"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you...."



Holy Name Catholic Parish DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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20th February - 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

From Fr Paul

At the 9.30am Sunday Mass, we especially farewell and thank Fr Anselam for his ministry to us at Holy Name, Wahroonga. We thank him for his care, his generosity and support of parish life.

Congratulations to Cecilia Kean on her generous service as a Catechist for forty years. Cecilia will receive a special award on 26th February. Thank you to all those who continue in various ministries, works and groups that make up the life of our Holy Name parish community

Welcome to the 40 parents who attended the Parent Information Night for the **Sacramental Program**, beginning with the preparation for Confirmation with those in Grade Four and older. Welcome also to those who are unable to attend that evening and who will be part of the program.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 2nd March. We shall celebrate two Masses at Holy Name at 9.15am and 7.30pm. Our Catholic schools will also be catered for. I encourage everyone to consider what they will do to "keep a good Lent". All are invited to the special Lenten gathering. (See details on Page 4 in Bulletin)

On **27**th **February**, the Sunday before Lent, we shall have a **BBQ after the 9.30am Mass**. Thanks to the men who have volunteered to set up and cook.

We look forward to the **World Day of Prayer** to be held at St John's Uniting Church, Wahroonga, on Friday 4th March at 11am. (Se Page 5 and the poster in the foyer of the Church)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - An invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to participate in this program. Please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks to those who have inquired about various activities in the parish. We request helpers/volunteers for:

- ♦ Flowers
- ♦ Monday morning playgroup
- ◆ Catechists
- Notice Board on Billyard Ave
- ♦ Cantor for 5:30pm Sunday Mass

Condolences to Antonella Foti and family on the passing of Antonella's father, who funeral was conducted on Friday 18 February and to the family of Angelina De Gupte, whose funeral will be conducted at Holy Name on Tuesday, 22 February.

Congratulations on the Baptism of Mia Vivienne Paton. Mia was baptised on Saturday.

Last week we heard Jesus proclaim the "upside down" values of the Kingdom of God. He warns that pursuing riches, possessions, power and pleasure does not always bring deep joy and contentment. In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say "love your enemies, pray for those who hate you." In other words, we are called to love as God loves. This is the work of a life time, and requires us to rely on God's grace. This love in the Greek is referred to as "agape" – a love that is never self-seeking, but that always seeks the highest good of the other. May we continue to be open to grow as people who bring this love to our marriages and families, and to all our dealings with others.

With my prayers and best wishes for all the Parishioners of Holy Name, I

Fr Paul

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	21 February	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Tuesday	22 February	Mass	9.15am			The Chair of St Peter, apostle
Wednesday	23 February	Mass	9.15am			St Polycarp, bishop, martyr
Thursday	24 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Friday	25 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Saturday	26 February	Mass	5.00pm			Weekday, Ordinary Time 7
Sunday	27 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Peter Preston SDS (friend of Mike Tighe), Paul Hotchkis (died 7 February aged 68 years, husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Pellegrino Ballarin (father of Antonella Foti, died 25 January), Mary Faulder (sister and sister in law of Ken and Carol Faulder, died 29 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (died 26 January aged 96yrs, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, died 21 January), Fr Manoj Manuel (died in India on 17 January, aged 45 years), Michael Phoebus (died 6 January, aged 58 years, husband of Deborah, father of Benjamin, Nicole, Michael "Jonathon" and brother of Michaele, Mark and Melanie), Rosenda (Rosie) DY, 99 years old (mother of Mrs Melinda CLIFT) died on the 2nd of January 2022 in Legazpi City of Philippines, R.I.P, Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18 December), Dr Nalin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, 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).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Jones (brother in law of Jo and Frank Waldron, 1st anniversary 21 February), Tom Anderson (father of Margaret MacMillan) anniversary 22 February), Eleanora Poletto (mother of Giordana Praturlon, 5th anniversary 26 February), Reg Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 4th anniversary on 14 February), Roy Woodall (father of Sue, 1st anniversary 14 February), Bernadette Bevins (1st anniversary 20 February), Maureen Taylor (Carol Reidy's mother, 11th anniversary on 13 February), Chris Roche (Lillas' son, 4th anniversary on 12 February), Burt Schaafsma (husband of Mary, 1st anniversary 3 February). Margaret Bizannes (10th anniversary on 7 February), Evelyn Waters (cousin of Margaret MacMillan, 1st anniversary 9 February), Amelia Faulkner (mother of Elaine Wilson, 1st anniversary, 31 January), Charles (Charlie) Attard (brother of Ray, brother-in-law to Lynne and uncle of Ryan, 1st anniversary on 27 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 52nd anniversary, 31st January), Kay Elizabeth Ann Baguley (mother of Jo Toomey, 23rd anniversary on 2nd February), Matt Murney (son-in-law of Mary Schaafsma, 2nd anniversary on 27 January), Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 6th anniversary 20 January), Muriel Molnar (6th anniversary, 21 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 61st anniversary on 21 January, Joan Clarke (5th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 5th anniversary, 23 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 35th anniversary on 23 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 20th anniversary 13 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Aaron Iori (9th anniversary on 1 January),

FOR THE SICK:

Bill Northcott, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Patricia and Dennis Morgan, 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), Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), 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), 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), 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), 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, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.





What do the readings say to us this Sunday?

First Reading (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). David turns down an opportunity to kill Saul because he believes it would not be right before God.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). Paul draws parallels between Adam and Christ: to Adam we owe the life of earth; to Christ the life of heaven.

Gospel (Luke 6:27-38). Jesus highlights the obligations of the command to "love your neighbour" – even to the duty of loving one's enemy.

Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result, Saul saw him as a threat and sought to kill him. The **First Reading** contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person.

This passage prepares us for **the Gospel**, which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of true charity. The ideal of love to which his followers must aspire is that of God himself. We are to love as God loves.

Jesus' vision of human behaviour is at such variance with the view most people have: many people regard it as impossible to love so generously, and therefore ignore it. From a human point of view it is unachievable. We must rely on the grace of God.

Quote of the Week reflecting Sunday's Gospel

The wall hanging in Mother Teresa's Office (St Teresa of Calcutta 1910-1997)

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred; ... Forgive them anyway!

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; ... **Be kind anyway!**

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; ... Succeed anyway!

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
... Be honest and frank anyway!

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; ... Build anyway!

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; ... **Be happy anyway!**

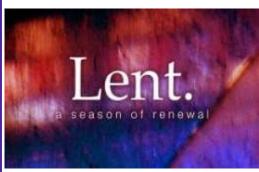
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; ... **Do good anyway!**

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; ... Give the world the best you've got anyway!

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.



Preparing for Lent 2022



Important Dates: Looking ahead to the next season of the Church

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

(6:00pm Adoration & 6:30pm Stations)

Palm Sunday 10th April Holy Thursday 14th April Good Friday 15th April Easter Sunday 17th April

Lenten Groups

During the Season of Lent, the Church promotes the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as ways of breathing new life into our practice of the faith. One special way you may wish to mark the season is by joining us for our **Parish Lenten Groups!**

This year at Holy Name we will embark on the "Journey through Lent" program with Scott Hahn. This is a 4 part course which covers 4 fundamental areas of the Catholic faith: Reconciliation, Eucharist, Prayer, and Scripture.



Each session will begin with a communal dinner, followed by watching the video and breaking into groups for prayer and further discussion.

When: Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March from 6:30pm-9:00pm

Where: Prouille School Hall—5 Water St, Wahroonga

If you would like to join us, please register by clicking on this link: https://forms.gle/mmeEsAjwutV6je1CA or book through the Parish Office 9489 3221 or Email: Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au

Home Based Lenten Groups:

If you would like to host your own Lenten Group in your home, the Parish has resources available for you. Please contact the Parish Office.





Invitation Do you thirst for spiritual conversation?

All are welcome to join us in experiencing and praying the First Spiritual Exercises during a Lenten FSE retreat in daily Life.

Over five Mondays we will guide you through this gentle Lenten retreat, and invite you to enter into the mysteries of Love, forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation, healing, freedom and inner peace with the Lord.

The First Spiritual Exercises are a series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking a more intimate relationship with our creator, and a deep inner peace.

Inner peace in Darkness and Light FSE retreat, is a four-week retreat where participants are guided by givers of the First Spiritual Exercises through a contemplative prayer each Monday and then continue at home for most days in your own time, with prepared prayer exercises. Through out the retreat you will be invited to pray, be silent, journal in your listening book and the gather to listen and share your experiences with sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Our facilitators for this retreat are ... Karen Wong, Giver of the FSE Ministry Cheryl Thomas, Giver of the FSE Ministry

When: Monday nights 28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and April 4th 2022

Time: 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm Where: Via Zoom Bookings: Essential as numbers are limited.

Contact: Cheryl by email cherylathomas@bigpond.com



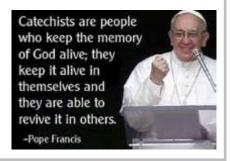
Congratulations

We extend our congratulations to **Mrs Cecilia Kean** on completing **40 years** as a Catechist in the public schools. We thank Cecilia for her generosity in coordinating the Catechists at Holy Name.

Catechists Needed:

For the Bush School, Wahroonga; Kindy and Year 5 require a catechist; it is a rewarding ministry.

Contact office 9489 3221, or see Cecilia Kean after the 9.30am Mass or 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 20th February.



Confirmation Program for Years 4-6, 2022



In our Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is celebrated after Baptism, before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This Confirmation program is to run during Term 1 and is for candidates in Year 4 or above.

We aim to accommodate all families participating in our Sacramental Program.

All Year 4 students along with any students from Years 5 & 6 wishing to prepare to be Confirmed can be enrolled using the Trybooking link: https://www.trybooking.com/BPACQ

For further information contact Mrs Sally Oong: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or Parish Office 9489 3221

World Day of Prayer 2022

World Day of Prayer



St John's Uniting Church, Wahroonga – in conjunction with the Turramurra Wahroonga Inter-Church Fellowship – has pleasure in inviting you to join us in celebrating the World Day of Prayer.

This service has been arranged by England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It highlights a note of hope for our hurting world –

"I know the plans I have for you"

TIME: Friday 4th March, 2022 – 11am. PLACE: St John's Uniting Church,

61 Coonanbarra Rd, Wahroonga. SPEAKER: Rev. Dr Manas Ghosh

All are welcome to join us for a light lunch, to be served in the Upper Hall after the service.

R.S.V.P. office@stjohnswahroonga.org Sunday 27th February 2022.

The service will be available on Zoom.



Time: Mar 4th, 2022 11:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/4747345102 Meeting ID: 474 734 5102 World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date and time: FRIDAY, 4 MARCA



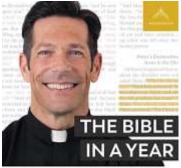


Reading the Bible

DIFFICULTY READING THE BIBLE?

Have you ever struggled to read the Bible? I know I have! I can't tell you how many times I've picked up my Bible, read a few chapters into the Old Testament and gave up. The Bible can be hard to comprehend for all of us, and it can be even more difficult to find the time. There is a solution!

Fr Mike Schmitz, a priest from the USA, has released a podcast called "Bible in a Year" — which quickly rose last year to become the most listened to podcast in the world! Fr Paul and I have been listening to the podcast each day ourselves, and we have both found it wonderfully engaging and helpful. I, myself, have begun to appreciate more than ever, the riches contained in the Word of God. If you've ever struggled to read the Scriptures, I encourage you to begin "Bible in a Year." Lent is just around the corner, it might be the perfect time to start!



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, FEATURING JEFF CAVIN

It is broken into 365 episodes, each about 30-mins each.

They can be listened to on your smartphone or on the computer. For more information, go to: https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/

If you wish to read along while you listen:

The exact Bible version Fr Mike uses can be found by clicking here.

A cheaper version of the same translation can be found by clicking here.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, email me at: sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au

Position Vacant

Parish Bookkeeper Lindfield Killara Catholic Parish Part-time, 1 day per week

The Parish is seeking a Bookkeeper for our busy office. The role includes maintenance of the parish financial records using MYOB, supplier payments, processing credit card receipts, payroll and quarterly BAS. You would also be required to prepare quarterly reports for the Parish Finance Committee and an annual report for the diocese. Other aspects of the role include processing and remittance of various special appeals, entering receipt data into parish administration database and cooperating with the diocese for any internal audits/reviews. Other finance related tasks as requested.

If you have previous bookkeeping or accounting experience and this role interests you, please email a cover letter and CV to colin@lindfieldkillara.org.au.

Applications close Friday 4 March 2022.







We remember this week

The Chair of St Peter— Feast Day 22 February

St Peter is named first among the apostles of Jesus; he was often their spokesman and leader; he was the first to preach after Pentecost; and he was the leader in defending Christ and his message. Peter was at the Transfiguration and in the garden.

He proclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Christ," and Christ singled him out:

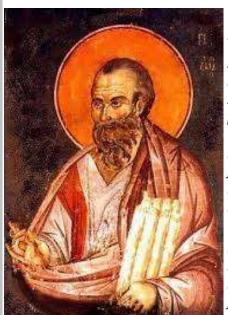
"So I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18–19)

Jesus prayed for Peter that he might strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:32) And Jesus gave Peter a threefold commission to "[feed my sheep." (John 21:15–17)

From the beginning, the uniqueness of St Peter has been recognised. On the feast of the Chair of Peter, we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us, the Church. The title Chair of Peter refers to the chair from which a bishop presided, a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to Saint Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of Peter and his successors. It is from the chair, from the pastoral power given him, that the Pope shepherds Christ's flock.



St Polycarp—Feast Day 23 February



The story of Polycarp's martyrdom is the earliest recorded account of a Christian martyr.

St Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the apostle. While still quite young, he became a Bishop and was one of the most respected leaders in the first half of the second century. St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Irenaeus spoke highly of him, and people loved him very much.

He was a Christian leader in a non Christian world. He spoke clearly and simply, fearless in love and defence of Christ, even though persecutions raged around him. He sought only to hand on the message he had been given by John. Even as Polycarp prepared for martyrdom, his joy and confident trust were evident.

Polycarp was seized for being a Christian. Persecution and death would not tear him away from Jesus now. The crowd demanded that he be left to the lions, but instead he was sentenced to death by fire. An eyewitness account claims that the flames didn't harm him. He was finally killed by the sword, and his body was burned.

The community of believers celebrated the anniversary of Polycarp's death with great joy, for in him they had seen an outstanding example of love and patience. He had held strong and had won the treasure of eternal life. St Polycarp is remembered as an Apostolic Father, one who was a disciple of the apostles.



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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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

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 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 <u>AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo</u> - <u>YouTube</u> in case of an emergency.