



8 March 2026 - *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

“SIR, GIVE ME SOME OF THAT WATER...”

Among the themes of Lenten season is conversion. The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is rich in historical and cultural nuance that enhances our understanding and interpretation of this passage and the process of conversion.

When Jesus asks the woman for a drink, He breaks two cultural taboos: firstly, for a man to speak directly to a strange woman was somewhat scandalous; secondly, as the Samaritan woman points out, Jesus is a Jew and directly addresses a Samaritan – another scandal.

Jesus successfully gains the woman’s attention by ignoring these social taboos, but she fails to fully understand his reference to ‘living water’. The reference to the woman’s five husbands has often been construed to suggest that she was either a woman of bad behaviour or a serial widow.

However, it may in fact be reference to the Samaritans binding themselves (wedding themselves) to the five books of the Torah and ignoring the writings of the prophets and other later writings.

This reference is followed by another fact that set Jews and Samaritans apart: the Samaritans worshipped God on a local mountain, Mt Gerazim, whilst the Jews held that true worship could only take place in Jerusalem.

Jesus dismisses this major difference between Jews and Samaritans by declaring that soon ‘true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth’. He is indicating the much more personal relationship with God that he models; not bound up by ritual, place, and law.

Having set the scene for breaking down the walls between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus then reveals to the woman unequivocally that he is the promised Messiah.

The woman rushes back to the town to spread the good news about Jesus. She becomes a missionary for him, and a remarkably effective witness. The people are convinced by her testimony and flock to Jesus where they have their own personal faith encounter with Jesus.

By the virtue of our baptism, all the members of the family of God have become missionary disciples of Jesus. All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith are agents of evangelization.

Fr. Gaspar Mushi, Cssp.



Saturday 21st March is the anniversary of the Opening of our Church in 1954.

It is also **Harmony Day**: recognising our diversity, encouraging people to reflect on the importance of community belonging, cultural respect, and unity.

Our Parish is celebrating this important day at the Saturday 5pm Mass with dinner afterwards.

Please bring a plate of food from your family to share with our community after Mass.

We shall also have a sausage sizzle bbq.

We invite you to wear your cultural attire or orange to show your support.

Would your child like to read or help at the Mass? To register your child to take part, please contact Sally Oong at the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au asap.

PARISH HAND TREE

We shall also have a Parish ‘Hand Tree’ made by our parishioners and students at our local schools.

Please feel welcome to add your own handprint to the community tree, BYO or use a provided ‘hand’.



Parish Masses This Week

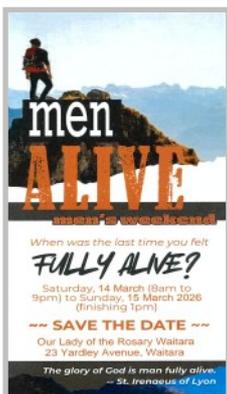
Monday	9 March	No Mass				Monday of the 3rd week of Lent
Tuesday	10 March	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent
Wednesday	11 March	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent
Thursday	12 March	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent
Friday	13 March	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 3rd week of Lent
Saturday	14 March	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent
Sunday	15 March	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: 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: 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), , Ina Alsaka (mother of Suzanne Cooke, 12th anniversary on 9 March), Jonas Buzinskas (father of Peter, anniversary on 9 March), Helen Gait (wife of Tom, 5th anniversary, 9 March), Julia Martin (friend of Joanne Dummer, 3rd anniversary 19 February), Kerry Lupton (4th anniversary, 20 February, wife of Vic, former parishioner and friend of Jen and Barry Clibborn), Jack Jones (brother in law of Jo and Frank Waldron, 5th anniversary 21 February), Tom Anderson (father of Margaret MacMillan) anniversary 22 February), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe, 4th anniversary 22 February), Maggie Hendriks (mother of Yvonne van den Berg, 3rd anniversary 24 February), Maureen Taylor (Carol Reidy's mother, 15th anniversary on 13 February), Reg Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 8th anniversary on 14 February), Julia Martin (friend of Joanne Dummer, 3rd anniversary 19 February), Kerry Lupton (4th anniversary, 20 February, wife of Vic, former parishioner and friend of Jen and Barry Clibborn), Jack Jones (brother in law of Jo and Frank Waldron, 5th anniversary 21 February), Tom Anderson (father of Margaret MacMillan) anniversary 22 February), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe, 4th anniversary 22 February), Margaret Bizannes (14th anniversary on 7 February).

FOR THE SICK: 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).



SAVE THE DATE 14-15 MARCH - MEN ALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by a team of menALIVE experienced facilitators and is for men from 18 years of age.

Brochures with full details and Registration Form are available in the Church foyer.

**YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 CATCH UP
THIS FRIDAY 6 MARCH - 4:00pm to 6:00pm**
All are welcome, just turn up!
Snacks, activities, discussions, games

**PPMC (Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council)
NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN THE CHURCH FOYER AND
GIVE TO FR GASPAR OR THE PARISH OFFICE.
BE A VOICE FOR OUR PARISH**

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7: Give us water to drink.

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8: The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42: The water that I shall give you will turn into a spring of eternal life.



Holy Hour

This Friday - 6:30pm

NOTE: Fridays during Lent - STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30pm

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 10 March

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.

Sacramental Program—Reconciliation



RECONCILIATION

(February, March 2026)



Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHMJH>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will next be celebrated in Term 4, 2026.

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall before 3.45pm.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

Lesson 1: Saturday, 28 February at 3.45pm,

Lesson 2: Saturday, 7 March at 3.45pm,

Lesson 3: Saturday, 14 March at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle. **(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church:
Wednesday 18 March at 6.00pm**

If you cannot attend a lesson, please let Sally Oong or the Parish Office know so an alternative time can be set. It is compulsory to attend all the lessons and to complete the preparation.



Last Saturday we welcomed back our Sacramental Program children.

They have now completed their first week of preparation and we look forward to welcoming them again this week at Saturday's 5:00pm Mass followed by a sausage sizzle to which everyone is welcome.

Our Schools—Upcoming Open Days



OPEN DAY 2026

The St Edmund's College 2026 Open Day will be held on Tuesday 10 March from 9.30am - 12pm.

We warmly invite you to come along and enjoy a tour of our state-of-the-art Year 5-12 campus and facilities. We provide, for Year 5 and Year 6 students, an opportunity to access a high-quality transition program within a special needs educational context. For Year 7-12 students, our high school model provides our students with the delivery of a NESA Life Skills curriculum within a unique and innovative educational environment offering a range of experiences that include VET courses, work experience and transition to post-school opportunities.

Morning tea will be provided, as well as information sessions facilitated by members of our Leadership Team and Allied Health Team. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please register at www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au/open-day

- 🌐 www.stedmunds.nsw.edu.au
- ✉ reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au
- 📍 60 Burns Road, Wahroonga
- ☎ 02 9487 1044



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAYS



SIENA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Campus Pymble

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

• 4:00PM-7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

• 9:00AM-10:30AM

ENROLLING FOR
Year 7 2027 & Year 7 2028

CSBB primary school students benefit from a direct pathway and priority enrolment into Year 7 at Siena College.

REGISTER TODAY TO ATTEND

NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au

Discover Siena

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER TODAY
TO JOIN OUR MARCH OPEN DAYS



ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2028



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 14 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm

35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon

1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

at www.spx.nsw.edu.au



A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 - 12



Loreto
Normanhurst

Open Day

Saturday, 21 March 2026

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Campus Tours | Principal Presentations | Learning and Extra-Curricular Showcase
Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals

Our Schools—Upcoming Open Days



OPEN DAY SAT 28 MAR 10-1PM
TUE 25 AUG 9-11AM

Discover a Catholic education for girls in Years 7-12

-  **RANKED 6TH IN NSW** | Top Performing Affordable Schools* by The Daily Telegraph, Year 7 fees starting from just \$8,080**
-  **QUALITY EDUCATION** | Established for more than 135 years, we set the standard for quality education with outstanding academic results - **Ranked 101 in SMH HSC Ranking 2025**
-  **OVERALL WELBEING** | Safe, supportive environment with structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programs
-  **SUBJECT CHOICE** | A broad selection of electives from Year 7 through to HSC supported by a dynamic, responsive, and diverse approach to learning
-  **CO-CURRICULAR** | Over 30 programs, including Creative Arts, Debating & Public Speaking, special interest clubs, Sport programs extended to weekend sport with specialised coaches and academics
-  **TRANSPORT** | Centrally located in Chatswood, minutes from Chatswood Interchange (Bus, Train & Metro)
-  **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** | As part of Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) families benefit from sibling discounts

mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au

 **REGISTER NOW**

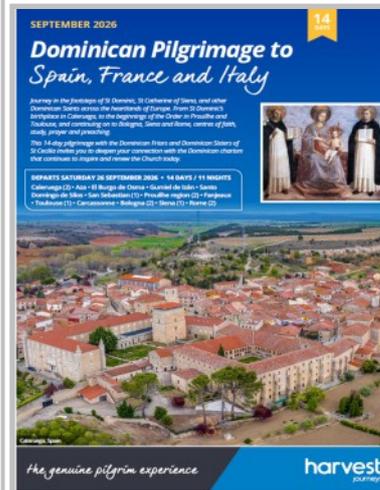
Dominican Pilgrimage 2026

Everyone is invited to journey in the footsteps of St Dominic, St Catherine of Siena, and other Dominican Saints across the heartlands of Europe.

From St Dominic's birthplace in Caleruega, to the beginnings of the Order in Prouilhe and Toulouse, and continuing on to Bologna, Siena and Rome, centres of faith, study, prayer and preaching.

This 14-day pilgrimage with the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia invites you to deepen your connection with the Dominican charism that continues to inspire and renew the Church today.

<https://bookings.harvestjourneys.com/PV2656>



Brochures with the full itinerary and costs are available in the Church Foyer.

Parish News and Events

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.



CAYA Come As You Are
Discussion & Reflection Group

Thursdays after morning Mass. We meet in the Parish Sunroom. **Everyone is welcome.**

Senior Ladies Group

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom
For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819



YEAR 7 and YEAR 8 CATCH UP

The next meeting will be held on

Friday 20th March from 4pm to 6pm. All are welcome, just turn up!
Snacks, activities, discussions, games

For further details contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com or the Parish Office.



Lent



POP UP NEWS

Preparations for Easter Sunday will start in mid-March. All welcome to join.

The **Pop Up Choir** first formed 2011. It has provided uplifting choral music for **Christmas Day** and **Easter Sunday** in a relaxed and inclusive way for 14 years.

From Easter 2026, the choir will take on a new name and add to its schedule of masses.

The choir has traditionally come together for important feasts, so we are changing our name to the

Holy Name Festival Choir

We hope this change will bring together singers from all existing Holy Name singing ensembles, as well as welcoming new singers for these special celebratory liturgies.

Please join us in the new **Festival Choir** for **Easter Sunday 2026** which falls on **5 April**.

Rehearsals

Saturdays **14, 21, 28 March** and **4 April 2026** from **9am-10.30am** in the church or sunroom. Singers of all abilities welcome.

All training is provided.

Please email chrisiegoldrick@gmail.com

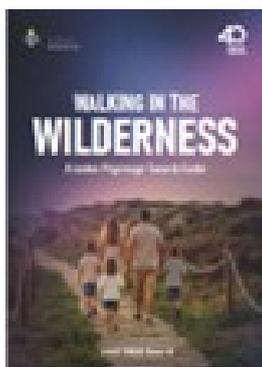
or let the parish office know you would like to take part, or sign the sheet at the back of church.



Important Dates: *Looking ahead to the next season of the Church*

Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Fridays during Lent
(commencing 20 February)

Palm Sunday	29 March
Holy Thursday	2 April
Good Friday	3 April
Easter Sunday	5 April



Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklet 2026
Walking in the Wilderness:
A Lenten Pilgrimage
Towards Easter

Booklets available in the Church - please take one home with you.

What Is Lent?

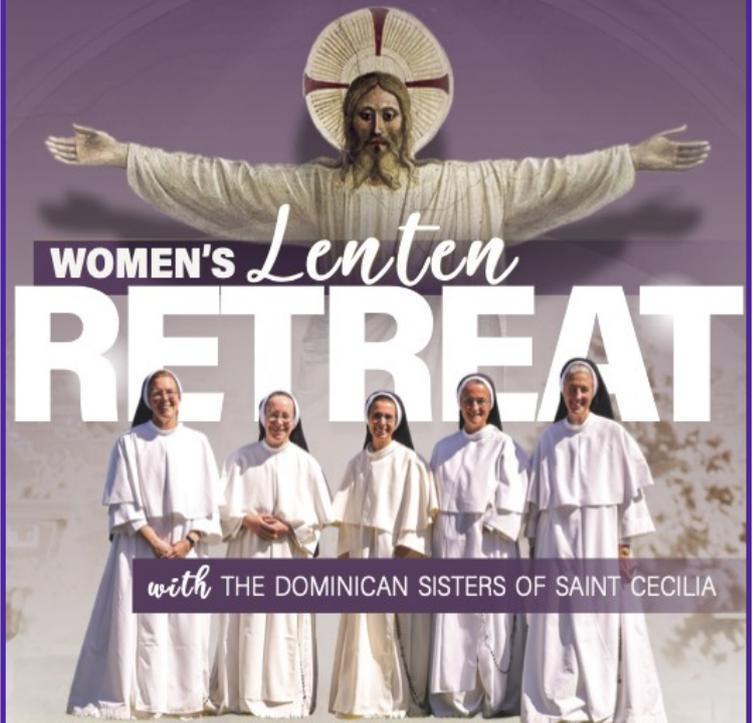
Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, self-examination, and penance leading up to the celebration of Easter. Catholics use this time to imitate Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert.

It is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and grow in spiritual discipline.

We focus on self-denial, prayerful reflection, and charitable acts as a means of drawing closer to God.

An Invitation Women's Lenten Retreat

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



with THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SAINT CECILIA

seek His face
PSALM 27

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS • EUCHARISTIC ADORATION • CONFESSIONS
• TALKS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS • BREAKOUT SESSIONS • CATHOLIC STALLS

OPTION 1
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026
9AM-4PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

OPTION 2
SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026
9AM-4PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



TO REGISTER
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DIBPT



Project Compassion/Caritas - Helping Others in Lent

Third Sunday of Lent 7–8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home.

With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



Thank you for standing with us, as we
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Around and About

Invitations from Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?

by DR JOANNA HOWE

Join us for this important talk on upholding the dignity of life in our society. Leading Australian pro-life speaker, Dr Joanna Howe, will present "How do we make abortion unthinkable in Australia?"

**Our Lady of the Rosary
The Light of Christ Centre**
End Yardley Ave, Waitara

20 March 2026
7:30 - 9:30pm

Refreshments provided.
All welcome.



JOELLE MARYN

BECOME THE FIRE

Join us for an evening with Joelle Maryn, actress and author, whose powerful conversion story and message of God's healing love have reached over half a billion people worldwide.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
The Light of Christ Centre,**
End of Yardley Ave, Waitara

18th March
7:30 - 9:30 PM

Register:



**HORNSBY
CATHEDRAL
PARISH**

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



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, 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.