

“... *this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.*”



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27th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

From Fr Paul

This Sunday we celebrate the Confirmation of 42 of our young people in the Parish. It is our first Confirmation since 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to reinvigorate the Sacramental life of the parish after the lockdowns of recent years.

Fr Sam, Sally Oong, Samantha Sheather, Saree Zaragoza and I have been actively involved in preparing the children with their families in recent weeks. We congratulate these children and pray that this time will be a true experience of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the lives of their families and Sponsors. We thank the Sponsors for their support of the children:

Aurelia Bell, Niamh Black, Amelie Boon, Lucas Bradley, Zara Campbell, Darcey Carolan, Isabella Castillo Bernal, Harriet Chenney, Eleanor Eid, Josie Gibbs, Alice Hallam, Nicholas Hanley, Mia Hill, Ashworth Hilton, Jakub Hundert, Georgia Kelly, Jared Lee, Poppy McAuliffe, Abigail Mitchell, Ava Munce, Isis Nardi, Hannah O'Leary, Annabella Palacios, Diyana Palihawadana, Matthew Pepper, Larkin Polack, Atticus Quoye, Georgina Rhodes, Luke Ringrose, Marko Seput, Sebastian Simone Acevedo, Alejandra Simone Acevedo, Alex Skatulaska, Christopher Suta, Emily Tasker, Elijah Thomas, Lachlan Tulk, Diego Vargas, Ethan Wang, James Whitby, Jack Wilson, Kiara Zaragoza.

Ignatios of Lakatia offers this inspiring reflection on the difference the Holy Spirit brings to our lives and to the life of the Church:

Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away,

Christ stays in the past,
The Gospel is a dead letter,
The Church is simply an organisation,
Authority is a matter of domination,
Mission a matter of propaganda,
The liturgy is no more than an evocation,
Christian living a slave morality.

But with the Holy Spirit:

The cosmos is resurrected and groans with the birth pangs of the Kingdom,
The risen Christ is there,
The Gospel is the power of life,
The Church shows forth the life of the Trinity,
Authority is a liberating service,
Mission is a Pentecost,
The liturgy is both memorial and anticipation, and
Human action is deified.



Let us remember our Confirmation candidates, their families and all our parishioners as we pray the traditional Catholic prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Fr Paul

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	28 March	No Mass			Monday of the 4th week of Lent
Tuesday	29 March	Mass	9.15am		Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent
Wednesday	30 March	Mass	9.15am		Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
Thursday	31 March	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of the 4th week of Lent
Friday	1 April	Mass	9.15am		Friday of the 4th week of Lent
Saturday	2 April	Mass	9.15am	5.00pm	First Saturday of the month Saturday of the 4th week of Lent
Sunday	27 March	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nilo Zolezzi (father of Steve, died in South Africa, 10 March, aged 89 years), Fidela Frez, (mother of Fr Joey, died 3 March), Maria Mood (close friend of Rose and Graham Raward), Dennis Morgan (husband of Patricia, died 22 February aged 93), Kerry Lupton (died 20 February, wife of Vic, former parishioner and friend of Jen and Barry Clibborn), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe, died 22 February), Fr Peter Preston SDS (friend of Mike Tighe), Paul Hotchkis (died 7 February aged 68 years, husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Pellegrino Ballarin (father of Antonella Foti, died 25 January), Mary Faulder (sister and sister in law of Ken and Carol Faulder, died 29 January), Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath (died 26 January aged 96yrs, father of Dominic, Damien and Justin), Helene Babski (aunt of Monica Caly, died 21 January), Fr Manoj Manuel (died in India on 17 January, aged 45 years), Michael Phoebus (died 6 January, aged 58 years, husband of Deborah, father of Benjamin, Nicole, Michael "Jonathon" and brother of Michele, Mark and Melanie).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 3rd anniversary 30 March), Anne Hanna (5th anniversary on 31 March, wife of Harry, beloved mother and grandmother), Raymond McGarry (brother of John, 4th anniversary on 1 April), Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 4th anniversary on 1 April), Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 21st anniversary on 23 March), Joan Sutherland (30th anniversary on 27th March), Gus Almgren (3rd anniversary 23 March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 18 year anniversary on 18 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 13 year anniversary on 14th March), Helen Gait (wife of Tom, 1st anniversary, 9 March), Ottaviano Praturlon (husband of Elsa, 26th anniversary on 6 March), Ina Alsaka (mother of Suzanne Cooke, 8th anniversary on 9 March), Jonas Buzinskas (father of Peter, anniversary on 9 March), Brian Fraser (husband of Devona, 6th anniversary on 10th March), Roger Thrum (11th anniversary, 13 March), Lizeth Andreina Albornoz Gonzalez (2nd anniversary, sister in law of Veronica Acevedo), Jack Jones (brother in law of Jo and Frank Waldron, 1st anniversary 21 February), Tom Anderson (father of Margaret MacMillan) anniversary 22 February), Eleanora Poletto (mother of Giordana Praturlon, 5th anniversary 26 February), Reg Kirkwood (brother of Patrick, 4th anniversary on 14 February), Roy Woodall (father of Sue, 1st anniversary 14 February), Bernadette Bevins (1st anniversary 20 February), Maureen Taylor (Carol Reidy's mother, 11th anniversary on 13 February), Chris Roche (Lillas' son, 4th anniversary on 12 February), Burt Schaafsma (husband of Mary, 1st anniversary 3 February). Margaret Bizannes (10th anniversary on 7 February), Evelyn Waters (cousin of Margaret MacMillan, 1st anniversary 9 February).

FOR THE SICK:

Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Fr Robert Borg, Leon D'Apice, Bill Northcott, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Patricia Morgan, Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, 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, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



Congratulations to the
Busseler, Rose, Webster,
Bradley and Wilson Families

Audrey, Riley, Madeline, Lucas and Jack

will be baptised this weekend



Congratulations to

Anjeli Saldanha
and
Prajith Jeyaprakash

who will be married this weekend

What does the Word say to us today - the Fourth Sunday of Lent?

First Reading (Joshua 5:9-12). The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise and partake of its produce.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Christ brought about a reconciliation between God and humanity. The Church is to announce and live the truth of this to all people.

Gospel (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). The well-known 'parable of the prodigal son' shows that God delights in showing mercy to repentant sinners.

A clear theme runs through all three readings: God's mercy to sinners. In the **First Reading** (Joshua 5:9-12) we have the beautiful words God spoke to his people: 'I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come to the Promised Land. A new era was about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover.

This reminds us of the home-coming of the prodigal son (**Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**). His shame also is behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great feast. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient toward sinners. The Pharisees were meant to see themselves in the older son. For Luke, the 'Pharisees' also include those righteous Christians, for whom God's mercy to sinners is unfair and even scandalous. Jesus reminds us that he came to seek out the lost and the sinner.

The **Second Reading** (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The mission of the Church is to bring the salvation won by Christ to all people. This is what we celebrate especially at Easter.

Quotes for Reflection this week

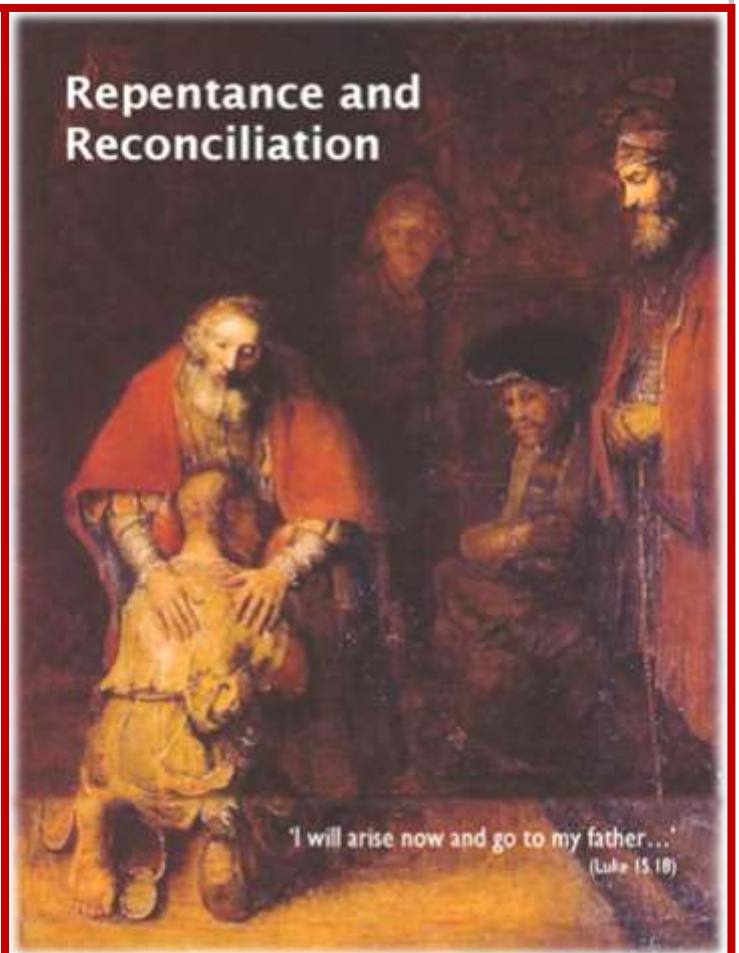
"Why does the parable of the Prodigal son move us so deeply? This parable is really the story of the "merciful father", of a God whose solicitude for each sinner is such that he cannot endure the idea of losing his child, a God of tenderness and compassion, of infinite patience who in order to manifest himself fully as a father must be continually welcoming back the Prodigal.

Every Christian is in danger of becoming like the eldest son who, in contrast to the father, is unwilling to welcome back the erring younger brother."

Fr Gerard MacGinty OSB (editor) Glenstal Bible Missal

"When a father laments that his son has taken to evil ways, what should he do? Love him all the more."

Rabbi Baal Shem Tov (1698–1760)



"Keeping a good Lent" 2022



Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed in the Church each Friday evening during Lent at 6.30-7.30pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm. All are welcome.

The Church is open for private prayer.

Throughout Lent, Holy Name church is open for private prayer from 8.00am to early evening.

Lenten Resources:

1. "Restoring Freshness in the time of Lent"

(Garrett publication) - One per family. \$5.00 donation appreciated

2. **Online:** Sign up at: <https://stpaulcenter.com/journey-through-lent/>
(See below for further information).

Lenten Groups:

You are invited to form your own groups to meet to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel in Lent. You are invited to use these resources (above) or another suitable resource. Please see Fr Paul or Fr Sam if you would like suggestions with leading a group.

Wednesday mornings at 10am: there will be a Lenten group in the Sunroom.

Thursday morning at 10am: CAYA group will follow a Lenten program from the Diocese of Wollongong

Second Rite of Reconciliation

This will be celebrated at Holy Name on Wednesday evening **6 April at 7:00pm**

Important Dates:

Looking ahead to the next season of the Church's year:

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

(6:00pm Adoration - 6:30pm Stations of the Cross)

Second Rite of Reconciliation

6th April (Wednesday at 7:00pm)

Palm Sunday	10th April
Holy Thursday	14th April
Good Friday	15th April
Easter Sunday	17th April



LENTEN GATHERINGS

Thanks to all those who participated in our Lenten Gatherings on the Thursday nights of March.

Thanks also to those who helped Fr Sam and me with setting up and preparing the food: Jackie, Sally, Kerri, Ken, Anne-Louise, Annette and Ian.



Join the Pop Up Choir this year—All are welcome!

Popping up for Easter

Would you like to participate in the joyful Easter celebrations while also learning new skills, having fun and getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better?

Join the Pop-Up Choir this year.

The choir will be back in full flight on Easter Sunday morning.

No prior experience needed, just a love of singing. Scores and training provided.

New singers must attend all rehearsals.

Please register with Chrissie Goldrick via email chrissiegoldrick@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Our rehearsals will be as follows:

Sun 27th March 11-12.30pm Sunroom

Sun 3rd April 11-12.30pm Church

Sun 10th April 11-12.30pm Sunroom

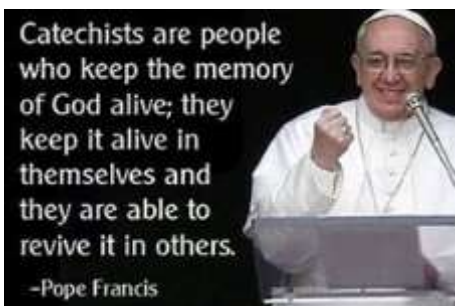
Easter Saturday 16th April at 9.30-11am Church

Also pre Mass warm up at 9am on Easter Sunday morning



2 Catechists Needed

We are in desperate need for 2 Catechists. Training and resources provided



Warrawee Public School

(Year 1) Wednesdays 8:55am—9:35am

Wahroonga Public School (“the Bush School”)

Thursdays 10:40am—11:20am

Please contact Cecilia Kean 0400 356 199 for further details.

Parish Safeguarding Message

*As a parish, we are committed to safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults.
We pray that the children of the Parish, and indeed the whole world, will have the love, protection,
education and guidance which is their birthright.*

Some matters for your consideration...

An update on Practical matters: Electrical Wiring, Plumbing and Trees

We continue to deal with the fallout from the recent very heavy rains. Some may have noticed this week the lights in our Parish Sunroom and Gallery are not working. This is also the case for the lights in the priests' residence (the Priory). We have had an electrician look at this and he found the problem relates to the **age of the wiring**. He was able to do a temporary repair, so the residence has a working light in the foyer. However, to replace the old cloth wiring is a costly repair. We have no choice but to proceed with this. It is something contained in our overall Maintenance Plan.

Likewise, we have had to engage a **plumber** to unblock some pipes overgrown with tree roots. Again we are faced with a substantial bill. Whilst we are not permitted to cut down any **trees**, we have been granted permission from Kuring-gai Council to have some trees in parish grounds 'dead wooded' and a large and dangerous gumtree in the priests' backyard lopped. We hope to be able to do this in the not too distant future as finances permit.

The **Parish Finance Committee (PFC)** supports and approves these works (electrical, drainage and trees, cited above) being undertaken. I am grateful to parishioners who continue to support the parish through **Planned Giving**. This helps us with these important maintenance costs. Fr Paul.

... SAVE THE DATE ...

** Saturday April 2 at 1pm **

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE at St Mary's Sydney Cathedral Forecourt.

Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray for peace, making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fulfilling the First Five Saturdays' Devotion has never been more important.

Confession is available from 11.30am and Holy Mass at 12pm in St Mary's Cathedral.

Men, it's time for ACTION - join us, share the message, invite others and bring your mates and sons along.

Rain, hail or shine it's on!

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE is a movement of men publicly offering reparation and repentance to God on the 'First Saturday' of each month in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and her requests.

#mensrosarycrusade

For more information call Tomasz on 0413802069



St Leo's College Youth Ministry Team are collecting pre-loved/used jewellery:

Beads, bracelets, bangles, earrings, necklaces, rings...

**for women who are victims of
Domestic Violence at a facility they
visit at Woolloomooloo.**

If you are able to help, please drop into the Parish Office
or place in the basket in the Church foyer.

Thank you.



The Holy Spirit

(Quotes from the New Testament; prepared by Fr Paul Durkin)



As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parish this weekend, let us reflect on the life of the Holy Spirit from the New Testament.

John declared before them all “I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than me, and I am not fit to undo the straps of his sandals: he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Lk 3:16)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, for 40 days being put to the test by the devil. (Lk 4:1)

Filled with joy by the Holy Spirit, he said “I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to little children....” (Lk 10:21)

“If you then, evil as you are, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Lk 11:13)

“Everyone who says a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but no one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will be forgiven. When they take you before the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what you are to say, because when the time comes, the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say.” (Lk 12:10-12)

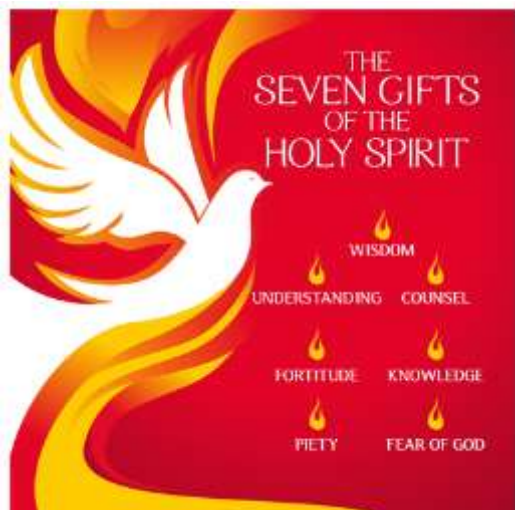
“... the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.” (Jn 14:26)

The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, and he said to them again “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you”. After saying this he breathed on them and said:

“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven: If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.” (Jn 20:21-23)

“... you will receive the power of the Holy Spirit which will come on you, and then you will be my witnesses ... to the remotest ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Peter said “God raised this man Jesus to life, and of that we are all witnesses. Now raised to the heights of God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that spirit.” (Acts 2:32-33)



The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control; no law can touch such things as these ... Since we are living by the spirit, let our behaviour be guided by the Spirit and let us not be conceited or provocative and envious of one another. (Gal 5:22-26)

Come Holy Spirit!

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:	Mrs Pam Koroknay: Mr Chris Madden. (Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland	
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

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

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 4th 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 0408 350 885 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.