

Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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3 January 2021—Epiphany and Feast of the Holy Name

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.

FAREWELL LETTER FROM FR DAVID

https://youtu.be/PupRb_JAcSU



The last week or so has been spent packing in anticipation of my move to the Parish of Chatswood. As many of you will have experienced, it is a strange experience to pack one's life into boxes: it's a time during which many memories are relived, and an occasion to appreciate the many different phases of one's journey. Endings and beginnings. It is, of course the nature of life itself. As one of our parishioners, Dan Candotti remarked to me just the other day, a rhythm of setting out and intersecting.

For the past ten years our own journeys—yours and mine—have intersected. It has been an intersection of so much experience – those of joy and sadness, initiative and achievement. It has been remarkable to be as involved with your families in both the moments of celebration and those of grief. Many of those who are now welcoming children were still at school when I arrived. We have celebrated weddings, baptised, and sadly farewelled many loved members of our parish family, and shared so much life in between. There have been so many different highlights and yet also some extraordinary tragedies through which we have walked together.

As I have been there with you at those moments, you, too, have been with me in the loss of my own mother and father and sister – all of whom have died during my time with you. During this same time, I retired from academic life and commenced my ministry as Vicar General. And so, for all of us the last ten years have been rich with events and experience. The years have had all the seasons, and yet, even in the face the winter season of COVID this last year, spring is the season that emerges for me as the most appropriate image from these ten years – the season of new growth. Hopefully, it gives us all a sense of satisfaction to look around and to see all on which we have worked together over the last ten years in order to make our community as well cared, welcoming, and vibrant as it is.

By this, it is my deep hope that we have recognised in deeper ways the importance of the community of parish life. Perhaps the limitations of this last year of COVID19 has also taught us this by the absence of community in our lives. As Pope Francis reflected in *Evangelii Gaudium*:

The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. If the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

Each of us knows, to use the words of Daniel Ang, now Director for Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Sydney that parishes are extraordinarily complex realities. But as Daniel rightly observes, "it is by *this* moment, *this* community, *this* people, that the extraordinariness of the Christian event, Jesus Christ, manifests itself." The American writer Andrew Greeley once commented, "The . . . Catholic parish is one of the most ingenious communities that human skill has ever created. . ." I believe this to be very true, And so, at this moment of transition let us give thanks for the blessing of our own parish community with both its history and its future, for its own unique personality. It is in each of us, in the relationships and friendships that we seek to share, that God works to reveal his life and promise to us. It is in the ways that we seek to grow in faith with one another, through all the complexity of our relationships with one another, that we learn what it means to be Church, and through which the very life of Jesus becomes apparent in our midst. So, let us be grateful for the gift of one another and for the way in which we are indeed a neighbourhood of grace and goodness.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	4 January	No Mass				Weekday of Christmas Time
Tuesday	5 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Christmas Time
Wednesday	6 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Christmas Time
Thursday	7 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Christmas Time
Friday	8 January	Mass	9.15am			Weekday of Christmas Time
Saturday	9 January	Mass			5.00pm	Vigil of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Sunday	10 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	The BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, died 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 29 December), Philip Stanley (27 December), Felix Vindurampulle, Diane Poirrier (sister of Mike, aunt of Sally Oong), Fr Luke Rawlings (died in New Zealand, 3 November), Betty Hoskings (died 27th October, mother of Bob (deceased) and Paul).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 3rd anniversary on 25 December), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 15th anniversary on 26 December), Ingrid Tighe (35th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (2nd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 8th anniversary on 4 January), Geoff Ranson (Fr David's Dad, 1st anniversary on 15 December), George Thornton (3rd anniversary on 15 December, Tony Coutinho (husband of Lucinda, 7th anniversary on 16 December), Terry Goldrick (Chris' father, 6th anniversary on 7 December), Paul Limbers (father of parishioners Jane Watson, Julia Burfitt, Peter and John Limbers, 2nd anniversary on 30 November), Frances Sim (3rd anniversary on 30 November), Samir Nader (brother in law of John Kassis, 15th anniversary on 29 November), Marie Shortis (3rd anniversary on 27 November), Brian O'Brien (husband of Denese and father of Marianne, Paul, and Jenny, 1st anniversary 16 November), Arie van der Plaat (Sandi Candotti's Dad, 5th anniversary on 13 November), Swarna Perera (Lucian Wijetunga's sister, 3rd anniversary on 14 November), Toufic Kassis (father of John Kassis, 53rd anniversary on 16 November), Brian Priestley (Candy Cosgriff's father, 2nd anniversary 10 November), Dr Joseph Couch (Paul's father, 11th anniversary on 25 October), Dr Anthony Lopes (brother/brother-in-law of Quinnie & Tony Machado - 6th anniversary on 19 October), Dr Martin Flood (father of Gemma and Martin, 3rd anniversary on 20 October), Genevieve Mangos (Granddaughter of Pam Gallagher, 9th anniversary on 20 October), Sylvia Hebblewhite (mother of Janet Fitzpatrick, 2nd anniversary on 21 October). Melba Cincotta (Trish Maiolo's mother, 7th anniversary 23rd October), Sarah Royle (ex Prouille student, daughter of Jill and Peter, sister of Leah, 20th anniversary), John Vince (Cecilia Kean's father, 35th anniversary on the 9 October), Monica Foote (Patrice Buzinskas' Mum, 11th Anniversary on 9 October).

FOR THE SICK:

Bill Murrell, Danielle Uskovic, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Nonoy Tad-y (cousin of Rose Raward), Colin Higgins, Candy Cosgriff, Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Nancy Den Hertog, Walter Sutcliffe, Karen Tighe (daughter of Mike), Isla Fisher, 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, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Baby Thomas Joseph Elley, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Margaret Woodlands, Hildegard McLaughlin, David Coombes, 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, 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, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



A final note from Fr David

Dear friends,

Fr Anselam and I extend to you all a very happy New Year! May this new year bring each of you fresh horizons and new opportunities and many blessings. We pray especially for our country and our world during these very uncertain times occasioned by the pandemic with every hope that we will be in a very different place by the end of the year.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Mary Stanley on the death of Philip, her husband**. After a long battle, Philip passed away last Sunday 27 December. Philip and Mary have been such long-standing members of our parish family and Philip a constant presence in our midst until relatively recently when health no longer enabled me to attend our church. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Philip will be farewelled on the morning of Friday 8 January. We also convey our condolences to **Bishop Anthony whose mother, Caterina died on the evening of Tuesday 29 December**. Caterina lived with Bishop Anthony's three sisters on the Gold Coast Queensland. Given the COVID restrictions, Bishop Anthony will not be able to be with his family as his mother is farewelled but will celebrate Mass in her memory next week. We hold Bishop Anthony in our prayer as he commends his mother to the Lord just over 12 months since he did with his father, Colin. On 31 December **Charles Wijundsera also lost his mother, Phyllis in the United States**. He, too, will be unable to journey there given these strange circumstances. We extend to Charles and his family our deepest sympathy at this sad time

Our parish office is now closed until Monday 18 January. I depart for Chatswood through this coming week, though I will return for Philip Stanley's funeral on Friday. The appointment of Fr Paul Durkin as the new Parish Priest takes effect on Friday 8 January though he will not assume residency, along with Deacon Sam French, until the weekend of 16/17 January. We welcome Fr Paul confident that under his leadership the Parish of Holy Name will continue to grow and flourish!

Fr David's Farewell Message cont'd

Through it all, I have experienced the uniqueness of the bond between pastor and people. For me, a most moving experience I have is during the great Eucharistic Prayer at mass. With arms outstretched I gaze upon you, knowing so many of your stories, holding you hurts and hopes and joys. You gaze back as I lift all these to the Lord. For St John Paul II this was a mystical moment, a moment of what he called 'mutual immanence', that is a shared presence in one another: the priest recognising himself in his people, the people recognising themselves in their priest. You have taught me the truth of this.

I thank you for the privilege of being your pastor:

- For receiving me in your hearts and lives.
- For your constant belief in me, your encouragement of me, your countless kindnesses and generosity.
- For all that we have been able to do together to grow and strengthen and showcase our wonderful community.

The community of Epping-Carlingford where I resided before coming to you in many ways taught me the character of priesthood. From them, I learnt the richness of being priest, the power of the effect that one can have in the lives of others by one's presence as a priest. However, the community of Holy Name Wahroonga has taught me not only this in new ways, but you have also taught me the nature of leadership. I once wrote that there is no psychoanalysis like leadership: it brings a person to their limits; it undoes one and reconstructs. It's an experience that demands remarkable listening and risk, and yet trust. Above all, it invites us to maintain our gaze upon the Lord, above all in the silent mystery of the Eucharist, who alone can join all the fragments together and who can weave the many different threads into the tapestry that one can never fully apprehend. And so, I thank you for the way in which you have taught me myself: my strengths, my limitations, my gifts, my vulnerabilities. This lesson I take with me into the future and the new opportunities and challenges that await.

As I shared with a number of you at lunch several weeks ago, I leave with you the lyrics of this song, "For Good."

I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason bringing something we must learn. And we led to those who help us most to grow if we let them. And we help them in return. Well, I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I am today because I knew you. So much of me is made of what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart. And now whatever way our stories end I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend. And just to clear the air I ask forgiveness for the things I've done you blame me for. But then I guess, we know there's blame to share. And none of it seems to matter anymore

Who can say if I've been changed for the better. I do believe I have been changed for the better because I knew you. Because I knew you I have been changed for good.

And may the blessing of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – come down upon you and remain with you always.

Farewell, my friends.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

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

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Morning Tea after Mass on Wednesday (Suspended)

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

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

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the Aquinas Chapel:

Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00am – 6.00pm

(Suspended until further notice)

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. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Sacrament of Anointing:

Last Thursday of the month following the 9.15am Mass

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020

Gemma McDermott (Chair), 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 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, Paul O'Brien

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**

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—These monies are for the support of our Parish and Clergy.