

# **Holy Name Catholic Parish**

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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# 16 May 2021— The ASCENSION of the LORD

## From Fr Paul

Last weekend we celebrated **Mother's Day**. We honoured mothers and prayed for mothers in each Mass. We also marked the renewal of marriage vows on the **50th wedding anniversary of Denis and Mary Mockler**, who were married at Holy Name church in May, 1971. Two of their four children, Andrew and Sarah, attended Saint Edmund's College, Wahroonga. Denis and Mary have nothing but gratitude to the Lord for the gift of their marriage and the gift of their family, with whatever crosses and challenges have been part of their life.

These celebrations reminded me that we belong to a **Church and a parish that celebrates and upholds** the sanctity of human life, respect and dignity of the human person, the ideal of a lifelong commitment in marriage and the values of family life.

This past week we have marked the passing of two men connected with our parish community: **David Combes** (father of Margaret, Theresa, David and Kieron) and **Colin Higgins** (son of Norma and Athol). Their passing also serves to remind us that our faith is to be lived in this life and that we look forward to "the life of the world to come". Jesus spoke often of the kingdom of heaven, saying this was the reward and destiny of those who lived in faith and sought to follow him with a sincere heart

This weekend we held a special **formation session and gathering for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** who regularly visit Catholic patients in the San Hospital. In the coming weeks there will be similar gatherings of various ministry groups. These are opportunities for renewal and the opportunity to reconnect with one another.

Next weekend on Pentecost Sunday, parishioners will be invited to consider joining a ministry group in the life of the parish. Is there a ministry or way you would like to be involved in serving our faith community?

On Monday, 24th May we look forward to celebrating a special Mass at 10.30am to mark the feast day of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of our nation Australia and to give thanks to God for 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. At that Mass there will be representatives from the Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, parishioners, and representatives from Saint Lucy's school, Saint Edmund's College and Prouille.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, marking the special coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. I wish you, our parishioners well for this last week of Eastertide for 2021.

Fr Paul





## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	17 May	No Mass				Monday of the 7th week of Easter
Tuesday	18 May	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter
Wednesday	19 May	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter
Thursday	20 May	Mass	9.15am			Thursday of the 7th week of Easter
Friday	21 May	Mass	9.15am			Friday of the 7th week of Easter
Saturday	22 May	Mass	5.00pm			Saturday of the 7th week of Easter
Sunday	23 May	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY

# Please Remember in your Prayers

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Colin Higgins (son of Norma, died 8 May), Margaret Barnes (sister of John, died 8 May), David Coombes (father of Margaret, Theresa, David and Kieron, died 29 April), Laila Gomes (first cousin of Linette Sardinha, died 26 April), Rita Fortner (cousin of Peter and Doris Buzinkskas—died in Germany on 20 April), Patricia (Trish) Edwards (sister of a close friend of Mike and Dot Tighe, died mid April), Eileen Gauci (aunt of Ray Attard, died in England 18 April, aged 98 years), Paula Scott (niece of Mike and Dot Tighe), Michel Ecosse (friend of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died in France on 26 March), Helen Gait (wife of Tom, died 9 March).

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Maria Maiolo (Tony's mum, 7th anniversary on 20 May), Maria Ruth Gomes (Linette Sardinia's Mum, 8th anniversary 26th May), Peter Anderson (Frank and Jo Waldron's nephew, 7th anniversary on 19th May), Matthew Ho (Caroline Ho's father, 3rd anniversary), Anne Stormon (7th anniversary on 19 May), Eileen Shannon (mother of Christine Shannon—8th anniversary on 11th May), Carol Miller (mother of Jackie Thornton, 9th anniversary on 14th May), Greg Ward (brother of Deidre Alessi, 3rd anniversary 14 May), Antonio Mollace (Theresa Vumbaca's dad - 4th anniversary on 14 May), Enid Phillips (mother of Megan Khannah, 13th anniversary on 15th May), Fr John Pearce (Passionist Father, friend of Margaret and Patrick MacMillan 2nd anniversary, 5 May), Fred Burke (husband of Betty and father of Virginia, 5th anniversary on 6 May), Andy Couch (son of Gemma & Paul, brother to Greg and Jessica, 4th anniversary 8th May), Donna Carbone (sister of Frances Carbone and daughter of Rosina Palamara, 1st anniversary on 24 April), Monica Gibbons (wife of Reg, 5th anniversary on 21 April), Agnes Tiong (friend of Caroline Ho and family, 3rd anniversary on 16 April), Andy Watson (son of Maurice and Jane) 3rd anniversary on 13 April, Westina Marzouki (sister of John Kassis, 1st anniversary on 13 April), Giovanni (Jack) Cincotta (father of Trish Maiolo, 46th anniversary on 16 April), Keith Walmsley (Rachel Mitchell's Dad, 3rd anniversary 17 April), Terry Blanchard (former Principal of St Leo's Catholic College), 3rd anniversary on 10 April, Kristine Illingworth (Fr David's sister, 5th anniversary on 11 April), Caetano Maria Lopez (father of Quinnie Machado, 16th anniversary on 12 April), Raymond McGarry (brother of John, 3rd anniversary on 1 April), Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 3rd anniversary on 1 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother) 1st anniversary 5 April, Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 3rd anniversary on 30 March, Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 20th anniversary on 23 March), Gus Almgren (3rd anniversary 23 March), Roger Thrum (10th anniversary, 13 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam -12 year anniversary on 14th March), Noreen McGarry (17 year anniversary on 18 March), Ottaviano Praturlon (husband of Elsa, 25th anniversary on 6 March), Ina Alsaka (mother of Suzanne Cooke, 7th anniversary on 9 March), Jonas Buzinskas (father of Peter, anniversary on 9 March), Brian Fraser (husband of Devona, 5th anniversary on 10th March).

#### FOR THE SICK:

Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Father Chris Riley AM, Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Tina Northcott, Joe Pulis, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clarke, Bill Murrell, Danielle Uskovic, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomo, 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), Nancy Den Hertog, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Cyril Littrich, Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, Baby Thomas Joseph Elley, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Margaret Woodlands, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), 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, Maureen Ritchard, 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.

# Readings and Reflections

The Readings for this Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord

**First Reading (Acts 1:1-11):** This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

**Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23):** Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

**Gospel (Mark 16:15-20):** Before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world.

In the Ascension, the Lord Jesus:

- i) took up his throne as king over all creation; he is "far above every principality, authority, power and dominion." (Ephesians 1.21)
- ii) has "passed through the heavens as high priest who has been tested in every way, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4) iii) opened the door for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5.5)
- iv) has created a longing among us for his return; "This Jesus ... will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1.11)

'Heaven' is where God is; and to be with God eternally is to be 'in heaven'. And that is what the Ascension means: Jesus is totally and forever reunited with the Father. The actual words of Acts are that "a cloud took him from their sight". A cloud in Scripture is very often a symbol for God, so the expression means that God the Father took his incarnate Son back to himself. And that is also the meaning of the Gospel text that the "Lord Jesus...was taken up into heaven".

The Resurrection, the Ascension and Pentecost are part of the **one great event**. In one action that goes beyond earthly time, Jesus is raised, returns to the Father, and gives the Holy Spirit.

In ascending to heaven, Jesus was no longer limited to one time, one place or one group of people. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he is present and available to all of us who wish to be in relationship with him, partake in his mission and share his glory.

This is the great calling and destiny we all share as followers of the Lord Jesus, Son of the Father, now seated at his right hand to intercede for us.



## Reflection on the Word:

"In the Ascension, Jesus withdraws his visible presence, replacing it with a new presence, invisible, yet more profound.

It is a presence that we find in faith, in listening to the Word, in the Breaking of Bread (in the Mass) and in fraternity."

Pope Francis

# Our Lady Help of Christians



Celebrating the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians in Australia....

Feast Day May 24

The image above is entitled "Mary of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians". It is by Paul Newton, a recognised artist and parishioner of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills.

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. The early church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. In fact, the altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name.

Traditionally, the Church has focused on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day:

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the struggle against sin in the life of a believer.

Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian forces.

In the Opening Prayer for the Mass of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace".

Therefore, on such an occasion occasion as this, Our Lady" feast day, we thank our heavenly Father for Mary, our protector, who gives us the perfect model of faith, faithfulness, love, understanding and compassion.

## Parish Events



This weekend, we continue our May CWF Appeal. When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund, your donation assists 5 charities that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

- ♦ The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Donations go towards training catechists and developing authorised curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.
- CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.
- ♦ **St Lucy's School**. Donations go to providing resources for school students with special needs.
- St Edmund's College. Donations go to providing resources for school students with special needs.
- Ephpheta Centre. Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Every dollar helps and 100% of your donation is tax deductible.



## **Alzheimers' Discussion/Education Group**

The next monthly meeting commencing at 7.00pm this

### Monday 17th May

Richard Geeves Centre, 10 Murrua Road, Turramurra

Our Guest Speaker this month is Dr Bill Brooks

For further enquiries please contact:

Tom Heath 9144 5223 Margaret MacMillan 9489 4743

Joan Perkins 0418 652 194

#### Online Rosary Group:

**Rosaries** are prayed every Wednesday Friday and Sunday evenings on Zoom at 9pm. Reflections are from Fatima, Divine Will and True Life In God.

All reflections have Imprimatur and Nihil Obstat. Link for Wednesdays Fridays Sundays Rosaries:

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlkde-

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Join Zoom Meeting—Hope you can join us.

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Any queries email pangnoreen24@gmail.com



**Caleruega Gallery** (adjacent to the Parish Sunroom) Your last chance to view the display of early Wahroonga residences of various Religious Orders.

Our wonderful History Group have been working very hard and this display will soon be taken down to make way for a new and exciting display. Stand by!



# INVITATION TO A SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

Father Paul Durkin, Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga and Diocesan

**Vocations Director** will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.** 

The evening commences with Mass at <u>6.00 PM</u> followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Paul will be our guest speaker providing an overview of the highly successful activities being undertaken by the Vocations Office which has resulted in 11 young men in training for the Priesthood with many others completing the discernment process.

If you would like to know more about vocations activities in our Diocese and make a difference in encouraging new and supporting existing vocations please "come and see".

Bishop David Walker was once quoted as saying that "we all share the responsibility to provide ordained ministers for our community". Supporting the Diocesan efforts by being a Serra member can assist us all to fulfil our personal responsibilities.

Please remember to pray <u>every day</u> for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, for those completing the discernment process and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry\_scanlan@bigpond.com by the <u>17<sup>th</sup> May 2021</u>if you would like to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## Parish Events









A very big "thank you" to Sally Oong and her wonderful team of helpers; Ana Murray and her daughter Emma, Sandi and Luca Candotti and Deidre Johnston and her three daughters, Kayla, Keira, and Kiana. They very kindly gave their time last Saturday afternoon to put together our lovely Mother's Day flowers.



Thank you to the children who helped during Sunday morning Mass and handed out the posies. You all did an amazing job!



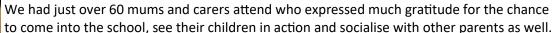


# Spírít of St Lucy's



# **Mother's Day Open Morning**

After postponing our main event last Friday, we were able to host our mums and carers this week for a lovely Mother's Day Open Morning event. The weather blessed us with the opportunity to hold a lovely morning tea, as well as a liturgy in classrooms with activities for the guests to engage in, too.











# Joseph House—Expressions of Interest Invited



Expressions of interest are now open for young men discerning their vocation to reside at **Joseph House in Willoughby.** 

Are you a young man seeking to hear God's voice and discover His plan for your life?

Do you know any young men who might benefit from living in Joseph House?

The responsibility of nurturing strong vocations lies with each and every one of us. Bishop Anthony looks to all members of the community of the Church of Broken Bay to be the ambassadors of Joseph House, to inspire young men you may know to consider seriously reflecting on God's call for their life. He looks to each one of us to be partners in the mission of the Church to build a vocational culture, so that our young people might discover the divine purpose of their lives.

For more information about Joseph House, a newly established house of discernment for young men, visit bbcatholic.org.au/josephhouse.



# The Month of May—Dedicated to Mary

## **May Month of Mary**

We are reminded that *May is the month dedicated to Mary,* whom we honour as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. We recognise Mary as the one who listened and responded to the call of God.

Remember we pray the Rosary from 8.45am each weekday morning in the church (before the 9.15am Mass).

On **24th May** we celebrate the feast day of **Mary**, **Help of Christians**, Patron Saint of Australia. This feast day was instituted by Pope Pius VII in 1815, in thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Holy See from the tyranny of Napoleon.

In the same way, we pray for Mary's intercession that God would continue to bless and protect our nation, our parish and our families.

On Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May a special Mass at 10.30am will be held to honour **Mary, Help of Christians** and to celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia.



# Year of Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) by Pope Francis 2021-2022

The second of 10 videos to be released by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is now available as part of journeying together as a Church during the Year of Amoris Laetitia. This video focuses on how the family is the concrete reality by which we can experience God's love. God is a communion of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the family is an image of that trinitarian love and makes it present in the world today. The video is accompanied by a print resource to be used as an aid to small group or family discussion. Go to: http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/amorislaetitia/la-famiglia-alla-luce-della-parola-di-dio--il-secondo-video.html



# Family Prayer

Holy and Almighty Lord, I give thanks today for my family.

May you fill each of us with your love and lead us closer to you.

Help us enjoy our time together, growing closer as a family,

reflecting your love in this world.

Strengthen our relationships, deepen our faith and build us up into a stronger family focused on following you.

Lord, shower your blessings upon each member of my family, speaking your love deeply into their hearts, and healing all that ails.

Lord, be the cornerstone of our family, our firm foundation.

Amen

# Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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(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 Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

#### **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

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 3rd Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.

Our Parish has Tap n Go Facilities at the entrance to our church. The money donated at these terminals contributes to our Parish Planned Giving—These monies are for the support of our Parish and Clergy.



