

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Joseph Accepts Jesus

Matthew 1:18—24

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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18th December - FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

From Fr Paul

We are now moving into the final week of advent. Like any family expecting and awaiting the arrival of a newborn baby, the family of the church prepares to welcome the Christ child anew into our hearts, our homes, our lives, our parish and our world.

May each of us welcome God's greatest gift to us: his only begotten son, the saviour of the world, the Prince of peace, the one whose reign will have no end.

We have now celebrated the end of the school year, and we prepare for the celebration of Christmas and the holidays ahead. May this be a time of love and friendship for all parishioners. Thank you to those who are preparing rosters, nativity plays, our church and the music for our Christmas Masses.

As I informed you last week, 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). Following the 9:30am Mass, I hope you can join me this **Sunday, 18th December for a Farewell Morning Tea**. After Christmas, I will take some leave before taking up my position at the Seminary in mid January.

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 of Holy name Wahroonga. Fr Kelvin will commence his appointment on 20th January, 2023.

This week, Fr Sam was appointed by Bishop Anthony as **Director for Vocations (Diocese of Broken Bay) and Spiritual Animator for Joseph House** (a house of discernment for young men) effective 20th January 2023. He will serve as 'Priest in Residence' at Holy Name but with a principle focus on Vocations Ministry and Joseph House, remaining available to supply Masses here and throughout the Diocese.

The Holy Name community was saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Michael Slattery on Friday 9 December. He was a beloved parishioner and a dear friend and mentor to many in the diocese. His Requiem Mass will be held this Wednesday 21st December at 11:00 am (see more details page 6)

My best wishes as we continue our preparation for Christmas in this fourth and final week of Advent. Fr Sam and I look forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas with you and your families and friends.

With my prayers and good wishes, *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us prepare to light the fourth candle on our Advent Wreath. As Advent draws to a close we pause for faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God . . . In the words of the acclamation let us pray:

Fr : Come Lord Jesus, hope of the prophets and desired of all the nations:

All: Come! Lead us back to you!

Fr: Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary:

All: Come! Take flesh in us!

Fr :Come Lord Jesus, source of grace and hope for peace:

All: Come and save us, delay no longer.

The Fourth candle is lit



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	19 December	No Mass			Monday of 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	20 December		9.15am		Tuesday of 4th week of Advent
Wednesday	21 December	Mass	9.15am		Wednesday of 4th week of Advent
Thursday	22 December	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of 4th week of Advent
Friday	23 December	Mass	9.15am		Friday of 4th week of Advent
Saturday	24 December	Mass	5:00pm	<i>Carols at 4:30pm</i>	Saturday of 4th week of Advent Christmas Eve
		Mass	7:30pm		
		Mass	Midnight	<i>Please bring a small torch</i>	
Sunday	25 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am No Evening Mass	The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)

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:

Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 9th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (10th anniversary on 16 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 2nd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 53rd anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—5th anniversary, 25 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), 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 Plaats (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.

What does the Word of God say to us this Sunday Advent, Year A Week 4 ?

First reading (Isaiah 7:10-14). Here the prophet is counselling king Ahaz at a moment when the dynasty of David was in jeopardy. The king refuses a sign from God. He has no confidence in the help of Yahweh, and has already made up his mind to seek the help of Assyria. But he will have a sign whether he wills it or not. The queen is, at this moment of crisis, pregnant with the one who will continue the threatened line.

Second reading (Romans 1:1-7). In these opening lines of his Letter to the Romans, Paul designates himself 'servant' and 'apostle', called by God to preach the Good News that God's ancient promises have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He stresses the twofold identity of Jesus. Through human origin Jesus is son of David; through his resurrection from the dead he is Son of God.

Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24). Matthew seized on Isaiah's prophecy and refers it to Jesus. Born of a virgin, he will embody God's promise to be with us, and continue David's line for ever. The Gospel stresses the twofold identity of Jesus. He is the son of David because Joseph, his legal father, was descended from the line of David, but he is more than that. He is also the Son of God.

All three readings deal with the identity of 'the One who was to come'. The identity of the child was glimpsed in the Old Testament. The New Testament reveals the true identity of this special Child, Jesus the Christ.

A quote for Reflection this Week

What does the Gospel teach about the mysteries of the birth and infancy of Jesus?

At *Christmas* the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the *circumcision* of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is a prefiguration of our Baptism; the *Epiphany* is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the *presentation in the temple*, Simeon and Anna symbolise all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Saviour; the *flight into Egypt* and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the *departure from Egypt* recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n301



Christmas Offering



Wishing you the gift of
faith, the blessing of hope
and the peace of His love
this Christmas

*The Christmas Offering envelopes in the Church
are for the support of our Clergy.*

*If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place for
Christmas Offerings, this will be processed next week.*

Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Clergy.

Christmas Helpers Needed!

Required for Christmas Masses

- * *Car Park Wardens*
- * *Welcomers*
- * *Ushers*
- * *Readers*
- * *Servers (Lead & Junior)*
- * *Eucharistic Ministers*
- * *Collectors*

**We would greatly appreciate your help !
Sign up sheets are at the entrance to the Church**

Please lend a hand
with our Christmas Masses
Ministries



"...the Lord your God will
bless you in all your work
and in everything you your
hand to" Deut.15:10

Children's Mass on Christmas Eve

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.

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

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

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

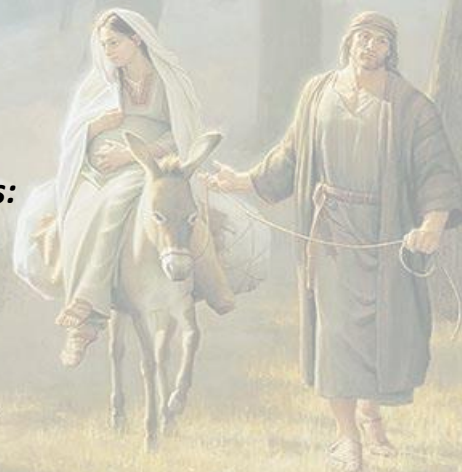
Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

8.00am and 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.



*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.

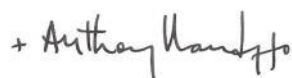
Fr Paul will depart Holy Name Wahroonga soon after Christmas, enjoying a short break before taking up residence at the Seminary.

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

Vale Michael Slattery

Michael Slattery worked for the Diocese of Broken Bay for many years. He was highly respected and a kind and gentle man, deeply spiritual and highly educated. Michael died suddenly on Friday, 9 December. He is survived by his wife Bev and her family, and Michael's siblings.

Michael's funeral is to be held next **Wednesday, 21st December at 11.00am at Holy Name, Wahroonga**. It will be presided by Fr Chris Slattery, Michael's brother.

This will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Sunroom and grounds of the parish.

A cremation service to follow for family members later in the afternoon.

Visiting concelebrants and Deacons are asked to bring their own white vestments.

Please continue to keep Michael and his family very much in your prayer.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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 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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A Special Christmas Reflection

Christmas Time

We hope and pray that Christmas is a time of renewed faith in God's great love and mercy, a time of peace and joy, shared with family and friends.

As a parish community, we acknowledge that Christmas can be a challenging and difficult time for some, especially after the challenges of the past few years.

We all long to make sense out of our misfortunes and struggles in the past year and our separations from loved ones through distance and misunderstanding.

We want to live in God's peace within the messiness of life.

Mothers and fathers who have lost children may have difficulty even viewing the baby in the manger.

Single people are reminded during this season of family that they do not have one of their own.

People who have lost jobs or simply do not have money to spend are reminded of their difficult circumstances during this season of plenty.

No matter the community or parish, suffering and unfortunate circumstances come out of hiding during the season that our culture says is "merry and bright".

The first Christmas after you lose someone you may not feel like celebrating. It will hurt. The presents not bought. The chair not sat in. The memories of past Christmases.

But you will get through it. If you can – thank God for the Christmases you had with them. Light a candle. Cry. Start a new tradition in their memory.

May we all enter into the true spirit of Christmas by welcoming Christ anew into our lives and may we reach out to someone who is in special need this Christmas.

(adapted from an article by Rev Ron Raab CSC)



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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 (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.