

“They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



7 November — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 31st October - our 9.30am Mass was celebrated by the newly ordained **Fr Sam** as a **Mass of Thanksgiving**. Afterwards Fr Sam was presented with some gifts from Holy Name Parish. Fr Paul (Parish Priest) and Gemma McDermott (Chair PPMC) both offered words of congratulations on behalf of the parish, the Fr Sam responded with words of thanks. Morning tea/brunch followed Mass and it was wonderful to see many people stay and enjoy the festivities. We were fortunate to have Fr Sam's parents, Bernard and Christine French join us. They sent this note through during the week:



“To Fr Paul, Fr Anselam and parishioners of Holy Name Wahroonga,

Thank you for the warm welcome you extended to us last weekend at Fr Sam's Thanksgiving Mass. We felt very much honoured by your parish community.

Thank you for the beautiful liturgy and lovely morning tea and gifts of chocolate and a hydrangea plant. Thank you to the children for their lovely artwork.

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward making the liturgy and the celebration afterward, welcoming Fr Sam, a special occasion.

God bless you all - Bernard and Christine French”

Note of thanks from Fr Sam

I would once again like to offer my sincere thanks to all the parishioners and volunteers who made my Thanksgiving Mass last Sunday such a special occasion. I would also like to thank the parish for the wonderful gifts and heartfelt card I received on the day.

The greatest gift, however, was to see so many in the community back together again after so long! I didn't realise how much I missed seeing everyone's faces (even if only your eyes). The joy of the celebration has stayed with me all week.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all, I look forward to seeing more of you in the weeks and months to come.

In Christ, Fr Sam



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	8 November	No Mass			Weekday, Ordinary Time 32
Tuesday	9 November	Mass	9.15am		The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wednesday	10 November	Mass	9.15am		St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
Thursday	11 November	Mass	9.15am		St Martin of Tours, bishop
Friday	12 November	Mass	9.15am		St Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Saturday	13 November	Mass	5.00pm		Weekday, Ordinary Time 32
Sunday	14 November	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John O'Brien (died 15 October, aged 89, father of Dominic, Michael, Sean, Simone, Patrick and Mark), Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum, died 15 October aged 92), Geoffrey Bolt (son of friend of Leila McCreton), Paul Joseph Santamaria (father of Tom, died 10 October aged 59 years), Kere Molesworth (nee Ockwell; mother of Richard, Pru and Alex, died 21 September), Bruno Schicht (husband of Mavis, father of Nick and Karin, died 20 September), Don Matheson (brother in law of John Clark, died in Melbourne, 17 September), Susana Velasco (friend of Rose Raward, died in the Philippines), Lyn Smith (mother of Mandy York, died in South Africa), Fr James Duck (died 9 September), Eduardo Gregory (son of Remi and Terry), Edward Brown, Giovanni (John) Papandrea (husband of Catarina (Nancy), father of Maria and Tonella, died 1 September aged 81yrs), Fr Paul Purcell OP (Parish Priest of Holy Name Wahroonga from 1982-1989, died 29 August aged 94yrs), Fr John Neil OP (ordained at HNW October 1960; brother of Carole Wilson, died 21 August), Dexter John Giblin (died 17 August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, died 9 August), Trish Panton (died 2 August, aged 85), Gigliola Cantarella (friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 3rd anniversary 10 November), Arie van der Plaats (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 6th anniversary on 13 November), Caesar Bruno (father of Terri Vernier, 3rd anniversary on 18 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 7th anniversary on 19 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 4th anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 10th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 3rd anniversary on 21 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 8th anniversary 23rd October), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 12th anniversary on 25 October), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 36th anniversary on the 9 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 12th Anniversary on 9 October), Róisín Brosnan (mother of Louise Smith, 1st anniversary 21st September), Bev Dunlop (2nd anniversary on 17 September, friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan), Phylis Arnott (21st anniversary on 15 September), Maria Pullin (wife of Gordon, 1st anniversary, 16 September), John Delaney (friend of John McGarry, 1st anniversary, 11 September), Michael Matejovski (23rd anniversary on 13 September) and Emilia Matejovski (11th anniversary on 22nd September) - parents of Amalie Gunzenhauser, Hend El-Daher (mother of Denise Kassis - 13th anniversary on 11 September), Margaret Denham (Tess Denham-Fabry's mother, 5th anniversary 13 September), Shirley Ranson (Fr David's Mum - 7th anniversary on 18 September), Eileen and Aloy de Silva (parents of Sandra Fernando—29 September), Claire McGrath (wife of Ves, 15th anniversary on 1 September), Faye Amodeo (Alan Amodeo's mother, 4th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Darwell (Greg's mother, 5th anniversary 6 September), Mick O'Conner (father of Louise Limbers, 4th anniversary, 3 September, Vincenzo Monardo (Tony's Dad, 3rd anniversary), Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 3rd anniversary, 22nd August), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 4th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Mum of Chris, 6th anniversary on 27 August),

FOR THE SICK:

Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Halina Brzozowski, Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clark, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiaco, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, 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, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

A new online App to assist Parish giving ~ Parish Giving Broken Bay is a newly developed digital App for the Catholic community in Broken Bay, which offers weekly giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections. The App is available on desktop or mobile at www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving Or search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay" and download the App in your mobile store.

What do the readings say to us this Sunday?

First Reading (1 Kings 17:10-16). In the middle of a famine, a poor widow shares the last of her food with the prophet Elijah, and far from losing by doing so, she is enriched.

Second Reading (Hebrews 9:24-28). Through his death Christ has taken our sins upon himself and has opened for us the door to salvation.

Gospel (Mark 12:38-44). In the eyes of others the offering of the widow was the least, but in the eyes of Christ it was the greatest.

In biblical times widows were among the poorest of the poor. The widow in the First Reading was gentile, and she had a son to support. She was down to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. After that she and her child must starve. Yet, by sharing it with the prophet, she has an never ending supply of flour and oil. She represents those people, who, despite poverty and oppression, place all their trust in God.

In the Gospel, Jesus' denunciation of the public display of the Scribes provides a background for an example of genuine religious behaviour on the part of a widow. Her example of true piety and devotion contrasts sharply with the counterfeit piety of the Scribes. The widow let go of every shred of security, and committed herself wholly to God. The story is as much about trust in God as about generosity. The widow's generosity results from her trust in God.

Reflection/Quote for the Week

Mother Teresa told a story how one day she was walking down the street when a person who was beggar came up to her and said, 'Mother Teresa, everybody is giving to you, I also want to give to you. Today, for the whole day, I got only thirty cents. I want to give it to you.'

Mother Teresa thought for a moment: 'If I take the thirty cents he will have nothing to eat tonight, and if I don't take it I will hurt his feelings. So I put out my hands and I took the money. I have never seen such joy on anybody's face as I saw on the face of that beggar man at the thought that he too could give to Mother Teresa.'

Mother Teresa went on: 'It was a big sacrifice for that poor man, who had sat in the sun all day long and received only thirty cents. It was beautiful. Thirty cents is such a small amount, and I can get nothing with it, but as he gave it up and I took it, it became like thousands because it was given with so much love. God looks, not at the greatness of the work, but at the love with which it is performed.'



Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal - 6th and 7th November 2021

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donation helps the following five charities:

Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners-

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or sick in hospital.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine -

Catechists taking the gospel to State school students.

St Edmund's College -

Serving year 7-12 students with disability.

St Lucy's School -

Serving year K-12 students with disability.

Ephpheta Centre -

Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



Donations over \$2 are 100% Tax Deductible.

Community Forum - Affordable Housing this Monday, 8th November

You are invited to a Community Forum on **Monday coming at Gordon Uniting Church, on the corner of Pacific Highway and Cecil St, opposite Ravenswood School in Cecil St. at 5.30 – 6.30 p.m.** You need to register at <https://events.humanitix.com/ku-ring-gai-community-forum>

The Community Forum is designed to make our community aware of a real injustice perpetrated by our Council of Ku-ring-gai. Ku-ring-gai is one of a very few Councils in Sydney that has not adopted an affordable housing policy let alone a plan for implementation. Affordable housing covers rental (and purchase if possible, which it generally isn't) accommodation for people on a moderate income ie. below \$80,000 – 100,000. This includes most of our key workers, nurses, police constables, young teachers, paramedics. The level below that, low income workers includes retail staff, old age workers, hospital cleaning staff and so on. Our Council has made no provision for any of these categories of workers because they say that Ku-ring-gai residents don't care, that our only interest is in seeing the value of our houses and our investment properties rise. Next door to us, Willoughby Council has been implementing an affordable housing strategy for years and is currently building a low-rise block of units at the back of their Library for key workers.

Why does it matter? Because women and children are trapped in violent home situations because leaving means taking their children out of their schools and away from their friends to a suburb far away at a time of trauma in their lives. They can only take refuge in a shelter for a limited period and while everyone is trying to find a place for them to go, they are preventing another family finding refuge. Or see how in our area, ageing parents don't have their children near them because of the cost of housing. Consider how far key workers have to travel to work if their job is in Ku-ring-gai. And the struggle that many businesses in the area have to find workers and how they are prevented from expanding because they can't get staff who can afford to live here. There are solutions, innovative solutions that only require the right zoning rules and do not require high-rise blocks of units. That can all be covered by a good affordable housing strategy. All that is missing is any will on the part of Council to make it happen.

We will all be voting on 4th December or before. Come along to the Community Forum and help us make affordable housing a commitment on every Councillor and Candidate's ticket.

Pope Francis has asked us to make the Covid pandemic crisis a motivation to create a better, more compassionate and less divided world. Do we really want Ku-ring-gai to be an exclusionary zone for Sydney's elite? What about our Catholic commitment to people on the margins? Who are we as Church if only Mercedes and Porsches are in our car parks? That's where we are headed unless Council takes action. Come along and join in the discussion on this coming Monday at 5.30 p.m. **For Covid reasons, you need to register, at <https://events.humanitix.com/ku-ring-gai-community-forum>**

Preparing for Advent: A Retreat in Daily Life



Do you thirst for Spiritual Conversation?

All are welcome to join us in experiencing and praying

The First Spiritual Exercises (FSE) during a Retreat in daily life.

Over five Wednesday evenings in November (from Nov 10th to Dec 8th) we will guide you through this gentle retreat, which offers participants the deeper graces of tender love, hope, faith and inner peace with the Lord.



The First Spiritual Exercises are series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking a more intimate relationship with our Creator and a deep inner peace.

Participants are guided by Givers of the First Spiritual Exercises through a contemplative prayer each Wednesday (and then will continue at home during the week with prepared prayer exercises).

Throughout the Retreat you will be invited to pray, be silent, journal in your listening book, and then gather to listen and share your experiences with sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Our facilitators, Karen and Cheryl, are Givers of the FSE completing their training and will be mentored and supported by their FSE trainers Anita Davine and Annmarie Sutton, members of the FSE national training team.

When: Starts **Wednesday 10th November** Time: 7.30pm via Zoom

Bookings are essential, numbers limited. Please contact Karen on 0433 570 184 or Karen.e.wong@gmail.com to book and receive zoom details (or Jackie at the Holy Name parish office)

Remembering our Deceased during November

November Masses

We welcome everyone to submit photos of their deceased relatives and friends for display during this coming November. The back of the framed photo (no larger than A4) should identify the deceased, together with the name and contact number of the contributor. The photos may be left at any stage during November (commencing the afternoon on Monday, 1st November) in front of the lectern on the sanctuary.

Remembering our Loved Ones in November



Book of Remembrance: Offering Mass and prayer for the Holy Souls

In November we pray for the Holy Souls, those who have gone before us in faith. In some places and cultures, people go to the cemetery to visit and pray at the graves of their loved ones.

Throughout November, we shall have the **Book of Remembrance**. You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Special envelopes are available to make an offering.



It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed of their sins.”

2 Maccabees 12:46

*“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.”*

Fr Sam's Mass of Thanksgiving—Sunday 31st October

Thank you to Ray Attard who kindly provided these photos.
Here is a link to more photos from Ray Attard Photography <https://rb.gy/iebyrh>



*Congratulations
Fr. Samuel
French!*



Spirit of St Lucy's

Congratulations Fr Sam!

The St Lucy's community were very excited to be involved in the recent celebration of Fr Sam's ordination! Each class created beautiful rainbow artworks that helped decorate the entry doors of the Church for Fr Sam's Mass of Thanksgiving... and Sr Helen, our school chaplain, presented some gifts to Fr Sam on the school's behalf during the week.

He received an artwork titled 'This is no ordinary day' which was created by our After School Art Project students, and a personalised priest's stole that was designed and drawn by our Art Scholarship students.

We feel very blessed as a school community to have such wonderful pastoral support from three wonderful priests at Holy Name! We pray that Fr Sam's journey throughout his vocation will continue to provide him with much grace and love.



Saints we remember this week

Saint Leo the Great - (c. 400 – 461) Feast Day—10 November

Also known as Pope Saint Leo I. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details pertaining to Leo's place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany.

St. Leo the Great became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. That is why he was often sent out to settle disputes, both secular and theological. Following Pope Celestine, the next Pope was Pope Sixtus III.

When Pope Sixtus III passed away, Leo was then elected as the next pope in 440. His swift election reflected the respect he had among the people from his service to the Lord and the affection the faithful had this pastoral and wise servant of the Lord.

Pope Leo was deeply dedicated to his service as pope. He saw himself as privileged to sit in the Chair of St Peter, as the servant of the servants of God. He worked diligently as "Peter's successor." Over time, Leo became known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. Leo died on November 10, 461. He wished to be buried as close as possible to St. Peter's tomb. His body was first laid in the entrance of St. Peter's basilica but was later moved inside the basilica in 688.



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

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

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

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

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 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: Gemma McDermott (Chair), 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 Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (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 has a NEW 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 and so we are asking that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible by emailing: jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests.

It is very much 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