr Patricia Woodbury (1st anniversary 27 August), Betty Laing (Ken’s Mum, 7th anniversary, 22nd August), Louis Planas (19th anniversary on 19 August), Joseph Malouf (7th anniversary, 9 August, husband of Yvonne Malouf) Augusta Matejevski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, 4th anniversary on 9 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 9th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 10th anniversary, 11 August), John McGarry (husband of Linda, much loved parishioner, 3rd anniversary, 12 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 11th anniversary on 13 August), John Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 30th anniversary on 16 August).

**FOR THE SICK:** Peter Dewar (good friend of Reg Gibbons), Jenny O’Brien, Domenic Tavernese (dear friend of the Kassis Family), 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), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), 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).



**\*Funeral Details for Mike Tighe**

Mike Tighe will be farewelled next Thursday, 11 September at 11:00am.

The celebrant will be Fr Geoffrey Plant who married Dot and Mike.

There will be refreshments in the Sunroom following the Funeral Mass.

An Invitation—Handel’s Messiah

**Calling all Choristers**

An ecumenical combined massed choir performance of the best-loved highlights of *Handel’s Messiah* will again be presented in Hornsby to welcome the Christmas season.

**Who is this Choir?** We are Choristers with a love of singing Handel’s Messiah. We come from Hornsby’s surrounding areas and beyond for six rehearsals and one performance every year since 2009. We welcome everyone who enjoys singing Handel’s Messiah, or has always wanted to sing it.

Please join us for this year’s performance on **Thursday 11 December in Holy Name Catholic Church Wahroonga**. No audition required this is an inclusive choir experience.

**Rehearsals:** St Swithun’s Anglican Church, corner Merrivale Road & Telegraph Road, Pymble 7:30pm Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26 November; 3 December.

**Final rehearsal at Holy Name Catholic Church Wahroonga Wednesday 10 December**

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

Interested choristers; single or groups, either contact Sharon at: [hcmessiah@gmail.com](mailto:hcmessiah@gmail.com) or register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1411890>

An Invitation—Serra Vocations



**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?**

**SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE**  
**COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM**

**OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE OUR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FATHER JOEY FREZ.**  
**AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL PROVIDE A VOCATIONS UPDATE AND SHARE HIS VOCATION JOURNEY.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.**

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytyleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.



*We Welcome our New Priests This Week!*

As we prepare to welcome Fr Gaspar Mushi and Fr Jules-Davy Malonga as our new Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest, here is a little about the **Origins & Mission of their order**:

The **Congregation of the Holy Spirit**, commonly known as the **Spiritans** or **Holy Ghost Fathers**, was founded in Paris in **1703** by **Claude-François Poullart des Places**; later revitalized in **1848** through a merger with a congregation founded by Francis Libermann.

**Spiritans in Australia**

The Spiritans began engaging in mission work in Australia starting in the **1970s**:

They returned in **1971**, initially to **Queensland**, then expanded to **Victoria (1977)**, **New South Wales (1991)**, and **Western Australia (1992)**

- ◊ A key milestone was the establishment of **Holy Spirit Parish**, Bray Park, Queensland, around **1974**, delegated by the archbishop to the Spiritans those states, working alongside **four parishes in Papua New Guinea**.
- ◊ Personnel-wise, the Spiritans in Oceania—including Australia—comprise priests and brothers from diverse nations such as **Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Nigeria, PNG, Tanzania, Uganda** and **Vietnam**. As recent as **2024**, Australia is home to **nine active** and **two retired Spiritan priests**, illustrating their active presence today.

**Institutions & Ministry**

- ◊ The Spiritans are officially registered under Australian charitable frameworks, e.g., at **Strathpine, QLD** (National Redress Scheme records and ACNC listings refer to them as the **Congregation of the Holy Spirit Australia**, also known as **The Spiritans Australia**).They minister through a network of **parishes and churches** across Australia. These include:  
Churches in Western Australia (e.g., Broomehill, Cranbrook, Kojonup, South Hedland, Newman, Frankland, Tambellup, Tom Price), and in Queensland (e.g., St Michael’s, Dorrington and Church of the Holy Spirit, Bray Park).

**Broader Role & Values**

- ◊ Globally and in Australia, Spiritans focus on **evangelisation, education, and pastoral care**, aiming to build **local, sustainable faith communities** that reflect local culture and leadership.
- ◊ As part of **Spiritans Oceania**, they engage in retreats, parish life, educational initiatives, and community events tailored to Australian and PNG contexts.
- ◊ The Spiritans are officially recognised among religious orders in Australia under Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) listings as **Spiritans – Congregation of the Holy Spirit (CSSp)**.

Aspect	Details
Founding	1703 in Paris; revitalized in 1848
Mission	Evangelization of poor and marginalized
Australia Arrival	First established presence: 1971 (QLD), expanded across states by 1992
Parishes	7 in Australia, with additional in Papua New Guinea
Personnel	~9 active + 2 retired priests in Australia (as of 2024)
Institutional Presence	Official charity and redress listings; numerous church sites
Values	Evangelisation, education, local leadership, community engagement

*What do the Readings say to us this Sunday*  
**23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 9:13-18: Who can comprehend the will of the Lord.  
**Second Reading:** Philemon 9-10, 12-17: Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother. Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Lk 14:25-33: All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

*Fr Kelvin’s Farewell Mass and Morning Tea*

Thank you to everyone who came to Fr Kelvin’s Farewell Mass, especially our wonderful choir and to all those who stayed for his Farewell Morning Tea. Fr Kelvin sends his sincere thanks and gratitude for the immense number of good wishes and very generous gifts from the parish. He was very overwhelmed and very humbled by the generosity and kindness and shown to him.





## Parish Help Needed



### Can you spare a couple of hours on a Friday?

We are looking for another helper (or helpers) to assist with the pre-weekend clean up of the Church (vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, general tidying). Please let the Parish Office know if you can help. Thank you.

**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 welcome to attend. A dedicated group of volunteers assist with Children's Liturgy, with a commitment of only one Sunday each school term.

We are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to assist with this wonderful ministry as either a leader or assistant. Training and all materials are provided. If you are interested in finding out what is involved in helping with Children's Liturgy, please feel welcome to join. There are safeguarding requirements (WWCC) if you wish to join our team). Contact Sally Oong at the Parish office for more details 9489 3221.

## Parish Events

### HOLY HOUR

Friday evenings 6:30pm

Everyone is Welcome



### Senior Ladies Group:

Meets on the **First Thursday of the month** at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom. **Next Meeting - THURSDAY 2 October**

For further details contact: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819

### 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 9 September

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



### CAYA

**Come As You Are Discussion and Reflection Group** following morning Mass on Thursdays (during term time). **Please note the 11 September meeting will be held in the Presbytery Dining Room.**



## Sacramental Program - Confirmation Has Started

**Eligibility:** Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least **Year 3** at school.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Enrolments now open: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYAMC>

### Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet in a large group at Prouille School Hall on:

**Lesson 3: Saturday, 6th September at 3.45pm**

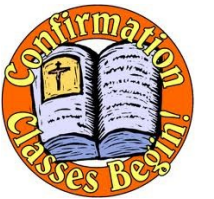
**Lesson 4: Saturday, 13th September at 3.45pm, with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the whole family.**

**Practice:** Tuesday, 16th September, 6pm at the Church.

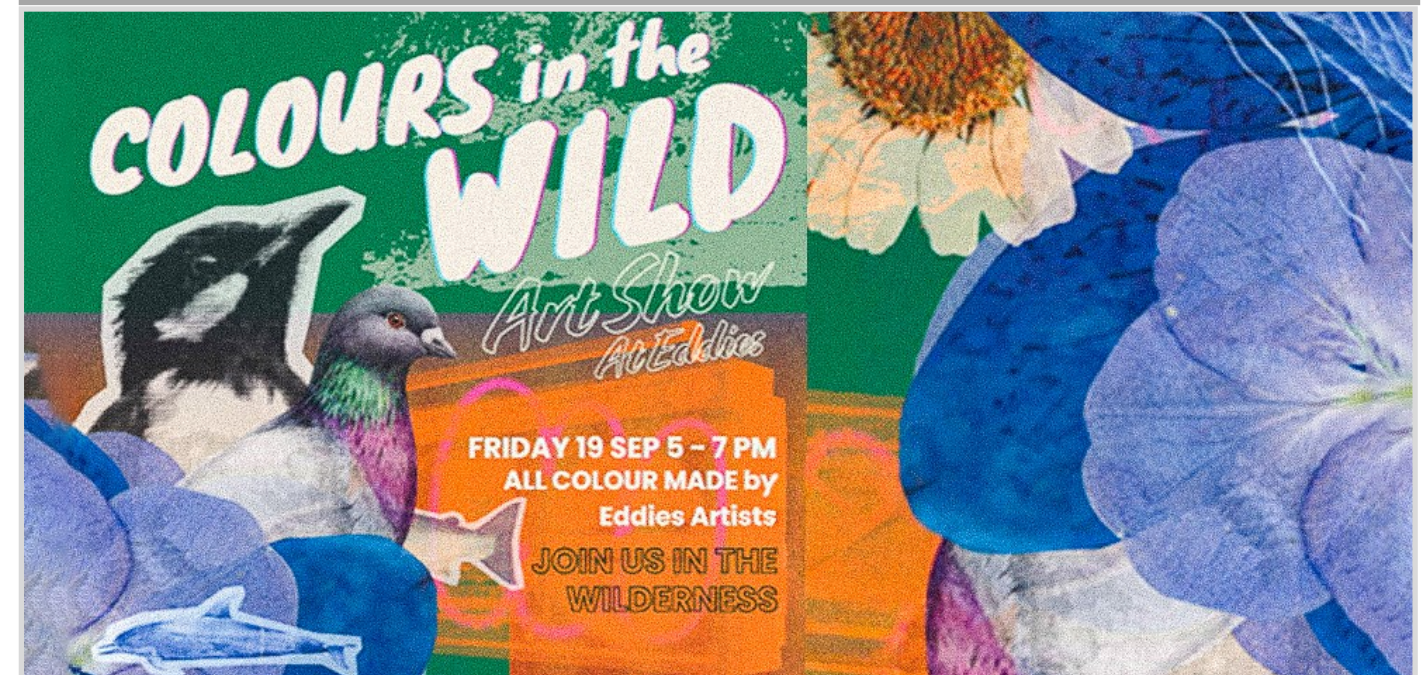
**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:**

**Thursday 18th September at 6.00pm**

***It is a condition of enrolment that full completion of this Program is required in order for your child to celebrate Confirmation. Please contact Sally Oong if you need to discuss this.***



## St Edmund's College Presents: "Colours in the WILD"



**Colours in the WILD – Eddie's Art Show 🍷 🌿 Friday 19 September 5pm – 7pm**

The St Edmund's College hall is about to go wild with colour! Join us for Colours in the WILD – a celebration of the creativity, imagination and talent of our Eddie's artists from Year 5 to Year 12. Expect birds, botanical beasts, blooms and a few surprises – every piece telling its own story and showing the heart and humour of our students.

**📍 St Edmund's College Wahroonga School Hall – Entry via Braeside Street**  
**Free entry, BBQ sausage sizzle, and donations welcome to support our Creative Arts program.**  
**Bring your family, bring your friends – we can't wait to see you there!**