

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you"



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11th December - THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

From Fr Paul

Dear Holy Name Parishioners

I am very sorry to inform you that I have been asked to transfer from Holy Name to take up the position of Vice Rector and Pastoral Director at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush, in the Archdiocese of Sydney, effective from January 2023. (This is the Seminary attended by most men preparing for the priesthood in NSW, including our seminarians for DBB).

While I am humbled to take on this important position, I am disappointed not to stay on and complete my term with you as Parish Priest. Bishop Anthony is most conscious that my going will be a source of disappointment for many. Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, an experienced and respected pastor has been appointed next Parish Priest (See page 5 for Bishop Anthony's letter about these appointments). I would very much like you to join me **after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 18th December for a Farewell Morning Tea.**

We are nearing the conclusion of various end-of-year events, such as Graduation Masses, whole school Masses, concerts and celebrations. We wish all the schools of our Parish well with Graduations and this final week of school.

This weekend we continue our **Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal**. This is the second of three appeals. Any shortfall of our \$38,019 quota must be paid from Parish funds. Please donate if you are able. Donations to PWBB are 100% tax deductible and assist the following organisations:

St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College, Confraternity for Christian Doctrine (CCD - Catechists), Hospital Chaplaincy (to support people often in their most vulnerable times) and The Ephpheta Centre (providing support for all people who are deaf or hard of hearing).

Thank you to all who have been involved in the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal**. Thank you especially to those who gave and delivered hampers and helped with the organisation. The response was overwhelming. How wonderful to know so many people will now have something special for Christmas thanks to the generosity of our Parish. See Page 6

Remember we celebrate the **Second Rite of Reconciliation** on Thursday night, 15th December at 7.00 p.m. Please take this opportunity (or a similar one) to participate in this wonderful Sacrament as part of your preparation for Christmas. My best wishes as we continue our preparation for Christmas in this third week of Advent.

With my prayers and good wishes, *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the key symbols in the Church's Liturgy over the four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we bless the wreath and light the third candle. Before we do so, let us pause and pray together with a longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose coloured candle, the candle of rejoicing, on our Advent Wreath. Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ.

Fr: *Shout for joy, all you peoples of the earth!*

All: **The Lord is coming!**

Fr: *Rejoice and exult with all your heart!*

All: **The Lord is very near!**

Fr: *Have no fear, hold firm and take heart!*

All: **Hope in the Lord!**



The third candle is lit .

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	12 December	No Mass			Monday of 3rd week of Advent
Tuesday	13 December		9.15am		St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Wednesday	14 December	Mass	9.15am		St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Thursday	15 December	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of 3rd week of Advent
Friday	16 December	Mass	9.15am		Friday of 3rd week of Advent
Saturday	17 December	Mass	5:00pm		Saturday of 3rd week of Advent
Sunday	18 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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 McMahon, (husband of Maxine & father of Anne Box), Franciszek Smigowski (died 1 November in Jurkow, Poland, aged 88. He is survived by his wife, Ana and his 8 children. Father of Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS, Assistant Priest in the Parish of Pittwater), Denis Joyce (brother of Maureen Rolleston, died 28 October), Joan Dell (died 22 October), Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96).

ANNIVERSARIES:

George Thornton (5th anniversary on 15 December), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's father, 3rd anniversary on 15 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda 9th anniversary on 16 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), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 3rd anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 1st anniversary 17 November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 1st anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 4th anniversary 10 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 1st anniversary 11 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 7th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 5th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 55th anniversary on 16 November), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 13th anniversary on 25 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 9th anniversary 23rd October).

FOR THE SICK:

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, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), 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 Fragiaco, 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.

Congratulations

To the Onishi Family

Luca

will be baptised this Sunday



What does the Word of God say to us this Sunday

Year A—Advent Week 3

First reading (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10). This contains a message of hope for God's people in exile. The prophet assures them that God himself is coming to their rescue and will lead them back to Zion. He uses the image of the desert, made fertile by rain, to portray the confident hope that God would restore his people, crushed by misfortune. Their most crippling disabilities - blindness, deafness, and lameness - will be relieved when God sends salvation to his people.

Second reading (James 5:7-10). St James is talking about the second coming of Jesus. He urges the kind of patience and hope farmers show in waiting for the harvest, and which the prophets of old showed as they waited for the promises to be fulfilled.

Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11). John the Baptist's image of the Messiah was that of a stern judge who would execute a fiery judgement. Jesus did not fit this image. This may account for John's doubts about him. Jesus dispelled John's doubts by showing that he was doing precisely the kind of things that had been predicted for the messianic times (by prophets such as Isaiah). Once again, Matthew presents Jesus as the one who fulfils the messianic prophecies.

Jesus goes on to praise John, declaring him to be a true prophet. He is more than a prophet: he glimpsed the age of fulfilment. As the forerunner of the Messiah, he was in a very privileged position. Yet he himself did not belong to the kingdom. Jesus says that 'the least in the kingdom is greater (more privileged) than he'. Far from diminishing John's role in God's plan of salvation, this increases his heroism in that he prepared the way for a kingdom that he himself would never enter (on earth).



Quote for the week - reflecting on John the Baptist

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. John was "filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people. n717

John is "Elijah (who) must come." The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of "[making] ready a people prepared for the Lord." n718

- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation.

May we celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving through Christ our Lord.

Maranatha! (Aramaic for Come Lord Jesus!)

Preparing for Christmas

The Carols Bus is back—Saturday, 17th December 6:30pm-9:00pm

On the 17th December the Holy Name Carols bus will be making its way around the neighbourhood. The bus carries a group of parish singers who will visit homes in the parish and sing a few favourite carols before moving on to the next home.

**Households will need to be within a 2 kilometre radius of the church and have enough room for the choristers to assemble in the front garden or inside if the weather is inclement. There can be up to 20 of them.*

**We will need volunteer drivers for the buses.*

**Households willing to host fellow parishioners and neighbours where the carols bus will stop.*

**Good singers who can hold a tune acapella*

We currently have 3 homes to visit and if possible would like 2 more. We will choose locations based on the most practical itinerary if we are oversubscribed with host homes. **Please complete the expressions of interest forms at the back of church or contact the office.**

Christmas Mass Times

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas
Thursday, 15th December at 7:00pm**

*We will gather for a simple Liturgy of the Word
In preparation for individual Reconciliation.
Visiting Priests will be available .*

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate 3 Masses:

5.00pm Children's Mass (Carols from 4.30pm)

7.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

8.00am and 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve

First Practice: Tuesday 13 December 3.45pm-4.30pm

- * **Children** - Allocation of roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- * If you cannot make this practice, please contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.

Second Practice: Saturday 17 December 9.00am - 11:00am

- * **Children, Singers, Dancers** - run through of Nativity for Gospel, some Carols plus children to practise Readings, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings, Prayers.

Third Practice: Thursday 22 December 10.00am-12noon

- * **Children, Singers and all Musicians** - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and carols

MASS: Christmas Eve 5PM on Saturday 24 December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

For more details, please contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com or at the Parish office.

*From Bishop Anthony Randazzo:
Appointment of Fr Paul Durkin
as Vice-Rector of the Good Shepherd Seminary.*

As the year comes to its conclusion and as the new year approaches, some changes in the personnel of our Diocese are before us.

Tonight, I share with you that, upon the request of Archbishop Fisher, I have assented to the appointment of Fr Paul Durkin, currently Parish Priest of the Parish of Wahroonga, as Vice-Rector and Director of Pastoral Formation at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush in the Archdiocese of Sydney. The appointment is initially for three years, effective in mid-January 2023.

Archbishop Fisher and I have recently been in dialogue regarding emerging needs in the Seminary. However, it is only in these last several days that the consideration has been able to find its determination.

The appointment of Fr Paul to this significant role in priestly formation is a sure tribute to his priestly integrity, his pastoral competence, and the calibre of his vocational accompaniment for which he is well known, especially by those with whom he has journeyed in his capacity as my Diocesan Director for Vocations. I am confident that Fr Paul will now place these unmistakable attributes to special benefit at the service of the formation of our clergy of the future, not only for our own Diocese but for all those associated with the Seminary of the Good Shepherd.

I take this opportunity to thank Fr Paul sincerely for his generosity in assuming this new appointment and for the remarkable ministry he has exercised as Pastor, and in the ministry of vocations promotion in our Diocese over the last six years.

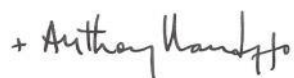
Fr Paul will depart Holy Name Wahroonga soon after Christmas, enjoying a short break before taking up residence at the Seminary.

It is my pleasure to share with you that Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, of the Archdiocese of Sydney, will join us in the Diocese of Broken Bay. I have appointed him to succeed Fr Paul as Parish Priest of the Parish of Wahroonga. Fr Kelvin was born in Glebe, Sydney and ordained to the priesthood in 1990, while a deacon in Meadowbank Parish. He has served as priest in the parishes of Bankstown, Strathfield, Kogarah, and St Mary's Cathedral and was Parish Priest of the Miranda/Sylvania parishes for 12 years after serving as Parish Priest in Bonnyrigg. Since 2015 he has been the Vicar for Clergy in the Archdiocese of Sydney and has been Administrator of the Parish of Maroubra Bay-Beach since 2019. Therefore, Fr Kelvin comes to us with considerable pastoral experience and much experience in leadership. When I was Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney, I had the pleasure of working closely in ministry with Fr Kelvin. We look forward to welcoming him to our presbyterate and to our Diocese.

In due time, I shall announce changes to the diocesan bodies on which Fr Paul has served such as the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors, and the Vocations Ministry Team, along with those further required by various circumstances through our Diocese.

Please join me in praying for Fr Paul as he assumes this new contribution to the life of the Church.

Fraternally yours,



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

Helpers Needed Please

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 schools and churches, including Holy Name, involved. It operates out of Fusion at Hornsby, 5 Jersey St on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

We have 3 upcoming meal services on the roster:

Tuesday 13th December

Tuesday 3rd January

Tuesday 17th January

We provide a main meal and a dessert for around 40 people each night and help to serve the meals and make tea and coffee. 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.

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

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Thank You for the Christmas Hampers ... Great Effort!

From The Wahroonga Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish:

Please accept our thanks for the extremely generous response to this year's Christmas hamper appeal. Over 130 hampers (300+ bags) were prepared by parishioners. These hampers will be provided to those in need in the Whalan area, local women's shelters and also to those in Wahroonga who have requested help from the St Vincent de Paul Society during the year. For some, often the only gift or gesture of goodwill they receive at Christmas is a hamper from our Parish.

We would also like to thank those who volunteered to drive out to Holy Family Centre in Emerton to deliver the hampers last Friday and Sunday (especially Anne-Louise Deakin who spent her birthday delivering hampers with her husband, Ken Laing!)

Thank you to St Lucy's school for the loan of their bus and to the wonderful St Edmund's students for helping pack.

Finally we extend our deepest appreciation to Chris Madden for again expertly organising the logistics of the Christmas Hamper appeal.

Anthony Weaver (President) and Fr Paul (PP)



Saints we remember this week

St Lucy (283-310 AD) - Feast Day 13 December

Italian **Santa Lucia**, Lucia was born to an honourable family around the year 283.

- Lucia's father was a Roman. He died when she was five years old.
- The name Lucia means light (Lux, lucis).
- Saint Lucia is a Sicilian saint who endured death in Syracuse, Sicily around 310 A.D.
- Lucia sought help at the shrine of Saint Agnes for her mother's long-term disease. Lucia's mother was cured there and Lucia convinced her mother to donate a major portion of her wealth to the poor.
- Saint Lucy refused to compromise her virginity in marriage and was betrayed to the Roman authorities by the man she would have married. According to the legend, Lucy was threatened to be taken to a prostitute house if she did not abandon her Christian beliefs.
- One of the soldiers stabbed a spear through her throat. She was willing to suffer for what she believed.
- Saint Lucy died when she was given the Christian sacraments.



St John of the Cross (c. 1542-1591) - Feast Day 14 December

John's father was disowned by his wealthy Spanish family when he married a poor weaver rather than a woman of equal economic status. Living in poverty proved to be too much for him, and he died shortly after John was born. John spent much of his youth in an orphanage, where he was clothed, fed, and given an elementary education.

At the age of 17, he found a job in a hospital and was accepted into a Jesuit college. In 1563 he entered the Carmelite Order. Eventually he enrolled in another university, where he did so well that he was asked to teach a class and to help settle disputes.

When he met Teresa of Ávila and learned from her about the reform of the Carmelite Order, John decided to help with it. As part of this decision, he wore sandals instead of shoes and lived very simply in prayer and solitude. In 1577 the attitude toward the reform shifted.

John was caught up in a misunderstanding and imprisoned at Toledo, Spain. He was locked in a cell six feet wide and ten feet long for nine months, with no light except that which filtered through a slit high up in the wall. During those months of darkness in that little cell, he had many beautiful experiences and encounters with God in prayer. He later forgave the men who had imprisoned him. How could he do that? He explained, ***"Where there is no love, put love, and you will find love."***

In 1578 John escaped to southern Spain to join the reformed Carmelites. There he held leadership positions and wrote reflections on his experiences, which showed his deep spirit of prayer. When he became ill, he chose to go to the city of Ubeda, where no one knew him. It was there that he died.



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School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:	Mrs Pam Koroknay: Mr Chris Madden. (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Mr Chris Goldrick cgoldrick@optusnet.com.au 0450 963 596	
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):	Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer) , Mrs Candy Cosgriff (Secretary)	

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.