

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



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25 December - The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)

Dear friends,

Father Henri Nouwen offers us this insightful reflection for us at Christmas. ‘God came to us because he wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story and help us realise that we are not walking in circles, but moving towards the house of peace and joy. Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and let him whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend be our companion.’

For those of us who feel that we have been walking around in circles these last few weeks, I hope that our stronger sense of purpose has been to allow Jesus to gently guide us in his ways, because it is he who leads us to the house of peace and joy. In our struggles to not just follow everyone in the circle, there is a greater sense of what lies in our hearts as we follow the road which leads to Bethlehem. There may have been no room at the inn, but there is always a place at the manger for everyone.

Father John and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for their help and support throughout this year of 2024. Your generosity is very much appreciated, and I want to thank you all for your attendance, participation and generosity toward this parish community and so many others, who like the Holy Family, are so needy at this time.

Fr. John and I wish you and your families every joy and blessing for the season of our Saviour’s birth.

Blessings,

Fr Kelvin and Fr John



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



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: 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), Marcelli and Agnes Pochyly (relatives of Cecylia Ramsden)

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, Lynette, 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, 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 Bower (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 note

Holy Hour will resume on 7 February 2025.

Christmas Offering



With the gift of
faith, the blessing of hope
and the peace of the love
of 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.

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

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)



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.

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.

Mass and Parish Office 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 & 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours into January:

The Parish Office **will be open** the morning of Friday 27 December and will be closed from 30 December to Wednesday 15 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: Holynome@bbcatholic.org.au or Phone the Parish Office: 9489 3221

**SORRY
WE ARE CLOSED
FOR A SHORT
BREAK
WE WILL BE BACK SOON**

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
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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.