

Catholic Parish of Warringah

Diocese of Broken Bay, NSW- Scalabrinian Fathers

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<u>3rd December 2023 : First Sunday in Advent — Year B</u>

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<u>St Kevin's Church</u>

Weekday Masses: Mon-Sat:8:30am (Holy Rosary 8am) , Friday 12 Noon

Week-end Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday: 8am; 9.15am, 10.30am (in Italian); 6pm

Filipino Mass: 1st Sunday of the month 4pm & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11.45am in Tagalog

<u>Mass in Spanish</u>: 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4pm <u>Brazilian Mass</u>: 2nd & Last Saturday at 4pm. <u>Every 4th Sunday</u>:

Chaplaincy Youth Mass at 6.00 pm **Reconciliation:** Saturday: 9am

<u>Cenacle of Prayer</u>: Wednesday after the 8.30am Mass

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays of the month: 7pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Fridays after 8.30am Mass till 11.45am <u>Legion of Mary</u>: Every Thursday at 2pm <u>Divine Mercy</u> :3rd Friday at 7pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm except 1st Wednesday (Novena Mass is every 1st Wednesday at 7pm)

<u>St John the Apostle Church</u>

Weekday Masses: Tuesday—Saturday: 9.30am (Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 9.00am)

Week-end Mass Times Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sunday: 8am & 10am (Rosary at 9.30am) Reconciliation: Saturday: following the 9.30am Mass

EucharisticAdoration:Monday7pm-8pm **1st Saturday 8:45am**: Devotion & Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (prayers for Souls in Purgatory)



'Advent' means 'coming' and this season reminds us of the 'already' and the 'not yet'. Jesus has 'already' come in his incarnation, and at Christmas we recall the events of his historical coming among us as a baby at Bethlehem. Jesus will come again to gather everything and present it to the heavenly Father. At Jesus' first coming, the angels sang of 'joy to the world'. This joy, Pope Francis reminds us, fills the hearts and lives of people today when they encounter Jesus. This joy will be complete when Christ comes again in glory. At that time God 'will wipe away every tear; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness'.

The world of the past has gone.

"Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Jo	ohn's, Na	rrawe	ena :
Saturday	5.00pm	2	
Sunday	8.00am	3	
	10.00am		
Tuesday	9.30am	5	
Wednesday	9.30am	6	
Thursday St Ambrose	9.30am	7	
Friday Immaculate C tion of Mary	9.30am Concep-	8	
Saturday	9.30am	9	
	St. Kev	in's, D	ee Why:
Saturday	- 1-	2	
Sunday	8.00am	3	Dec Maeve McGowan
	9.15am		Dec Maria Severina Mendes
	10 .30am		Dec Carlo Guardala, Francesco Pugliese
6.00pm			Dec Rosario Mauro, Concetta Panucci (2nd anniv) , Rocco Panucci, Rosina Paola, Raffaele Paola,
Monday	8.30am	4	
Tuesday	8.30am	5	
Wednesday	[,] 8.30am	6	
	llam		Funeral service for Raymond Wilson
Thursday St Ambrose	8.30am	7	
Friday Immaculate C tion of Mary	8.30am Concep-	8	
,	10am		Funeral Mass for Grazia Raso
12 Noon			
Saturday	8.30am	9	



<u>St John's Narraweena Vinnies Christmas Appeal</u> Vinnies will hold their Annual Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 9th & 10th December at all Masses. Envelopes will be available for those, who would like to donate through the envelopes or make a Hamper. Hamper envelopes will contain details of the family and recommendations for purchases. We would appreciate if the hampers can be returned on or before 17th December for delivery to families in need. Thanking you in advance. Blessings of the Holy Family. John Colby, President.

Voluntary Assisted Dying. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2022 comes into effect this week, 28 November 2023. This means eligible people in NSW will be able to request medical assistance to end their life. "This is profoundly sad and disappointing," Bishop Anthony said. "Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering. "A genuinely humane society, and I am sure that's what we all want, is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them." The Diocese of Broken Bay has published an *Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying* booklet for clergy and parishioners. It is available on our website as a flipbook and can also be downloaded. https://

Baptism

The next Baptism Workshop will take place on <u>Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.</u> Please email the office on warringahparish@bbcatholic.org.au for more information and to book a place.



Pastoral Works Fund : November/December Appeal

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of our Catholic community, enabling us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connect us to the mission of Jesus.

Every gift, no matter how small, provides the opportunity to add to the happiness of someone else.

This November Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal is our last for 2023. Although everyone must have a great deal on their mind at this time, perhaps we can think about a contribution to the PWBB appeal.

Our outstanding Balance for the current tax year is \$28,425.

There are many ways to donate – through envelopes made available by the parishes or through online giving.

Thank you to everyone who has supported, or continues to support our Pastoral Works. Your contribution really does make a difference. Thank you.



Christmas Lucky Number Draw

Please return your sold and unsold tickets **urgently** to the parish office. Thank you

Parish Vocations Volunteers Wanted!

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this



rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts. In Christ, Fr Sam French.

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS



Something to think about ..

Tiredness– such a familiar feeling. Do we bring it on ourselves at times? Where have we "wasted" energy lately? Watching television, fulfilling commitments we felt pressured into, spreading gossip, being angry or worried ? Let us conserve our energy and time for what really matters. Avoiding negative drains on our minds and hearts can help. Taking time for stillness, rest and reflection can refocus our energy into living as a disciple would live.



Launch of Christmas Novena Masses.

The cherished tradition of Novena Masses for Christmas, known as "**Simbang Gabi**" in the Philippines, is an age-old practice that reminds us that participating in the Holy Mass over the nine days preceding Christmas is one of the most beautiful and heartfelt ways to prepare spiritually for the joyous celebration of Christ's birth.

Launch Event Details: Date: 9 December 2023, Saturday at 7pm. Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood. Evening Novena Masses at Waitara and Dee Why. Dates: 15 – 23 December 2023. Details: 7:00 PM -Hornsby Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara. Also at 7:30 PM - St. Kevin's Church, 50 Oaks Ave, Dee Why.

FEDERAZIONE CATTOLICA ITALIANA. Raduno mensile, Martedi prossimo alle 7pm.

MATURE LADY TO ASSIST IN HOME

Elderly lady seeking mature woman to assist her with light duties & simple evening meal. In exchange for low or rent free accommodation. Must be non-smoker, neat, tidy, own car & have police check. Contact Therese 9982 5679.



Rosters Next Week: 2nd Sunday in Advent St Kevin's Cleaning Team : B



Warringah Parish Christmas Mass Times

At St John's Narraweena.

<u>Saturday 23rd December</u>: 9.30am & 5pm (Vigil Mass)

<u>Sunday 24th December</u>: 8am & 10am for Sunday. Outdoor Mass for Christmas Eve at 5pm (weather permitting)

Monday 25th December : 8am & 10am.

At St Kevin's Dee Why.

<u>Saturday 23rd December</u>: 8.30am & 6pm Vigil Mass <u>Sunday 24th December</u>: 8am, 9.15am, 10.30am (Italian) & 6pm.

Christmas Eve Masses at 7.30pm (family Mass) & 12 Midnight (with carols from 11.30pm)

Monday 25th December : 8am, 9.15am & 10.30am (Italian). **No Evening Mass on Christmas Day.**



Parish Christmas Dinner

All are invited to attend a Christmas Dinner on 29th December at 7pm in St Kevin's Upper Hall. Tickets cost \$15.00 to cover finger food. More details to follow.

Young Adult Event.

With the sacred season of Christmas drawing near, we'd love for you to join us for a Christmas Holy Hour and Dinner Celebration! It's going to be a special evening and we would love to share it

with you all! Date: Thursday December 14 Time: Holy Hour – 6pm Dinner Celebration – 7pm Location: Holy Name Parish 35 Billyard Ave Wahroonga, 2076. This evening will be an opportunity to participate in a beautiful Holy Hour, a perfect time for spiritual reflection as we prepare to embrace the significance of the birth of our Saviour. Following Holy Hour, let's celebrate the end of a wonderful year with good food and great friendships.

We can't wait to have you join us at this special event. Please kindly let us know by December 7 if you will be able to attend, so we can prepare accordingly and make everyone feel

welcomed. **RSVP to 0418 522 449 or** vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down

- at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 **R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us** see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,

shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R**.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.







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