

DO IT FOR THE VINE

JOHN 15:1-8

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28th April – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear friends,

In the gospel of St. John (Jn 15: 1-8) Jesus speaks about himself as the Vine, we are the branches who produce fruit, namely love, and the Father is the vinedresser. While vineyards would have been quite common in Jesus' time and people would have understood the image and the process of producing wine, it is only in the last thirty years that wine in Australia has become well known for its wine production and the drinking of wine with meals.

Today we are called upon to imagine Jesus speaking to us, seeing ourselves as the branches which produce the healthy grapes. In his book, "Preaching to the Converted," Fr. Richard Leonard SJ explains the delicate role of the vinedresser in relation to the vine. 'The vinedresser carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pours over the vines and knows from experience that to cut too much or too little is aimed at pruning back the diseased branch so as to bring about greater growth.'

For us, being connected to the vine, is one which tells us that God tends each person to help them grow more fruitfully. Our fruit is borne out in our actions especially the fruit of love which should characterize the Christian life.

May our charity and concern for others help them to be grafted onto the vine, so that we can work and rejoice together united in Christ, as we are tenderly cared for the loving vinedresser.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin



Schools return this week.

We hope our teachers, students and their families are relaxed and refreshed after their holiday break and are looking forward to an exciting Term 2!

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	29 April	No Mass				St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Tuesday	30 April	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter
Wednesday	1 May	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter
Thursday	2 May	Mass	9:15am			St Athanasius, bishop, doctor
Friday	3 May	Mass	9:15am			Sts Philip and James, apostles
Saturday	4 May	Mass	5:00pm			Saturday of the 5th week of Easter
Sunday	5 May	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rose Maiolo (wife of Noel, mother of Christine, Melissa and Sarah, sister in law of Trish and Tony Maiolo), Yamami (Lima) Sadeik (sister of John Kassis, died 2 April aged 81), Sean Paton (died 27 March aged 58 years, brother of Joanne and Luke), Rikki Doumit (sister of Helen Mackenzie), Peter Brink (Dot's husband, died 25 February), Karenne Crow (Hayley Edmund's Mum, died 23 February).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan Northcott (wife of Bill and mother of Tina, 14th anniversary on 27 April), Sr. Teresita (Joan Sexton - friend of Pam Gallagher 5th anniversary, 26 April), Monica Gibbons (wife of Reg, 8th anniversary on 21 April), Donna Carbone (sister of Frances Carbone and daughter of Rosina Palamara, 4th anniversary on 24 April), Andy Watson (son of Maurice and Jane) 5th anniversary on 13 April, Keith Walmsley (Rachel Mitchell's Dad, 5th anniversary 17 April), Giovanni (Jack) Cincotta (father of Trish Maiolo, 49th anniversary on 16 April), Terry Blanchard (former Principal of St Leo's Catholic College, 5th anniversary on 10 April), Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 6th anniversary on 1 April), Helen Nader (sister of John Kassis, 14th anniversary on 1 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother, 4th anniversary 5 April), Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 5th anniversary 30 March), Donald Dunning (brother of Leila McCreton, 1st anniversary, 27 March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 20th anniversary on 18 March), Marcelli Pochyly (43rd anniversary on 19 March) father of Cecylia Ramsden, Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 22nd anniversary on 23 March), Gus Almgren (4th anniversary 23 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 15 year anniversary on 14th March), Roger Thrum (13th anniversary, 13 March), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England, 1st anniversary 20 March), Edward James Lynch (father of Jennifer Gregory, 23rd anniversary on 23 March).

FOR THE SICK:

Fr Sam French, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Bernard and Dorothy Tighe (brother and sister in law of Mike Tighe), Gerard Tighe (Mike's brother), 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), Greg Hayes (brother-in-law of Maureen Kippax), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Leon D'Apice, 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).

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.*

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31: He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24: His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another. Alleluia, alleluia! My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8: All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Friday Night Holy Hour



On Friday evenings we will offer
Holy Hour
between 6:30pm—7:30pm.
Everyone is welcome.

Parish Groups

CAYA - Come As You Are Reflection and Discussion Group

**Next meeting -
Thursday, 2nd May
after morning Mass.**

We meet in the Parish Sunroom and everyone is welcome.
For further information, contact Annette Stuart-Robinson 0439 649 906.



Men's Rosary & Bible Study:

The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome.

Program

7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion



◆ Next Meeting
May 7 & 21
June 4 & 18

Contact
Tomasz Grzech
0413 802 069



**Senior Ladies Group
First THURSDAY of the
month
at 2:00pm in the Sunroom**

Next Meeting Thursday 2 May

Everyone is welcome to join this casual, friendly group for a chat and a cup or tea (and perhaps a tune on the piano!).

For further information, contact
Jo Waldron 0412 018 819

Children's Liturgy

Please join in our Children's Liturgy at our 9:30am Sunday Mass during term time. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in becoming a Children's Liturgy Leader, please contact the Parish Office 9489 3221

Sacramental Program - Confirmation 2024

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is the next Sacrament received after Baptism.

Following Confirmation, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated the following year.

Confirmation Candidates must be baptised, in Year 3 or older and able to attend the preparation as outlined below.

Enrolments **NOW** open — see link below.

If you have any questions, please contact our Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong via email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or Parish Office 9489 3221.

Confirmation, Baptism and Family Masses



Start with: CONFIRMATION

Enrol: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPST>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least Year 3 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening:
Attendance is compulsory for one Parent/Carer on either **Wednesday 24th July or Tuesday 30th July, 7.00-8.00pm** in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments. Children usually do not attend, but discuss this with Sally if necessary.

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)
Tuesday 6 August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These are held at Prouille School Hall on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 10th August at 3.30pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 17th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 24th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 4: Saturday, 31st August at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the family.

Practice: Tuesday, 3rd September, 6pm at Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:
Thursday 5th September at 6.30pm

*It is a condition of enrolment that 100% completion of this Program is required in order for your child to celebrate Confirmation.
Please contact Sally Oong if you need to discuss these requirements.*



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BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN (Over 5 years)

We are currently taking registrations for Parish children aged 5 years and over to join Fr Kelvin Lovegrove for a Program of Preparation for Baptism.

- **Baptism lesson on Saturday 22nd June** at 3.45pm in the Church, for parents/carers and children, followed by attendance at the 5pm Mass
- **Baptisms will be celebrated on 30th June at 11am**

Please contact Sally Oong asap if your children would like to participate sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

**For more information contact Mrs Sally Oong
Sacramental Preparation Co-Ordinator
sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)**

Parish Family Mass dates for 2024

Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in our regular Family Masses, which feature modern music and always have a special morning tea afterwards:

Sunday 7 April	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 2
Sunday 23 June	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 4
Sunday 11 August	9.30am	All welcome: Year 5 & Year 1
Sunday 8 September	9.30am	All welcome: Year 6 & Kindergarten
Christmas Eve, 24th December, 5pm		All Parish children welcome to join in

Please contact Sally Oong if your children would like to participate by taking part in any Family Mass or by singing or playing a musical instrument. sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy (aka Sunday School) is held during 9.30am Sunday Mass during School term time. All children are welcome and parents can also accompany smaller children. The Gospel is read aloud and discussed, with worksheets given to the children to complete.

We are always looking for new leaders for our weekly groups - 9489 3221

Parish Trivia Night Fundraiser

Tickets @\$35.00 each

Why not get a table of 10 together for a fun night?

Do you have any prizes you can donate to our Trivia Night?

- ◆ Holiday Accommodation
- ◆ Services (eg Legal, Financial, Tutoring etc)
- ◆ Gourmet food and or wine for our raffle
- ◆ Gift Vouchers
- ◆ Cash

PLEASE help if you can



This QR Code will take you to TryBooking to secure your tickets for our Trivia Night.



Holy Name Wahrenonga
is holding an evening of
Fun & Fundraising
for our Parish

Please join in at our

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 18 May

Prouille School Hall—5 Water St, Wahrenonga
7:00pm - 10:30pm (approx)

Why not make up a table of 10?
Group Table Discount Price only \$300.00
Early Bird Discount \$30.00 per head
(must be purchased before 7 April or is \$35.00 per head)
BYO Drinks & Nibbles

Best Dressed Table Prize — Choose your own theme!



Bookings through
www.trybooking.com/CPSZB

Parish Office 9489 3221 OR holyname@bbcatholic.org.au

Hope to see you there!

Camino of St Joseph



CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH on April 26/27

An overnight walking pilgrimage for men (18+) in honour of St Joseph.

All are welcome to join the opening mass on Friday April 26 at 8pm at St Anthony of Padua, Austral with Bishop Richard Umbers. The pilgrimage then processes to the following seven churches:

- * Holy Spirit, Carnes Hill
- * Good Shepherd, Hoxton Park
- * St Therese, Sadleir-Miller
- * St Francis Xavier, Lurnea
- * All Saints, Liverpool,

before finishing on Saturday April 27 at

- * St Joseph's, Moorebank with 6am Holy Mass followed by BBQ feast, celebration and fellowship.

For more info and to REGISTER NOW: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQDJL>

For further information and car-pooling, please feel free to call Tomasz on: 0413 802 069

May Events - Pastoral Works Broken Bay

May 2024 Appeal

Next weekend we will launch our Diocesan-wide Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) May Appeal.

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese – the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine or CCD (Catechists) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times. However, parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the charitable works of the Diocese.

Our Pastoral Works appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese.

Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Donations can be made at any time, not only during May. The PWBB May appeal is the last one for the financial year 2023/2024 and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please give generously to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

May Events - May Mass Counts

2024 Diocesan Attendance Count

The May Count will commence with the Parish Vigil on the weekend of **Sat 4 May/Sun 5 May** and conclude on **Sunday 26 May 2024**. This gives us the sense of trends both in parishes and in the diocese. We are looking for head counters at all the weekend Masses during May. Please let Fr Kelvin know if you can help. Thank you.



May the month of Mary

May Month of Mary

We are reminded that **May is the month dedicated to Mary**, whom we honour as the first disciple, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

We recognise Mary as the one who listened and responded to the call of God.

**Holy Mary
Mother of God,
Pray for us.**

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

Parish Priest:	Fr Kelvin Lovegrove	kelvin.lovegrove@bbcatholic.org.au
Priest in Residence:	Fr John Puliparambil	
Parish Secretary:	Mrs Jackie Thornton	jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Office:	Email	Holynamewahroonga@bbcatholic.org.au
Sacramental Coordinator:	Mrs Sally Oong	sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au
Office Hours:	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00am to 5:30pm
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Postal Address:	P O Box 385 Wahroonga NSW 2076	
Prouille School:	5 Water Street Wahroonga NSW 2076	
School Principal:	Ms Genevieve Smith	
Phone:	(02) 7256 2146	School Website: www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au
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), 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

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, 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 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.