



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076

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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.

Sunday 26 January—Australia Day

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land, on our starving and displaced animals, on our failing crops and burning farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.

Protect our volunteer firefighters and all the members of essential services.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain to quench the fires and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

A Special Collection will be held this weekend (25/26 January) to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal.



We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity, tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please take a copy of Fr David Ranson VG—Australia Day Message home to read. Available at the entrances to the Church.



Good wishes to all our school students and their families as their summer holidays begin to come to an end, and as thoughts arise of the return to school! May they all be kept safe and be refreshed ahead of the start of school again. The educational year for 2020 commences for Teachers on Tuesday 28th January.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	27 January	9.15am Mass	Australia Day Holiday Mass
Tuesday	28 January	9.15am Mass	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Wednesday	29 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday, Ordinary Time Week 3
Thursday	30 January	9.15am Mass	Weekday, Ordinary Time Week 3
Friday	31 January	9.15am Mass	St John Bosco, priest
Saturday	1 February	5.00pm Mass	Vigil Mass for The PRESENTATION of the LORD
Sunday	2 February	9.15am and 5.30pm	The PRESENTATION of the LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Toufic Kassis (brother of John, passed away in Lebanon on 20 January), Elizabeth (Bette) Hammond a former parishioner who died on January 2nd, Anne Walker (Lillas Roche and Bishop David Walker's sister in law), Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, aged 108, died 6 January), Geoffrey Ranson (Fr David's father, died 15 December aged 88 years), Helen McKeon (Fr Jim McKeon's mother, died 10 December, aged 86), Colin Randazzo, (the father of Bishop Anthony died Saturday 7 December), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, died 16 November).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vincent Tighe and Leo Tighe (father and uncle of Mike Tighe), Bettina Luca (10th anniversary on 7 January) and Amedeo (Laurie) Luca (25th anniversary on 8 January -parents of Greg Luca, Daniela McGrath and Julian Luca), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 50th anniversary, 31st January, Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 4th anniversary 20 January), Muriel Molnar (4th anniversary, 21 January), Joan Clarke (3rd anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 3rd anniversary, 23 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 59th anniversary on 21 January, Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 33rd anniversary on 23 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 19th anniversary), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony - anniversary 13 January), Margaret Couch (Paul's mother 2nd anniversary on 25 December) Mario Severino (14th anniversary, 26 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (1st anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti (7th anniversary on 4 January), Emile Nassar (9th anniversary on 6 January), Ricki Hayes, (friend of Cecilia Kean, 2nd anniversary on 7 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Paul and Jenny, 4th anniversary on 8 January), Charlie Deguara (husband of Sue and father to Brendan, Ben, Sam and Jared, 1st anniversary 20 December), Doreen Mary Fox, (mother of Julie McElhenny 4th anniversary on 20 December), Joe DeGuara, (father of Damian, 2nd anniversary on 19 December), Hilda May Cutler (Grandmother of Jennifer Gregory, 50th anniversary on 24 December), George Thornton (2nd anniversary on 15 December), Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 6th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 5th anniversary on 7 December), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 1st anniversary on 30 November), Marie Shortis (2nd anniversary on 27 November), Frances Sim (2nd anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 14th anniversary on 29 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 1st anniversary 10 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 4th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 2nd anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 52nd anniversary on 16 November), Ron Young (father of Monica Dinnar, 3rd anniversary 5 November).

FOR THE SICK:

Conor McCreton, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Mike Tighe, Cyril Littrich, Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Isla Bishop (Grand-daughter of Irene Bishop), James Madden (son of Julie and Chris), Dennis Morgan, Matthew Murney (son in law of Burt Schaafsma), Molly Sheppard, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Baby Thomas Joseph Elley, Jacinta Limbers, Peter Reidy, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Mary Peachy (Brigid Wright's sister), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Fran Cuddy (St James Turramurra, KCEA), Steve Ralph, Margaret Woodlands, Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Hildegard McLaughlin, Barbara Dunning, Joan Dell, David Coombes, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), 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, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Helen Gait (wife of Tom), 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.

**We journey towards the Season of Lent which commences with Ash Wednesday 26 February 2020
Now it is onward and upward towards Easter ... it's only 12 weeks away you know!
Good Friday 10 April and Easter Sunday 12 April**

From Fr David

Dear friends,

It has been a full week for me. Last Sunday I drove to Trangie, some 100km west of Dubbo, for the funeral of a colleague's father. It was a remarkable experience of the drought that has gripped much of our State. Indeed on Sunday night I discovered myself in the midst of the huge dust storm that enveloped Dubbo. The trip made me even more conscious of the need our country faces, and in particular of the dire hardship faced by our farmers. I have thought to reconsider Pope Francis' letter on our responsibility for the environment, *Laudato Si'* (2015) and propose that we make available the opportunity to reflect and pray on this together, especially given the circumstances of this summer. Given that our Lenten period has already been committed to a prayerful consideration of the themes of the Plenary Council 2020, I propose that we make this opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of creation possible during our Season of Easter when our focus is on renewed hope.

As we prepare to enter our Season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on 26 February, and our prayerful engagement of the themes of the Plenary, we are privileged that **Dr Paul Collins, the eminent Australian Church historian, will join us on Monday 10 February for a public lecture on the Plenary.** Dr Collins will focus on the Plenary's emphasis on evangelisation in the practical context of secular Australia, and on the syndodal nature of Church governance in the New Testament and the first millennium of church history. It will be a very stimulating evening so do mark it in your diary!

Special wishes to all our teachers, students and families as they prepare for the return to a new school year. Last Friday it was my pleasure to celebrate Mass for the staff of Loreto College Normanhurst. On Tuesday morning at our 9.15am Mass we will be joined by our staff from Prouille and next Friday it will be my privilege to celebrate the Opening Mass for Brigidine College which will include the commissioning of the new Principal, Laetitia (Teash) Richmond. May this year be one of great blessing for all our school communities.



Congratulations to
Chris Le Gras
who celebrates his 90th Birthday on
Saturday, 1st February!

Chinese New Year

Lunar New Year is a Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese Calendar.

In 2020, the first day of the Chinese New Year will be on Saturday, 25 January. This year, 2020 is the year of the Rat. In Chinese culture, rats are seen as a sign of wealth and surplus, and because of their reproduction rate, people often pray to them for children.



Lunar New Year is associated with many customs, and is a time for families to get together and celebrate. It is traditional for every family to thoroughly clean their house, in order to clear away any bad energy and make way for the good fortune the new year will bring.



Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go'

We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Holy Name Catholic Parish.



No Cash? No problem! Our machines are set to either \$5 or \$10 per tap.

Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to
Carol and Christopher Hunter
joining us on Saturday 25 January
for the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary!

Parish Diary in the Coming Week

Tuesday	28 January	9.15am	Prouille School Staff join our 9.15am Mass
Wednesday	29 January	7.15pm	Schola Rehearsal - Church
Thursday	30 January	9.50am	Sacrament of Anointing
Friday	31 January	9.30am	Brigidine College Opening Mass (Fr David)

Please let the Parish Office know when any regular meetings/groups etc are recommencing for 2020!



Bushfire Appeal—25/26 January

This weekend, a special collection will be held this weekend (25/26 January) to raise funds for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Donations can be made in cash, by cheque or online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au

Donations raised will go to people directly impacted by the bushfires. For more information please see our website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/bushfires/resources>

‘Every cent of money donated goes to people in need. We do not take a fee for administration or other costs. ‘The scope of this disaster is unprecedented, but our volunteers and staff are on the ground across all states affected by the crisis.

At every weekend Mass, at the conclusion to the Prayer of the Faithful, we shall pray
“For those Affected by Fire and Drought”
available at the entrances to the church.



Events Ahead in 2020

Here are just some of the exciting events planned for our parish in 2020:

- ◆ Sunday 23 February Retreat Day for our 2020 Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council
- ◆ Public Lecture by Dr Paul Collins on the forthcoming Plenary Council Monday 10 February
- ◆ Lenten Dinners with a focus on the forthcoming Plenary Commencing 27 February for the 6 weeks of Lent
- ◆ World Day of Prayer hosted by Holy Name —Friday 6 March
- ◆ Tuesday 24 March Concert:
Tenebrae with Thomas Wilson and Anna Fraser
- ◆ Post Easter: In response to the summer ecological crisis, a Parish Study Group on Pope Francis’ letter on our responsibility for the environment, *Laudato Si*
- ◆ From the end of June though to October:
Parish Forums on the Plenary Council at the service of developing a parish pastoral plan for the coming years
- ◆ Bach Akademie Concerts:
5 April, 7 June. 23 August, 15 November
- ◆ Parish International Food Fair: 31 May—Pentecost Sunday.

World Day of Prayer 2020

As part of the Turramurra Wahroonga Interchurch Fellowship, it is our turn to host the Word Day of Prayer 2020 at Holy Name on **Friday, 6th March at 11:00am** This year the service has been written by the people of Zimbabwe. The theme is “Rise, Take your Mat and Walk.”

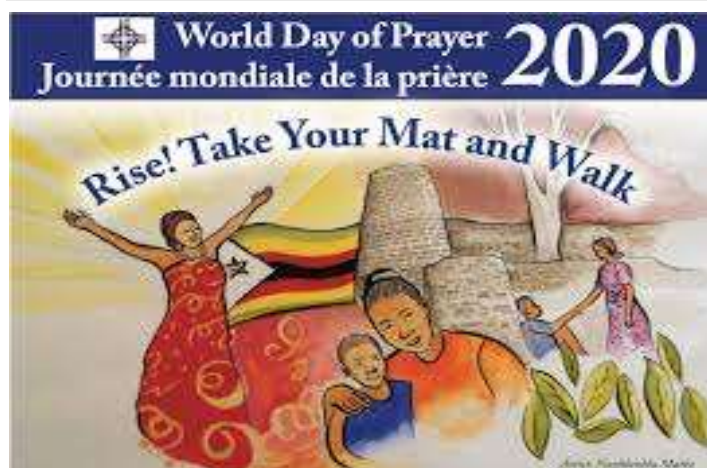
To help make this a special and meaningful service, we would be delighted if any members of our parish would have experiences of knowledge of life in Zimbabwe and could perhaps give a short talk on the day. Please contact either Sandi, Tess or Annette 0439 649 906 or the Parish Office 9489 3221 if you can help.

Everyone is welcome to attend the planning meeting for the Service at 2.00pm Friday, 7th February in the Parish Sunroom.

The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus’ encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked —“Do you want to be made well?” You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk,” said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus’ encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. “The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.”

We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. As expressed in the WDP 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change!

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is run under the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.



Starting again soon . . .

St Dominic's Playgroup **Mondays from 9am to 11am** **RECOMMENCING** **Monday 3 February**

Holy Name runs a playgroup Monday mornings for children from birth to school age and their parents/carers. Come along for a casual catch up with other adults while the children play with the extensive and ever changing toy collection in our beautiful surrounds.

We also have families from other areas of the community, everyone is welcome, there is always an interesting and diverse mix of people and we'd love to see you.

We meet in the sunroom at Holy Name Church.



Come as You Are **RECOMMENCING** **Thursday 6 February**

Our Come as You Are reflection and discussion group meets on Thursday after morning Mass about 10.00am. Please come along and join in a friendly and inclusive discussion. All welcome.



Patrick Kirkwood and Annette Stuart-Robertson
0439 649 906

50's And Over Singles Group

Our 50's and Overs Singles Group meet once a month for a day out. Details of upcoming excursions will be advised shortly.

For further details, contact:

Reg Gibbons on 9481 0334 or Mob: 0409 599 440.

Senior Ladies **RECOMMENCING** **Thursday 13 February** **at 2.00pm in the sunroom**

Senior Ladies meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a chat and afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome.

If you have a group or event you would like us to put in the bulletin, please let the Parish Office know 9489 3221 or secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

Our Parish Participation in the journey towards the Plenary Council of 2020-2021

Through the "Listening Phase" of the journey towards the Plenary Council which opens in October 2019, six themes emerged for consideration in the current "Discernment Phase."

The six themes are about a Christ-centred Church which is

- Missionary and evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, healing and merciful
- A joyful, hope filled and servant community
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform

You will see posters reflecting these themes on the wall of our church.

This year, we will take these themes and ask, "What might these mean for us a parish community?"

We propose to do this in several ways:

- **On Monday 10 February** we will host a community evening with Dr Paul Collins, historian and social commentator about the Plenary Council;
- **During Lent** we will invite our community to **pray** these themes. On each of the six Thursdays of Lent we will invite our parishioners to come together for a meal at Prouille followed by a guided prayer and faith reflection on each theme;
- **In the second half of the year** we will stage a facilitated process of six parish forums, each on a theme, discussing how the theme might be realised in our own context. The outcomes of the forums will be at the service of developing a 3 year strategic pastoral plan for our community.



Around and About



14 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO The Holy Land & Jordan *with* FR STEPHEN WAYOYI

26TH APRIL - 9TH MAY, 2020

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**The World Apostolate of Fatima
would like to invite you as we attend the
Mass & Blessing of the Sick at
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood.
Sunday the 9 February.**

Commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3pm The Principal Celebrant will be Reverend Fr. Brian Lucas.

For further enquiries Please contact us on 9984-8988.

**Invitation to St Benedict's Monastery for Sundays:
16 February, 17 May, 16 August and 15 November, 2020.**

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday, 16 February. Registration from 10.00am, 10:30am start, Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, period of Meditation for ongoing meditators, Book Display, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided, Mass, conclusion at 3.00pm.

Contact Br Terry: 0438 282 318 for possible accommodation in monastery guest house.

CatholicCare - Volunteer opportunity

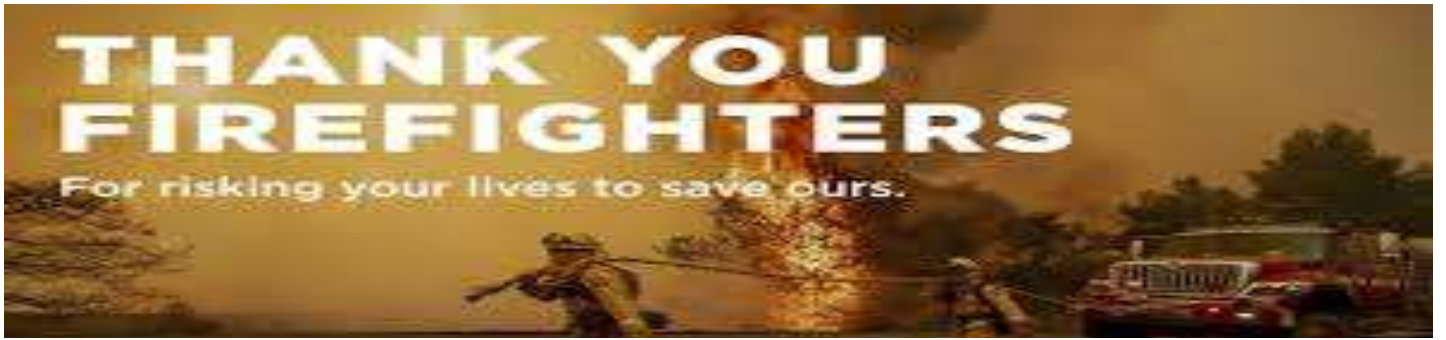
CatholicCare Broken Bay is seeking volunteers who are interested in joining our Finance and Risk Sub-Committee. The role requires a commitment of 2-3 hours each month to participate in meetings, which may be by teleconference. See here for more information and how to apply: <https://catholiccarebb.expr3ss.com/jobDetails?selectJob=150&s=5>. Applications close Friday 14 February

Pope Francis' Prayer

**Intention for January
Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.





Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest	Fr David Ranson VG	david.ranson@bbcatholic.org.au Twitter: @FrDavidRanson Blogsite: davidranson.com.au (homilies posted)
Assistant Priest	Fr Anselam Lakra	anselam.lakra@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	
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 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

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

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020

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

Parish Finance Committee

Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty

Parish Fundraising Committee

Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, 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) **EFTPOS Available in Parish Office**

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

Our Parish has Tap n Go Facilities at the entrance to our church. The money donated at these terminals contributes to our Parish Planned Giving—All monies are for the support of our Parish

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