



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahrenonga 2076



12 December — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Fr Paul

The third Sunday of Advent is known as **Gaudate (or Rejoicing) Sunday**. All three readings for today call us to rejoice. And all three readings were written in the midst of great suffering and difficulties. (see Readings p3)

Many of us, and indeed many throughout the world, have found **these past two years of the pandemic and lockdowns** a time of hardship and suffering. I am inspired by people in our parish community who live with a great sense of joy, in spite of difficulties, setbacks and sorrows. Many of you have shown great resilience and resourcefulness in getting through this time.

Yet Many of you will acknowledge that we in Holy Name Parish can count our blessings, when many in Australia have suffered more, and certainly millions throughout the world have been worse off.

This past week has struck me that we are coming out of lockdown, and our shared life as a parish and broader society is returning to normal.

This past week we have experienced the full gamut of life. We baptised Georgia Niland, daughter of Julie and Josh, and granddaughter of Ian and Hayley Edmunds. We also farewelled our beloved parishioner Denese O'Brien, mother of Marianne, Paul and Jenny, with a Requiem Mass, we celebrated the wedding of Muditha and Angali, celebrated the Graduations of the Year 12's from St Edmund's and the Year six boys and girls from St Lucy's, participated in the Prouille Christmas concert and many other things that make up the life of the parish community.

This Sunday, the Prouille Football Club gather with us at the 9:30am Mass to be followed by presentations. In the coming week we will have the Prouille Graduation for Year 6 and the whole school End of Year Mass.

In the midst of all this, we remember that as a faith community the Lord keeps calling us into a deeper relationship of trust and surrender. The Advent groups are proving very worthwhile for those who attended. On this Gaudate Sunday, we remember that joy, peace and humility are sure signs of the Holy Spirit. **How might we remain open to this great gift in our lives?**

Let us express praise and gratitude to God, even when life is tough; where possible, let us not dwell on the pain and hurts of the past, or fear what is to come, but live with joy in the present. As St Augustine famously said: "leave the past to the mercy of God, the future to his providence and the present to his love."

Remember we celebrate the **Second Rite of Reconciliation on Thursday night, 16th December at 7.30 p.m.** Please take this opportunity (or a similar one) to go to this Sacrament as part of your preparation for Christmas.

Best wishes and prayers for the final weeks of Advent. *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

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	13 December	No Mass			St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Tuesday	14 December	Mass	9.15am		St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Wednesday	15 December	Mass	9.15am		Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent
Thursday	16 December	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of 3rd week of Advent
Friday	17 December	Mass	9.15am		Friday of 3rd week of Advent
Saturday	18 December	Mass	5.00pm		Saturday of 3rd week of Advent
Sunday	19 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November), 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).

ANNIVERSARIES:

George Thornton (4th anniversary on 15 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda 8th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father 7th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (4th anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (4th anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother-in-law of John Kassis, 16th anniversary on 29 November), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 3rd anniversary 30 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 6th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 4th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 54th anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 3rd anniversary 10 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),

FOR THE SICK:

Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York), Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), 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), 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), 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, 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.



What do the Readings say to us this Sunday?

All three readings today call us to rejoice! And all three readings were written in the midst of great difficulties or crises: **Zephaniah**, writing at a time (640-609 BC) of religious and moral corruption, warned that God would "destroy out of this place the remnant of Baal (an alien god), and the names of the idolatrous priests" (Zeph 1:4), a time before the Babylonian captivity that was to come (597-538 BC).

St Paul is writing amidst his chains as he awaited his execution in prison and **St John** amidst the Roman occupation of Israel.

In the **first reading**, the prophet Zephaniah bids Jerusalem to rejoice because salvation is near. God stands in her midst and will deliver her from her enemies. God is portrayed, not only as a king and warrior, but also as a loving bridegroom, who steadfastly loves his unworthy and unfaithful bride.

In the **second reading**, the theme of joy is even more emphatic. St Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near, so there is no need to worry. If they need anything, they are to pray for it, and the peace of God will be with them.

The theme of the nearness of the Lord is also at the heart of the **Gospel**. St John the Baptist tells the people what they must do in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgement. In all things, John points the way to Christ.

Quotes/reflections for the week:

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14.27)

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11)



"Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing. God alone is unchanging. Patience brings all things. Whoever has God, lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

Bookmark of St Teresa of Avila

"It is God's will that we have true delight with him in our salvation, and in it he wants us to be greatly comforted and strengthened, and so joyfully he wishes our souls to be occupied with his grace. For we are his bliss, because he endlessly delights in us; and so with his grace shall we delight in him."

St Julian of Norwich, Showings, chapter 23



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



From The Wahrenoga 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. Well over 100 hampers 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 Wahrenoga 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. 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)

Congratulations to our Graduating Students

Year 6 Graduation—St Lucy's



Last week at St Lucy's, we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 6 students. It was a truly joyful occasion that was shared with Fr Paul, Sr Helen, parents and staff. It celebrated the evident growth and development these children have undertaken throughout their time with us in the Primary Years, so much of what they have contributed has enhanced our Community. It is always an honour and a privilege to bear witness to the truths that are revealed to us as school staff, and to share in this in moments like Graduation creates life-long memories. To all our Year 6 Graduands, we thank you for the gift you are, and blessing you are in our lives, and the lives of your families!

Congratulations

*Benson, Chris, Luke, Jacob, Cruz, Gavin, Bradley, Sofla,
Poppy, Rafa, Samara, Alex, Xavier and Rachel!*



Yr 12 Graduation - St Edmund's



Congratulations to the 19 Year 12 graduates from St Edmund's College for 2021. We recently celebrated a beautiful Graduation Mass, followed by Presentations from Fr Paul (Parish Priest) and Mr Jon Franzin (outgoing Principal).

We wish them all every blessing for the years ahead. We also acknowledge Mr Jon Franzin for his years of leadership at St Edmund's and for his presence in the Parish. We wish him well as Principal of St Virgil's College, Hobart and wish him, Nikki and their family all the best for the future.



Key Dates for the coming week

10 December	Mass and gathering of Priests and Deacons of DBB with Bishop Anthony
11 December	Pop Up Choir Rehearsal 12 noon—2:00pm
14 December	Year 6 Prouille Graduation Mass followed by Awards Presentation
15 December	Prouille End of Year Mass at Prouille School - 12 noon
16 December	2nd Rite of Reconciliation—7:30pm
18 December	Children's Christmas Mass Practice 10:00am—12 noon
18 December	Pop Up Choir Practice 12noon—2:00pm
18 December	Schola Practice 2:00pm—4:00pm

You are invited to attend an Advent Group

Advent Groups meet 3 times in the Sunroom.

1. **Wednesday morning 10:00am—immediately after the weekday Mass)**
2. **Thursday evening—6:30pm to 7:30pm**
3. **Saturday morning—10:30am—11:30am**



Please print your name (and phone number) on the sign on sheets on the notice board in the Church.

We encourage you to consider this as a way of preparing for Christmas and meeting with other parishioners for a time of sharing and prayer. It will be very user-friendly and inviting!

CHRISTMAS 2021

Thursday 16th December—7:30pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christmas will be held at Holy Name Church. Reconciliation also available each Saturday at 11:30am



Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24th December — Christmas Eve:

- 4.30pm Children's Carols followed by
- 5.00pm Mass
- 7.30pm Christmas Vigil with our beautiful Parish Schola

Please note: There is no Carol Service before Midnight Mass

Midnight Traditional Gregorian Mass by Candlelight (please bring a small torch)

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day:

- 8.00am Christmas Morning Mass
- 9:30am Christmas Day Mass with our legendary Pop Up Choir

There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day

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USE HAND
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COVER YOUR COUGH
OR SNEEZE



STAY HOME IF
YOU ARE SICK



SCAN IN & REGISTER
YOUR DETAILS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

When visiting our Church, please remember :

- **Physical Distancing**
- **Use Hand Sanitiser**
- **Wear a mask**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Scan and register your details**

Preparing for Christmas at Holy Name

Christmas Pop Up Choir

Calling all keen singers to join our Pop Up Choir for the
9:30am Mass on Christmas Day.

All welcome, no experience necessary!

Rehearsals will be held in the church at the following times:

Saturday 11th December, 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday 18th December, 12:00-2:00pm

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve), 10:00-11:30am



Please bring a pencil, a water bottle and lots of enthusiasm!

Please RSVP to Rosalie Belsey, so we can prepare your music booklet. rosaliebelsey@gmail.com or 0437 076 988

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?

First Practice: Monday 13 December 3.30pm-4.15pm

- * **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:

Thursday 16 December 10.00am-11.30am

- * **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:

Saturday 18 December 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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

MASS: Christmas Eve 5PM on Friday 24 December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm



For more details, please contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com or the Parish office 9489 3221.
The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS are welcome to come and help, please.



2022 Columban Calendars \$9.00

Now Available in the Piety Store
(located at the back of our Church)



Majellan Christmas Cards
(Set of 10 with envelopes)
\$9.00

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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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
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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

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: Holyname@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