



Sunday 23 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076

Web | www.holynamewahroonga.com.au



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at Holy Name please visit our parish website at www.holynamewahroonga.com.au. We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.



CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

4.30pm Children's Carols followed by Mass

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 to this celebration)

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

9.15am Christmas Day Mass with our legendary Pop Up Choir

There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day

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 as the hymn is sung or recited.

**Light one candle for hope
One bright candle for hope
He brings hope to every heart
He comes, He comes**

**Light one candle for peace
One bright candle for peace
He brings peace to every heart
He comes, He comes**

**Light one candle for joy
One bright candle for joy
Every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy**

**Light one candle for love
One bright candle for love
He brings love to every heart
He comes, He comes
He brings love to every one**



We seek to grow as a Welcoming and Inclusive Community, supporting Life's Journey, through God's Grace and Mercy

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	24 December	No Mass	Monday of the 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	25 December	9.15am Mass	The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)
Wednesday	26 December	9.15am Mass	St Stephen, the first martyr
Thursday	27 December	9.15am Mass	St John, apostle, evangelist
Friday	28 December	9.15am Mass	The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Saturday	29 December	5.00pm Mass	Vigil of the HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday	30 December	9.15am and 5.30pm	The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



Children's Liturgy is taking a break during the school holidays.

Many thanks to Laura Munce and her wonderful team of leaders for all the time and effort put into our Children's Liturgy this year.

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Charlie Deguara (husband of Sue and father to Brendan, Ben, Sam and Jared, died 20 December), Eleanor Shirley Firkins (friend of Leila and Conor McCreton, died 20 December), Ron Aboitiz (nephew of Rose Planas, died in The Philippines), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, died 30 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, died 10 November aged 92), Joyce James (died 1 November), Elaine Kaz, Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick passed away 21 October aged 94), Brian Dunning (cousin of Leila McCreton), Cedric Wright (brother of Chris Le Gras, died 17 October),

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Couch (Paul's mother) 1st anniversary on 25 December, Mario Severino (26 December), Joe DeGuara, (father of Damian, first anniversary on 19 December), Tony Coutinho (5th anniversary on 16 December), Yvonne Pickup (1st anniversary on 14 December), Neville (George) Thornton (Jackie's father in law) 1st anniversary on 15 December, Molly Goldsworthy (sister of Chris Madden, 1st anniversary 19 December), Joan McNally (mother of Greg) Barry Fields (brother of Helen Tysoe), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 4th anniversary on 7 December), Marie Shortis (1st anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (1st anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 13th anniversary on 29 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 1st anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 51st anniversary on 16 November), Ron Young (father of Monica Dinnar, 2nd anniversary 5 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 3rd anniversary on 13 November), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 1st anniversary on 20 October), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 9th anniversary on 25 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 5th anniversary 23rd October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 7th anniversary on 20 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 4th anniversary on 19 October), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 33rd anniversary on 9 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 9th Anniversary on 9 October).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Mike Tighe, Margaret Woodlands, Julia Farrell, Byrant and Yvonne McGrath (brother and sister-in-law of Ves McGrath), Ina Evans, Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Evelyn Ridings, Joseph Gilmore (grandson of Leila and Conor McCreton), Ron Phillips (Lynne Attard's Dad), Charlie Attard (Ray's brother), Nancy Portelli (Ray Attard's sister), Athol Higgins, Chris Le Gras, Mary Stanley, Hildegard McLaughlin, Barbara Dunning, Eleanor Shirley Firkins, Bryan O'Brien, Joan Dell, David Coombes, Mary Salter, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Steve Ralph, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Gus Almgren, Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Mary Greco (friend of Eleanor Cooray), Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Philip Stanley, Thomas Nash, Donna Lucas, Andrew Watson, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Eunice Spangaro, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Denise Waudby (Patrice Buzinskas' sister), Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne, Sue Roche.



Fr David

Christmas Reflection

Dear friends,

Our hearts go out to the DeGuara family this Christmas on the loss of Charles. To Sue, his wife, and to all his sons we offer our deepest sympathy. Charlie has been unwell for a number of years, but he was a tremendous part of our community some years ago, very involved in the social life of our parish, heading up a memorable musical group, and very much a part of the Prouille Soccer Club. We will always remember him for his happy, cheeky disposition. Charlie will be farewelled from our church on Thursday 27 December at 11am. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Our warmest congratulations to Patrick Burfitt on his engagement to Lis McAuliffe! The Burfitt family—and the wider Limbers family—continues to grow and grow! We pray the Lords richest blessings upon Pat and Liz as they plan their wedding!

Our best wishes, too, to the Edmunds family on the arrival of their new grand-daughter, Sophie. We enjoyed having Julie and Josh, her parents, with us last Sunday evening and Sophie was safely delivered on Monday!

Recently, we enjoyed a great dinner with the outgoing and incoming member of our Parish Pastoral Council along with our Parish Finance Committee. We thank them for their generosity of time and talent on our behalf, and they extend to the whole community the most happy of Christmases!



12 CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

- 1 **FAITH** Father God, thank you for Your grace, that through faith we can receive the true gift of Christmas – our salvation.
Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 **HOPE** Lord may you fill me with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, I may abound in hope.
Romans 15:13
- 3 **LOVE** I thank you for your love - the first love - that you gave your life for me.
1 John 4:19
- 4 **FORGIVENESS** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving my sins and therefore cleansing me from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*
- 5 **MERCY** I thank you that I can be merciful to those in my life, for you had mercy on me.
Luke 6:36
- 6 **KINDNESS** Father I thank you that I can walk in kindness and compassion towards everyone in my life, forgiving everyone just as you have forgiven me. *Ephesians 4:32*
- 7 **GENEROSITY** Lord let me be enriched and generous in every way for your glory and praise!
2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 **COMPASSION** I pray that my family will live in harmony by being sympathetic, compassionate, humble and walking in love with one another. *1 Peter 3:8*
- 9 **JOY** Father fill me with your joy in hope, patience through affliction, and faithfulness in prayer.
Romans 12:12
- 10 **SALVATION** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life, and my only way to You.
John 14:6
- 11 **OBEDIENCE** Lord Help me to not merely listen to Your Word, but to follow and apply it to my life.
James 1:22-25
- 12 **LIFE** And Jesus, thank you for coming that I may have life, and that that life may be abundant and full!
John 10:10



Parish Diary in the Coming Week

Monday	24 December	4.30pm	Children's Carols
		5.00pm	Children's Mass
		7.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass with Parish Schola singing
		11.30pm	Carols
		Midnight	Mass - Traditional Gregorian Mass by Candlelight (bring small torch)
Tuesday	25 December	9.15am	Christmas Mass with Pop Up Choir
Thursday	27 December	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Charlie Deguara

Parish Events



The Parish Office will be closed from 3.00pm Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December and reopen Monday 7th January.

The answering machine will be checked regularly during this time. Craig Joshua and other helpers will be in the office until Jackie's return on Monday 21 January.

50's And Over Singles Group

SAVE THE DATE

We will be meeting on Saturday, 26th January in the Parish Sunroom to discuss the programme for 2019.

Please join us 10.00am - 11:00am

Enquiries please phone
Susan Robson on 0404 005 267 or
Reg Gibbons on 9481 0334 or 0409 599 440.



Some Snapshots of our Year in Pictures

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



FIRST COMMUNION -
JUNE 2018



2018

OUR SENSATIONAL TRIVIA NIGHT and 70TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE



FR ANSELM
JOINS US AS OUR
ASSISTANT PRIEST!



OUR CHURCH BELL
TOLLS!



OUR REMEMBRANCE GARDEN IN HONOUR OF
MARIE SHORTIS
11 NOVEMBER



CHRISTMAS
HAMPER APPEAL



GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING



2018

Preparing for Christmas

Have you signed up for Christmas Masses?

Eucharistic Ministers
Collectors
Servers
Readers
Acolytes

The Christmas rosters are at the back of the church. You can add your name at any time over the weekend.

I have put the names that were listed as of Monday + a couple of emails I received, on the attached.

There are still plenty of opportunities to participate in the 4 services- even in ministries where others have volunteered.

However some masses are not well covered – notably the 9.15am Christmas day service- where we need an Acolyte, more servers, readers, collectors etc.

You can add your name at the back of the church , or contact me and I will add on Sunday morning.

This Saturday and Sunday it is the regular Week 4 teams- with Month B readers. People are already heading away for Christmas- so keep an eye out for people missing if you are attending.

In the meantime – thanks for your support and I will update all Christmas Eve morning Thanks
Chris 0450 963 596



Join
in the
Carols at 11:30pm

on Christmas Eve - prior to
the Midnight Mass. Please bring a
small torch to this Mass - a Traditional Gregorian
Mass by Candlelight
with
a
Women's
Chorale.



Christmas Offerings

You will find Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews this week should you wish to make a donation.

If you have an automatic credit card deduction in place, these will be processed on Monday 24th December.

Thank you for your generosity to our wonderful parish !



**Christmas Eve Children's Mass
MASS: Christmas Eve 5PM on
Monday 24 December**

Carols from 4.30pm

**PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise
costumes and seating**

For more details, please contact Sally Oong on
0433 817 114 or hnwsally@gmail.com

**The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals,
the merrier!**

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



Around and About

CCD Regional Coordinator (Northern Beaches) Office for Evangelisation

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay extends from Sydney's Northern Beaches, the North Shore and up to the Central Coast. Reporting to the CCD Diocesan Coordinator, the CCD Regional Coordinator's primary purpose, in this position, is to facilitate the catechesis of Catholic students in government primary and secondary schools on the Northern Beaches.

The CCD Regional Coordinator (Northern Beaches) is responsible for the coordination of CCD in this region including curriculum delivery, parish support and the training of coordinators and catechists for the ministry of SRE. The CCD is a team within the Office for Evangelisation.

As the successful candidate you will have the following skills and attributes:

- An understanding of the Catholic Church, its mission and the sensitivities and nuances of dealing with various stakeholders;
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in religious education and/or theology or equivalent experience;
- Experience in parish-based ministries and development of parish-based programs and activities, management of groups and individuals, and the development and promotion of links with key internal and external groups, agencies and organisations.
- Ability to develop and implement training and formation programs for CCD Ministry in both face-to-face and online modes, to enable parish CCD coordinators to effectively coordinate SRE at a local level and catechists to teach SRE to Catholic students in public schools of their parish;
- A knowledge of Department of Education and Office of the Children's Guardian requirements in relation to the provision of SRE in public schools of NSW;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication (both written and oral) skills, including negotiation, consultation and the ability to facilitate collaborations between the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the parishes and public schools;
- High level skills in contemporary computer applications including the Microsoft office suite;
- Excellent organisational skills and the ability to reprioritise and reorganise priorities;
- Excellent word processing, telephone and diary management skills;
- Ability to identify training and resource needs at a parish and regional level and respond to these;
- A driver's licence is also required for the role.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please apply online at recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au

Please submit a cover letter, statement that shows how you meet the above selection criteria and a current CV. Applications close COB Monday 21 January 2019.

Advent and Christmas Safeguarding Message

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that Jesus sees children as recipients and models, and even the measure of the Kingdom (Gundry-Volf & Kelly).

The Closure of Mt St Benedicts Centre, Pennant Hills

Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of the year we have a couple of important announcements about the Mount St Benedict Centre.

Please note that the Centre will be closed from Thursday 20th December and will re-open on Tuesday the 15th of January.

As many of you are aware next year the Sisters of the Good Samaritan will be transferring ownership of the Centre to Good Samaritan Education for use by the Mount St Benedict College. The Centre will officially cease operation as a Spirituality Centre on March 29, 2019.

As we prepare for this transfer, next year our operating hours will change – the Centre will be open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm. These changed hours will be effective from our first day of operation on Tuesday January 15.

And a "Save the Date"

We will be having our last ever program at the Centre on March 9, 2019. This will be our annual Lenten Reflection Day and we have something very special planned– so you may like to "save the date". We will have a flyer with further information about this day sent out in the new year. We are very excited about this offering and hope that you can join us for this significant event in the life of the Centre.

We wish you and your loved ones all the blessings, peace and joy of the season

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A Movement to Nourish Body, Mind & Soul

SoulCore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. A sensory experience combining candlelight, music, scripture and movement to nourish body, mind & soul and encourage deeper reflection on the virtues of the rosary.

Available via DVDs, digital downloads & live streaming
www.SoulCore.com



Reconciliation Times in our Area

St Bernard's

21 Warrina St
Berowra Heights NSW 2082
ph: 9456 2450

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday before 5.30pm Vigil Mass

St Patrick's

1 Royston Parade
Asquith NSW 2077
ph: 9456 2450

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday after 9.00am Mass

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

23 Yardley Avenue
Waitara NSW 2077
ph: 9483 2300

Reconciliation

Saturdays 10.00am-10.30am

Queen of Peace Church

18 Stuart Ave
Normanhurst NSW 2076

Reconciliation

Saturday 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

64 Kendall St
West Pymble NSW 2073

Reconciliation

Saturdays 9.30am

Sacred Heart

2 Richard Porter Way
Pymble NSW 2073
ph: 9144 2702

Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday; 5.30pm Sunday; 8.30am Friday

Corpus Christi

263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives NSW 2075
ph: 9144 6998

Reconciliation

9.30am until 10.00am Saturdays

St Agatha's

20 Boundary Road
Pennant Hills NSW 2120
ph: 9484 1427

Reconciliation

Saturdays 8.30am-9.30am

Holy Family

Cnr Pacific Hwy and Highfield Rd
Lindfield NSW 2070
ph: 9416 3702

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 5.00 - 5.30pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary

76 Fiddens Wharf Rd
Killara NSW 2070
ph: 9416 3702

Reconciliation

15 minutes after the Vigil Mass (which is Saturday at 5.30pm)

St Gerard Majella's Parish Church

543 North Rocks Road
Carlingford, NSW 2118

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 - 5:30pm Saturdays

Our Welcoming Team

Sat 5pm	Week 1	Joy George
	Week 2	Louise and Mia Koopman
	Week 3	Milena Huntley
	Week 4	Mary Stanley, Dot Brink, Frankie Doran
	Week 5	
Sun 9.15am	Week 1	Amanda Woo
	Week 2	Fiona Tubb
	Week 3	Ina Evans
	Week 4	Rosalie Talty
	Week 5	Halina and David Brett
Sun 5.30pm	Week 1	The Board Family
	Week 2	The Watson Family
	Week 3	Sri Wijetunga
	Week 4	Dominique Kind
	Week 5	Dominique Kind

Keeping our Parish Site Safe

Throughout our church and its environs are a number of aids for our safety:

At all the entrances to the church please observe the **Evacuation Signs** on the walls.

We have two **Assembly Points** outside the church:

In front of the church
In the Car Park behind the church

We have a **Defibrillator** near the noticeboards at the rear of the church to the right of the entrance.

We have **First Aid Kits** in the Morning Tea Facility in the Church Foyer
The Parish Sunroom
The Sacristy

We have **Dangerous Chemical Registers** Under the sink in
Our Parish Sunroom
The Sacristy

And many Doctors in the House!

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest	Fr David Ranson	david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au
Assistant Priest	Fr Anselam Lakra	anselam.lakra@bbcatholic.org.au
Deacon	Rev. Adrian Gomez	adrian.gomez@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Jackie Thornton	secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au
Sacramental Coordinator	Mrs. Sally Oong	sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au
Office Hours	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am—5pm	
Phone	(02) 9489 3221	
Postal Address	P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076	
Prouille School	5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076	
School Principal	Mrs. Susan Bevan	
Phone	(02) 9489 3233	
School Website	www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au	
Sacristan and Co-ordinator Altar Society	Mrs. Rosalie Talty	
CCD Coordinator	Mrs. Cecilia Kean	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators	Mr. John Boswell; Mr. Chris Madden; Mr. Paul Sutherland (Housebound)	
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator	Mr Chris Goldrick cgoldrick@optusnet.com.au 0450 963 596	

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.15am and 5.30pm.

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (not in January)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara: Monday 9.30am

St Leo's College: Friday 12.55pm during school terms

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

(Vespers with Dominican Lay Chapter 3.00pm on 2nd Sunday)

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

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass
At Hammond Care, North Turrumurra monthly

Parish Pastoral Council in 2019

Gemma McDermott, Tom Waugh, Lucian Wijetunga, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Chrissie Goldrick, Tess Denham-Fabry, along with Sue Bevan (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Terry O'Keefe (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee in 2019

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Brian McGarry, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty

Parish Fundraising Committee 2018

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, Sonia Carbone, Ian Edmunds, 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 2nd 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.

(Alternatively see the "giving" pages at www.dbb.org.au)

Donation by Electronic Transfer

Wahroonga Catholic Parish Account BSB: 062-784 Account No: 1389 8001 CBA- 48 Martin Place, Sydney

EFTPOS Available in Parish Office

Do be sure to take a copy home of "Our Sunday Celebration" available at the entrances to our church.

Inside there is much wonderful reading for our spiritual nourishment.

Would you like to receive our Parish Bulletin by email? Please contact our Parish Secretary
secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

Do you need a lift to Mass? Be sure to let our Parish Office know and we will seek to assist you.