

LOVE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
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22 December - *FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT*

Dear friends,

We come to the fourth and final week of the Advent season. This Sunday is marked by the lighting of the fourth candle on our wreath known as the 'Angels' candle. This candle represents 'peace' in our world because the angels were the messengers of peace to the shepherds.

As we approach the birth of Christ in 2024, let us remember that peace starts with us by inviting Christ the Prince of Peace to reign in our hearts. Of course there are many places in our world hungering for peace such as the Middle East and the Ukraine which are in desperate need of our prayers and support at this time.

The gospel of St. Luke introduces us this week to the gentle scene of Mary, the Mother of God, travelling into the hill country of Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant with John the Baptist. The encounter of the two pregnant women highlights Mary's example for us at this time of supporting and comforting others who need our compassion and support.

During this Advent time Bishop Anthony Randazzo makes appointments of the clergy of the Broken Bay Diocese for the start of 2025. Fr. John Puliparambil has now been appointed assistant priest at Holy Name, Wahroonga. He will have responsibility for Mass at McQuoin Park on Sunday, as well as some pastoral responsibility for Hornsby Hospital. We welcome Fr. John's appointment and looking forward to his ministry with us in 2025.

In 2025, the Church throughout the world will celebrate a Jubilee Year as the 'Year of Hope.' The Holy Year occurs every twenty-five years. The Holy Father Pope Francis will begin the Holy Year on 24th December, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In the BBN Diocesan Publication this month (available at the doors of the church), there are some very illuminating articles on the purpose and meaning of the Holy Year for reflection. There will be many opportunities next year to participate as 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

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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.*

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Parish Masses This Week

Monday	23 December	No Mass					Monday of 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	24 December	Mass	9.15am	5.00pm	7.30pm	Midnight	Tuesday of 4th week of Advent Carols at 4.30pm and 11.30pm before Mass.
Wednesday	25 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	NO EVENING MASS		The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)
Thursday	26 December	Mass	9:15am				St Stephen, the first martyr
Friday	27 December	Mass	9:15am				St John, apostle, evangelist
Saturday	28 December	Mass	5:00pm				The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sunday	29 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm		The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

*William (Bill) Hayward (died 10 December aged 73, father of Sarah, Tom, Lucy, Emily, Claire and Mollie), Gloria Candotti (Mother, mother-in-law and grandmother to Dan, Sandi, Mattia and Luca, died **7 December**).

ANNIVERSARIES:

December: Marceli and Agnes Pochyly (relatives of Cecylia Ramsden), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 55th anniversary on 24 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 4th anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—7th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (19th anniversary on 26 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 24th anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 4th anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (39th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 4th anniversary 31 December).

January: Aaron Iori (12th anniversary 1st January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (6th anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 12th anniversary on 4 January), Michael Phoebus (3rd anniversary, 6 January) Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 9th anniversary on 8 January), Carl Shannon (31st anniversary 8 January), Patricia McGrath (2nd anniversary, 17 January), wife of John, mother to Catherine, Julie, Linda, Anthony, Sean and David), Muriel Molnar (9th anniversary, 21 January), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, 2nd anniversary 21 January), Joan Clarke (7th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 8th anniversary, 23 January), Toufic Kassis (brother of John, 5th anniversary 20 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 64th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 38th anniversary on 23 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (3rd anniversary 26 January aged 96yrs, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 55th anniversary, 31st January).

FOR THE SICK: Neville Bownern (friend of Megan Khannah), Megan Khannah, Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Gemma McDermott, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), Will Green (aged 11yrs, friend of the Madden family), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

Please let the Parish Office know when someone can be taken off our Prayer List.



The funeral service for William (Bill) Hayward was held at 1:30pm on Friday, 20th December at St Agnes Catholic Church, Port Macquarie.



Congratulations to
Betty Severino
on the birth of her first great grandchild!
XAVIER JOSEPH
born on 15 December.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday

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First Reading: Micah 5:1-4: Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10: I am coming to do your will. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44: Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



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2024 Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.30pm Children's Carols followed by **5.00pm Mass**

7.30pm Christmas Vigil with our beautiful Parish Schola

11.30pm Carol Service followed by **Midnight Mass**
Traditional Gregorian Mass by Candlelight with a
Women's Chorale (please bring a small torch)



Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.00am Mass

9.30am Christmas Day Mass
with our legendary Pop Up Choir

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Christmas Offering



Making you the gift of
faith, the blessing of hope
and the peace of his love
this Christmas

Christmas Offerings:

Envelopes are available in the Church and are for the support of our Clergy.

If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place for Christmas Offerings, thank you—this will be processed on 23 December. Thank you for your appreciation of and generosity to our Clergy.



Please note the final Holy Hour for 2024 will be this Friday, 20 December.

Holy Hour will resume on 7 February 2025.

Join a choir this Christmas



Thought you might like to join a choir but are daunted by the thought?

Take your first step with the Holy Name Pop Up Choir.

It's a fun, friendly and supportive environment in which to start singing in a group.

You never know where it might lead.

Please join us for Christmas Day 9.30am mass.

We will have three rehearsals on Saturday mornings.

Saturday 7 Dec 9.30-11am

Saturday 14 Dec 9.30-11am

Saturday 21 Dec 9.30-11am

Contact the office, fill in the sheet or email or call
chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com 0438 625 056



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



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAHROONGA

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS PRACTICES

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga ph 9489 3221 ALL WELCOME

First Practice: Thursday December 12th 3.45pm-4.30pm

- * **Children** - Allocation of roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- * If you cannot make this practice, please contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.
- * All children can be an Angel or a Shepherd, as long as they can attend the 2nd or 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday December 14th (11am to 1pm)

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

Third Practice: Saturday 21st December (11am to 1pm)

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

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Tuesday 24th 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, Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or at the Parish office - phone: 9489 3221

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

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



Preparing For Christmas at Holy Name Wahroonga

HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

There are sign up sheets on the marble table in the Church foyer.
Please help our 5 Christmas Masses run smoothly by volunteering to help.

We need:

- ◆ ***Readers***
- ◆ ***Acolytes***
- ◆ ***Junior Servers***
- ◆ ***Collectors***
- ◆ ***Eucharistic Ministers***



Volunteers Needed!

Noël! Noël! 2024

On Wednesday, 11th December we hosted a night with the Brandenburg Choir and Orchestra's joyous, uplifting, unapologetically Australian take on a Christmas tradition. It was a very special evening.



Congratulations on your Graduation—Prouille Year 6, 2024



Lord God,

We ask for your almighty hand to be upon our Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary school.

Bless their lives from this day on with goodness and love. Help them to stay true to their dreams, to use their gifts wisely, and to walk into the future with humility, justice and compassion.

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Congratulations and Good Luck Year 6, 2024!



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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Office Hours:	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
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School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
Phone:	(02) 7256 2146	School Website: www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au
CCD Coordinator:	Mrs Hayley Edmunds	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:	Mrs Judy Dalton (SAN— Tues): Mr Barry Clibborn (SAN—Fri) (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Volunteer needed please.	
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):	Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer), Vacant—(Secretary)	

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

(and **FIRST Saturday of the month** Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8:45am *Morning Prayer*

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: 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 1:15pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Fr Kelvin
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: Rosalie Belsey, Nick Chapman, Anne-Louise Deakin, Chrissie Goldrick, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Sally Oong, Libby Ringrose, Sajanee Senn, Samantha Vieira, with Genevieve Smith (Prouille), Vanessa Dillon (St Edmunds) and a representative from St Lucy's.

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul.

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 would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the 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.