

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son...”



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25th December - The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)

From Fr Paul

Welcome to all Holy Name parishioners and visitors:

A special word of welcome to all visitors to Holy Name parish this Christmas. If you have been away from the Church for a time, know you are welcome.

Welcome to our regular parishioners and those who may be joining us via livestreaming and recording Midnight Mass.

May we all be a blessing to each other this Christmas and may our time of worship help us to receive Christ anew into our hearts, our families and our Parish.

A Christmas Wish and Prayer:

May we each hear anew the words of the Angel to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy. Today a saviour has been born to you." (Luke 2:10-11).

Like the three wise men who will come to adore the Christ child in Matthew's account (Mt 2:1-2), the shepherds also visit the child Jesus, and return home glorifying and praising God. (Lk 2:20). May we too glorify and praise God by our lives of faith, hope and love.

We gather to greet the Christ Child: At Christmas, perhaps more than any other time in the Church's year, many members of the family of faith come home. All know they are welcome. We gather to greet a newborn baby, the Christ child. We gather to be filled once more with delight and beauty, with joy and peace. These are the things for which our human spirit longs.

At the Christmas Mass, we come to hear again the great story of our Saviour's birth and to be nourished at the altar of the Lord, where we are fed with his Word and with the "bread of Life". We come to celebrate the Good News of our salvation as a parish community.

Thanks to many who contribute to our Liturgies:

Thanks to all those who any way have been involved in preparing our Church and preparing for the five Christmas Liturgies. Thank you for all the thought and planning and practices. Thanks for the beautiful music and singing, for the children's nativity play, for all who filled the special roles and ministries.

Thanks for your presence and for participating in the Liturgy. May all we do give praise, glory and thanksgiving to God, especially for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, whose nativity we commemorate.

Reach out this Christmas

Let us be mindful and reach out in love for those around us who may be straggling, or lonely or in need. Please note that those operating The Dish are most in need of helpers in the Christmas-New Year period. See details on Page 4.

Happy Christmas:

On behalf of Fr Sam and the Parish Team at Holy Name Wahroonga, I wish you a very happy, safe and holy Christmas and many blessings for the year ahead. Thank you as always for your help and support this year. *Fr Paul*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	26 December	No Mass			Monday of 4th week of Advent
Tuesday	27 December	Mass	9.15am		St John, apostle, evangelist
Wednesday	28 December	Mass	9.15am		The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Thursday	29 December	Mass	9.15am		5th day in Octave of the Nativity
Friday	30 December	Mass	9.15am		The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday	31 December	Mass	5:00pm		7th day in Octave of the Nativity
Sunday	1 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5:30pm	MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Gurr (sister of Moira Sullivan, died 16 December), 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 McMahan, (husband of Maxine & father of Anne Box), Denis Joyce (brother of Maureen Rolleston, died 28 October), Joan Dell (died 22 October), Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Couch (Paul's Mum—5th anniversary, 25 December), Mario Severino (17th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 2nd anniversary on 24 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 53rd anniversary on 24 December), Nalin Singh (1st anniversary, 18 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 22nd anniversary on 28 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 2nd anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (37th anniversary on 29 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 2nd anniversary 31 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 9th anniversary 16 December), Maria Lombardo (10th anniversary on 16 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).

FOR THE SICK:

Mitchell Lawrence (friend of Phillip King), 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, 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 Fragiacomio, 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.



Readings for Christmas Masses

For the Solemnity of Christmas, the Church sets out a range of Readings according to the time of day the Mass is celebrated. Some adaptation of these is allowed for pastoral reasons.

Vigil Mass (Readings will be adapted for children)

First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Isaiah looks forward to the day when all people will see the glory of God revealed.

Second Reading: Acts 13.16-17,22-25

St Paul declares his faith in Jesus Christ, the One sent by God.

Gospel: Matthew 1.1-25

The ancestors of Jesus' line are named. Joseph is told by the Angel of the Lord to care for Mary and her child.

Midnight Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

This prophecy, about the coming of a Saviour-child who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

St Paul reminds us of what is expected of us if we are to enjoy the salvation won for us by Christ.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

This tells about the birth of Jesus, and how the news of his birth was brought by angels to shepherds.

8.00am Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12

The joy of the exiles returning from Babylon is a foretaste of the joy Christians experience at the birth of Jesus.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

We did nothing to merit the birth of Jesus; rather, God sent his Son out of compassion for us.

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

With Mary we are invited to ponder on the deeper meaning of the birth of Jesus so that, with the shepherds, we may be moved to glorify and praise God.

9.30am Mass

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

This prophecy, about the coming of a Saviour-child who will rescue his people from oppression, is fulfilled in Jesus.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

St Paul reminds us of what is expected of us if we are to enjoy the salvation won for us by Christ.

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

This tells about the birth of Jesus, and how the news of his birth was brought by angels to shepherds.

Other Readings for Mass on Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

This great hymn of exultation at the return of the exiles from Babylon is also a poem of joy for our redemption.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

The whole history of God's dealings with his people in the past was a preparation for the coming of his Son at a particular moment in history.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

This is a great hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

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.

Carols Bus—Saturday, 17th December, 2022

Many thanks to the Wijetunga, Poirrier and Candotti families for hosting the Carol singers and guests to their homes last Saturday evening. Huge thanks to our wonderful team of carolers, led by Chrissie Goldrick, who entertained us beautifully.



Mass and Parish Office Times

Mass Times:

Throughout December and January, regular weekday and weekend Mass times will be maintained.

Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Weekends: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 9:30am and 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours into January:

The Parish Office **will be open** for reduced hours next week Wednesday 28 December to Friday 31 December. The office will be closed from 3rd January to Tuesday 17 January. The answering machine will be checked regularly so please feel free to leave a message on 9489 3221. During this time, Masses will be celebrated regularly, Sacraments available and a Priest on duty.

Would you like to be kept up to date with Parish News and Events?

If you wish to subscribe to our regular electronic mail-out each week please email us at: Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone the Parish Office: 9489 3221

Christmas Helpers Needed!

Those of you receiving this by MailChimp, please note we still need helpers.

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

Please lend a hand
with our Christmas Masses Ministries



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

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



Children's Mass on Christmas Eve

MASS: Christmas Eve 5:00pm on Saturday 24 December
Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm
PLEASE arrive by 4:00pm 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.



The Dish

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. Hayley 0438 948 947 hedmunds42@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank You for your Financial Contribution:

Thank you to our regular contributors through Planned Giving.

Thanks to those who regularly give via 'Tap n Go' and through donations 'to the plate'.

The time of lockdown has affected Church funds adversely.

- **Our 1st Collection** is for the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- **Our 2nd Collection** is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.
- **Christmas Offering Envelopes** —a special gift to our Priests and Parish at this time of year.

We thank you for any contribution you can make.



*May His love surround you, your family and friends
at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.*

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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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 (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.