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27th November - FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

From Fr Paul

We welcome Bishop Anthony to our Parish this weekend.

On Friday, Bishop Anthony visited St Lucy's, Prouille Primary School and St Edmund's College. Many thanks to the staff and students of these schools for their hospitality to the Bishop.

- A reminder Sunday 9:30am Mass is a Family Mass:
 - Prouille Kindergarten, Yrs 1, 5, 6
- Bishop Anthony will be the main celebrant for this Mass and we look forward to joining him for Morning Tea afterwards.



Please note the following in the life of our parish:

- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal; Hampers due on 3rd and 4th December; it is a season to be generous and caring toward others.
- Carols Bus - 17th December (See Page 7)

We look forward to several end-of-year events, such as Graduation Masses, whole school Masses, and various concerts and celebrations. You will be kept informed of dates and details.

We give thanks that we can celebrate and meet our Lord in the sacred Liturgy every week. We look ahead to the Season of Advent which commences this Sunday and the celebration of Christmas.

With my prayers and good wishes, *Fr Paul*

Our Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is one of the key symbols in the Church's Liturgy over the next four weeks of waiting and preparation for Christmas. Today, we bless the wreath and light the first candle. Before we do so, let us pause and pray together with a longing and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

We pray together:

*God of grace and promise,
At the beginning of the Advent season,
We gather as a community to prepare for
the coming of Jesus.*

*We ask you now to bless our Advent Wreath and
all who gather round it.*

*May it remind us of the first coming of
Jesus in the Incarnation, of His continued
coming in our hearts and our world today,
and of His future coming in glory.*

*The wreath is now blessed with
Holy Water.*

Priest: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning or end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Priest: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

Priest : May we find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come Lord Jesus.

The first candle is lit.



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	28 November	No Mass			Monday of 1st week of Advent
Tuesday	29 November	Mass	9.15am		Tuesday of 1st week of Advent
Wednesday	30 November	Mass	9.15am		St Andrew, apostle
Thursday	1 December	Mass	9.15am		Thursday of 1st week of Advent
Friday	2 December	Mass	9.15am		Friday of 1st week of Advent
Saturday	3 December	Mass	9:15am*	5:00pm	*First Saturday Morning Mass St Francis Xavier, priest
Sunday	4 December	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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), Franciszek Smigowski (died 1 November in Jurkow, Poland, aged 88. He is survived by his wife, Ana and his 8 children. Father of Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS, Assistant Priest in the Parish of Pittwater), Denis Joyce (brother of Maureen Rolleston, died 28 October), Joan Dell (died 22 October), Corinne (Joan) Westhoff (died 11 October aged 96), Sam Calvi and Vince Calvi (brothers of Ralph), Judith Mackay (sister and sister in law of Barry Clibborn and Jennifer, died 30th September), Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife, died 14 September), Peter Higgins (son of Norma, died 26 September), George Maiolo (brother of Tony, died 21 September aged 73).

ANNIVERSARIES:

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), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 3rd anniversary 16 November), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, 1st anniversary 17 November), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, 1st anniversary 9 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 4th anniversary 10 November), John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, 1st anniversary 11 November), Arie van der Plaats (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 7th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 5th anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 55th anniversary on 16 November), Joe Couch (Paul's Dad, 13th anniversary on 25 October), Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 9th anniversary 23rd October).

FOR THE SICK:

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), Dymna 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, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), 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 Fragiaco, 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.

Congratulations

to the Sallansonnet and McInnes Families

***Chloe Sam and her brother Noel Bien
and
Magnolia Jane***

will be baptised this Sunday



What do the Readings say to us today First Sunday of Advent, Year A?

Advent is divided into two parts. The first part, which runs from the beginning until December 16, focuses on the final coming of Christ. The second part, which runs from December 17 to December 24, focuses on the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem.

First reading (Isaiah 2:1-5). All of the First Readings of the Advent Sunday Masses for Year A are taken from Isaiah, the greatest of the messianic prophets.

Today's passage contains a vision of a world at peace under God. The most compelling image here is of nations turning their weapons of war (swords and spears) into farm implements (ploughshares and sickles). But this can happen only when all nations come to the mountain of the Lord - Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

It is Israel's task to focus attention on Yahweh, the merciful God who desires the unity of the nations. Hence, the reading ends with a call to Israel to 'walk in the light of the Lord'. It also makes clear that the messianic blessings are meant, not just for Israel, but also for all nations.

Second reading (Romans 13:11-14). The theme is that of the Second Coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Paul urges the Romans to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ. The reading thus continues the theme of walking in the light of the Lord of the First Reading.

Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44). The Gospel is a brief extract from Jesus' discourse concerning the Parousia, the Second Coming. The emphasis is on readiness. Since the exact time of the Lord's coming is not known, the disciples are urged to be ready to greet him at any time. The phrases 'stay awake' and 'stand ready' convey a sense of being prepared to receive the Lord.

Quotes for Reflection: Week One of Advent

Contrary to what we experience in the secular world, the Church's observance of Advent is not a type of "pseudo-Christmas" but is characterised by distinctive elements that help us prepare physically, emotionally and above all, spiritually, for the joyous celebration of Christmas. Advent is a season of:

Waiting & Expectation. Recalling his birth, we prepare our hearts for his coming at Christmas and wait patiently for Christ's glorious coming as the Lord of History. Making time for prayer, even in the midst of frenetic days, is an essential element of preparation.

Conversion. The prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist call for our conversion of heart, away from sin and darkness to embracing the love and light of Christ.

Joyful Hope. All around us, the world groans through poverty, illness, conflict and division. Creation's groaning is suffused with a longing for peace and joy. Christ's peace and joy is given us through the salvation that he has already won. The presence of his saving grace in the world will flower in fullness, so that, as promised, we shall finally experience, in all its wonder and glory, the peace and joy of life through Christ in God.

"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, *she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.* By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom (ie John the Baptist), the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease"
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 524*).



Catechists Needed

Sharing the good news of our Catholic faith to the children in our local state schools is an important ministry in the life of our Parish.

We wish to thank Hayley Edmunds for agreeing to take on the role of Catechist Co-Ordinator from the beginning of the school year 2023. We still require **two** (2) Catechists. This is a most important and fulfilling ministry requiring about an hour of your time each week. All training and resources are provided.

If interested or you would like some further details, contact Fr Paul or Fr Sam or Jackie in the Parish Office.

Congratulations



We extend our blessings and congratulations to **Darcey Carolan** who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at last Sunday morning's Mass. Her family joined her to share this very special occasion.

VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022

Father Sam French, Assistant Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Holy Name Church 35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga on Thursday 1st December 2022. The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by dinner and a short formal meeting.

Following the meeting, President Terry Scanlan, will be speaking about the origins, the objectives, the activities, and future plans of Serra. If you would like to know more about Serra's vocations activities in our Diocese and make a difference in encouraging new and supporting existing vocations, please "come and see". Following Terry's presentation, Father Sam will speak to us about his first year of priesthood including his role at Joseph House, a young men's house of discernment.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, for those completing the discernment process and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Episcopal Visitation to the Parish of Wahroonga

**Bishop Anthony Randazzo is visiting our Parish
FRIDAY 25th November—SUNDAY 27th November.**

**Here is a summary of his three day schedule
which cover these various aspects of Parish life he has asked for.**



- ◆ A meeting with the Parish Priest and Assistant Priest
- ◆ Meet with Parish and any other pastoral staff, eg Pastoral Associate, Youth Worker
- ◆ A meeting with the School Principal and School Executive
- ◆ A visit to the Parish School could include morning tea with the staff and greeting the children in the yard, or in particular classes, or at an assembly.
- ◆ A drive around the Parish to be familiarised with the area
- ◆ A Parish gathering where all parishioners are warmly invited, particularly those involved in ministries in the Parish.
- ◆ Visiting any key Catholic facilities, e.g. houses of religion, St Vincent de Paul store, Catholic nursing home etc.
- ◆ Meeting with Catechists, liturgical people and so on.
- ◆ Having an evening Parish meeting with key personnel, e.g. Parish Council members, others involved in particular works within the Parish.
- ◆ Visiting several sick or shut-ins: the Bishop can bring Holy Communion or Anoint the Sick if required.
- ◆ Celebrate and preach at the Masses.
- ◆ Spending some time meeting parishioners.

**Please join the Bishop for Morning Tea following the
9:30am Mass this Sunday, 27th November**

Our Christ the King Procession—Sunday 20th November

Many thanks to all who prepared the Procession and for all who participated.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal



Last weekend Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference invited parishioners to prepare Christmas Hampers for families who have received assistance from Vinnies during the year. Most of the hampers will be directed to Emerton and Whalan, suburbs of significant under privilege in Western Sydney. Hampers will also be sent to the Hornsby Women's Refuge and some local families.

We had an amazing response and ***all labels were allocated*** meaning that just over 131 hampers will be prepared by the Parish for those in need in our city. As always your generosity is very much appreciated by the recipient families.

Those preparing hampers will be asked to return them to the Church at the

- ⇒ **5:00pm Mass on Saturday 3 December** or the
- ⇒ **8:00am or 9.30 Masses on Sunday 4 December.**

We also acknowledge those who have volunteered to be drivers who can deliver the hampers out to the Holy Family Centre at Emerton on the mornings of ***Friday 2 December*** and ***Sunday 4 December***. ***A couple more drivers would be appreciated.***

You are welcome to leave hampers in the Parish Office prior to the weekend of 3rd and 4th December if this is more convenient for you.

Proposed Parish Maintenance Program

Below is a proposed Maintenance Program for the coming two years. I thank Frank Waldron, and members of the PFC and PPMC for their contribution to this. Parishioners may wish to make a donation toward a specific work.

All donations in response to this shall be placed in a designated Maintenance Fund. Enquiries can be made to Fr Paul directly or to the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated.

	MAINTENANCE	\$	
1	Clean Black mould on Church and Presbytery roofs and walls and driveway wall	6500	
2	Gutters and downpipes on Church—replacing and restoring	6500	
3	Repair and paint ceilings in sacristy, crying room and store area and graffiti in toilets	4000	
4	Clean, repair and re-coats Crying Room to outside timber doors	800	
5	Repair and paint ceilings and other surfaces in need of repair in Presbytery	3500	
6	Replace remaining original lights in Church	2000	
7	Retaining wall near sunroom	1200	
8	Air conditioning in Sunroom	4000	
9	Remove soil behind western garden wall and fix drainage	3500	
10	Replace wiring, conduits and light fittings along driveway	7500	
11	Car park repairs - front	47000	
12	Car park repairs - rear	62000	
13	Driveway and roadway from Chilton Parade repair	20000	
14	Restoration of flower room	6500	
15	Presbytery wiring	35000	in sections
16	Church wiring	20000	in sections
17	Paint the additional areas of Presbytery and offices	20000	
18	Painting of Church and buildings outside	10000	in sections
19	Upgrade sacristy facilities (sink and cabinet)	6000	
20	Restore the existing drawers and bench in sacristy	3000	
21	Restoration of the Parish basement as a Youth Centre	5000	
		273500	
21	<i>Carpet in Church: Replace with carpet/grade floor</i>	35000	to 50 000
22	<i>Provision for replacement of equipment which has an operational life (audio systems, kitchen and office equipment etc. An estimated costs (based on a current estimate for a similar Church to) to upgrade the Church PA system would be \$100,000. NB This equipment has exceeded its normal operation life span. It should be designed and replaced as a total system. The operation life for such equipment is 10 years</i>	100000	

Saints we remember this week



St Andrew - 30 November

St Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was born in the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist, Andrew then became the first of Jesus' disciples (John 1:35-40). His name regularly appears in the Gospels. It was he who first introduced his brother Simon (later Peter, the Rock) to Jesus (John 1:41-42).


He was, in a real sense, the first home missionary, as well as the first foreign missionary (John 12:20-22). Tradition says Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople and later removed to the Cathedral of Amalfi in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland. St. Andrew's Day determined the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's Day.

Preparing for Advent and Christmas

Though the civil New Year begins on January 1st, **this Sunday (27th November) the Church begins the Advent season** of preparation for the special coming of Christ into our community at Christmas: the feast on which we celebrate the most momentous moment in human history – the birth 2000 years ago of Jesus of Nazareth.

Each season has its special grace, and the special grace of Advent is to prepare our world, our nation, our city, our home, and our heart, for the one who is always coming to us to heal us and to make this world a sanctuary in which God's loving will is done.

Our Advent tree will be put up for the first Sunday of Advent and our nativity scene and further decorations will be on display for Advent Week 3.

The Meaning of the ADVENT WREATH		Symbol	Meaning
	Circle	Eternity of God	
	Evergreen Wreath	Life, Immortality	
	Candle	Jesus is the light of the world.	
	4x Candles	Four weeks of Advent	
	3x Purple	Purple = prayer, penance, & preparation	
	1x Rose (Pink)	Rose = Rejoicing	

The Carols Bus is back

On the 17th December the Holy Name Carols bus will be making its way around the neighbourhood. The bus carries a group of parish singers who will visit homes in the parish and sing a few favourite carols before moving on to the next home.

- * *We will need volunteer drivers for the buses.*
- * *Good singers who can hold a tune acapella.*
- * *Households willing to host fellow parishioners and neighbours where the carols bus will stop.*
- * *Households will need to be within a 2 kilometre radius of the church and have enough room for the choristers to assemble in the front garden or inside if the weather is inclement.*
There can be up to 20 of them.

We can visit five (5) homes at most and will choose locations based on the most practical itinerary if we are oversubscribed with host homes. The bus will travel between 6.30pm and 9pm.

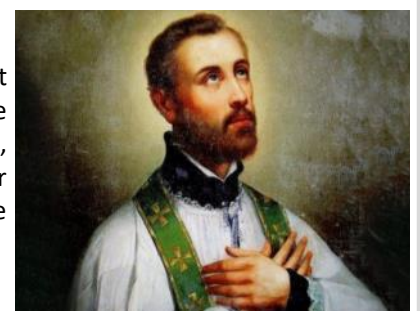
Please complete the expressions of interest forms at the back of church or contact the office.

Saints we remember this week

St Francis Xavier - (1506 - 52) Feast Day 3 December

The Jesuit priest Francis Xavier was a Spanish missionary priest who spent 11 years preaching and teaching in India and Japan. He became known as the Apostle of the Indies and was eventually canonised as a saint of the Catholic church. As a boy, he was first taught by his father's chaplain, and later he entered the University of Paris. In 1530 time Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius often quoted to him Jesus' saying, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" The words inspired Xavier. In 1534 he joined Ignatius and others in forming the small group that Pope Paul III sanctioned in 1540 as the Society of Jesus, better known as Jesuits. He became a priest in 1537. He studied medicine, cared for the sick in hospitals, and preached wherever people would listen.

He was sent to preach in India. He landed at Goa on the west coast of the subcontinent and preached there for several months, baptising tens of thousands of people. Then he began a series of journeys that carried him across all of India, the islands along the coast, Malacca and Spice Islands, far to the east. Finally he went to Japan, where he stayed for more than two years. He died on December 3, 1552. He was canonised in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV as St. Francis Xavier.



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CCD Coordinator :	Mrs Cecilia Kean	
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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.