

*"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart."
Lk 2:19*



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1 January, 2023—MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Farewell Message From Fr Paul

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Liturgies so meaningful and beautiful.

The Priests and Parish Team thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts received during the Christmas season.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness to us and for your generosity to others outside the parish.

New Year Reflection:

As we look forward to another year, we acknowledge Jesus as our light. May we all be inspired by Minnie Louise Harkins' (1875-1957) famous poem 'At the Gate of the Year'.

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the
unknown.'*

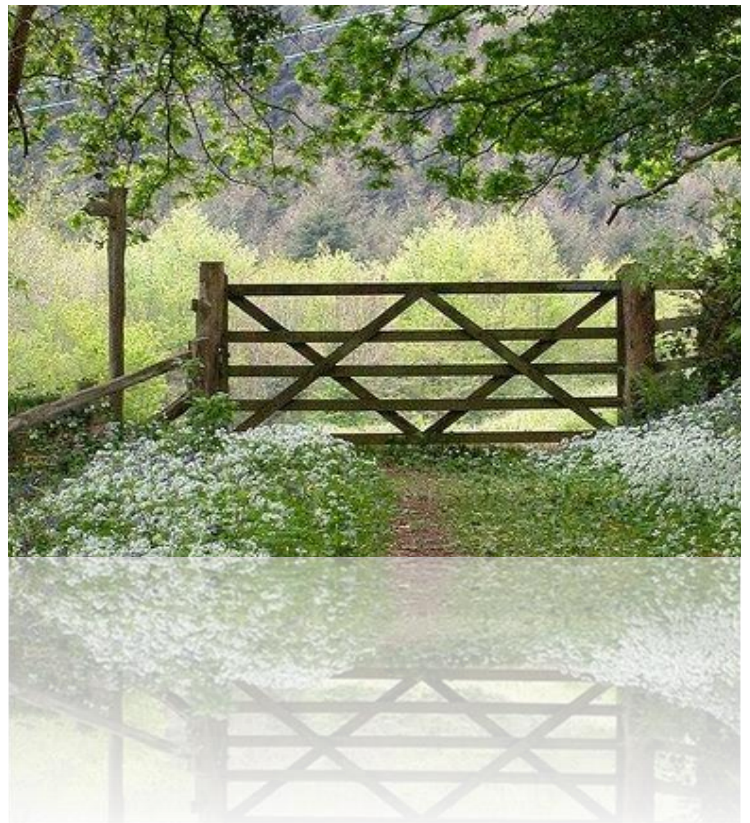
*And he replied,
'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of
God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than
a known way!'*

*So I went forth and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly
into the night. He led me towards the hills, and the
breaking of day in the lone east. So heart be still!*

*What need our human life to know, if God hath
comprehension? In all the dizzy strife of things, both high
and low, God hides his intention."*

*With my thanks to God and the Holy name Parish
Community for the blessings of these past two years.
Prayers and best wishes for 2023 and beyond.*

Fr Paul



Mass Times:

Throughout January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained.

Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours into January:

The Parish Office will be open for reduced hours until Tuesday 17 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221. During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and Fr Sam on duty.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	2 January	No Mass			St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
Tuesday	3 January	Mass	9.15am		Tuesday before the Epiphany
Wednesday	4 January	Mass	9.15am		Wednesday before the Epiphany
Thursday	5 January	Mass	9.15am		Thursday before the Epiphany
Friday	6 January	Mass	9.15am		Friday before the Epiphany
Saturday	7 January	Mass	9:15am*	5:00pm	*First Saturday of the month Saturday before the Epiphany
Sunday	8 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5:30pm	The EPIPHANY of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, died 16 December), Michael Slattery (husband of Bev, died 9 December aged 70), Fr Mike Champlin OP (died in USA, 14 November), Peter McDermott (son of Julie, & stepson of Brian McGarry, died 17 November), Barbara Woodfine (mother of Michael, died 15 November aged 92), Ruth Donnelly, (friend of Mockler family), Newton McMahan, (husband of Maxine & father of Anne Box), Denis Joyce (brother of Maureen Rolleston, died 28 October), Joan Dell (died 22 October), Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Sydney McElhenny (4th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 10th anniversary on 4 January), Carl Shannon (30th anniversary 8 January), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 22nd anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 2nd anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (37th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 2nd anniversary 31 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—5th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (17th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 2nd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 53rd anniversary on 24 December), Nalin Singh (1st anniversary, 18 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 9th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (10th anniversary on 16 December), George Thornton (5th anniversary on 15 December), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's father, 3rd anniversary on 15 December), Assunta Fraietta (9th anniversary on 5 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 8th anniversary on 7 December), Denese O'Brien (1st anniversary 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Marie Shortis (5th anniversary on 27 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 17th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 4th anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (5th anniversary on 30 November).

FOR THE SICK:

Mitchell Lawrence (friend of Phillip King), Marian Noach, Pammie Lee (former parent St Lucy's & St Edmund's), Gerard de Silva, Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha), Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), 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, Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

The Dish is a meal service for anyone in need which is coordinated by St John's Church Wahroonga and has a large roster with many local churches, including Holy Name, involved. It operates out of Fusion at Hornsby, 5 Jersey St on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Ways to help include : making a main meal, salad or side dish or a dessert and serving on the night. It starts around 5.30 and is concluded before 7:00pm. We have upcoming meal services on the roster:

Tuesday 3rd January AND Tuesday 17th January

If you are able to help, that would be wonderful as many of our regular helpers are away over this time. Please contact me if you can help. It is always a very enjoyable evening up there with many grateful people.

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What do the Readings say to us this Sunday, 1 January 2023, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God?

First reading: Numbers 6:22-27

This Reading contains the beautiful blessing which has been prayed by Jewish elders for centuries. Joseph and Mary may will have prayed this blessing over Jesus.

Second reading : Galatians 4:4-7

This reading from St Paul reminds us that at the appointed time God sent his son, born of a woman. That woman of course is Mary, whose memory is honoured in the New Testament, and in the life and traditions of the Church. We have been given the spirit of sonship by Jesus, and it causes us to cry out ABBA Father.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Shepherds, lowly and ordinary folk in the eyes of the world, come to greet the Christ child. Mary treasures all these extraordinary events into her heart and ponders them.

A Reflection for the coming week:

*“Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
who rules heaven and earth forever.”*

Because she is the mother of Jesus, Mary is honoured as ‘the mother of God’. As Vatican II puts it: “The Virgin Mary, who at the message of the angel received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and brought forth life to the world, is acknowledged and honoured as truly the mother of God and of the Redeemer” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 53) [484-507, 966].

It is evident from St Luke’s Gospel, that Mary was held in a place of honour from the time of the infant Christian community. *Already she was revered as the Mother of the Lord, the one ‘whom all generations will call Blessed’.*

As early as 189AD St Irenaeus, and again in 217AD St Hippolytus, both call Mary Theotokos, “God bearer” or “Mother of God”, and in 431AD the General Council of Ephesus taught that Mary is The Mother of God.

Mary, Mother of God, we love you and honour you.



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm (and FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am)

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

8.30am - 9.00am *Silent Prayer*

9.00am—9.15am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Adoration 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

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

Baptism: Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

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 for 2020/2021: 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 Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from 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 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. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

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.
- 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

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. 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.