



## Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076

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*Sunday 30 August—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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](http://www.holynamewahroonga.com.au)**. We hope you enjoy your time here at Holy Name Wahroonga. Please visit us again soon.

### **An Important Announcement on COVID19 Development Fr David Ranson PP**

Yesterday afternoon we had to close Holy Name church at Wahroonga, having been informed by NSW Health at 3.30pm that someone infectious with COVID19 was present at Holy Name at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23 August. Of course, the person's identity is not public, though I am now aware of the person involved. They were asymptomatic at the time. After Sunday, they were notified that they had been classified as a close contact of someone associated with the Sydney CBD cluster. (They are not associated in any way with the recent Tangara cluster.) The person involved was tested on Tuesday and on Thursday afternoon received a diagnosis of positive for COVID19. They are now in isolation but, thankfully, in good health. We are keeping them very much in prayer and are in close contact with them. A media release was issued by our Diocese by 4.30pm on Thursday and the media has identified the church widely today. Given that our parish's COVID19 Safety plan is as developed as we have it, and particularly because virtually everyone present in the church was masked, the risk of transmission is regarded by NSW Health as low, and those people who were present at the 9.30am Mass are considered by NSW Health as "casual contacts" rather than as "close contacts." This is testimony to the good practice and procedures we have had in place. We have now contacted the 68 people present at the church for the Sunday 9.30am Mass to inform them of their status as a casual contact. They are not required to isolate, but they must monitor for symptoms and should symptoms occur they must be tested and isolate. This also demonstrates the critical importance of recording all attendees at any Mass. Casual contacts are advised to monitor for symptoms and if symptoms appear to isolate immediately and get tested for COVID. Please be sure to read the [Casual Contact information sheet from NSW Health](#) In line with our diocesan COVID strategy, Bishop Anthony has now closed our church until further notice. A forensic COVID19 clean of the church occurred on the afternoon Friday 28 August. Our church will remain closed until we can have clarity about the extent of any outbreak that may ensue. This may take a couple of weeks.

The Celebrant of the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23 August was Fr Anselam Lakra. Fr Anselam undertook COVID testing on Friday. Given that Fr Joey Frez and myself were not present in the church the risk of contagion for us is very low indeed. However, given that we live with Fr Anselam and share life together, I think it is prudent that Fr Joey (and myself) restrict our pastoral availability – especially to our schools - until such time as Fr Anselam receives the results of his COVID test. The receipt of such may not be until Sunday or Monday.

It certainly is a strange time through which we journey! Be assured I will keep in contact with you and brief you with any further information that comes to hand.

**Mass will be available this Sunday on our YouTube Channel**

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

## Parish Masses This Week

Monday	31 August	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Tuesday	1 September	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Wednesday	2 September	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Thursday	3 September	No Mass				St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
Friday	4 September	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Saturday	5 September	No Mass				Vigil of the 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Sunday	6 September	No Mass				23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

*Please Remember in your Prayers*

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Manh Phan (Melvin's father, died 14 August), Rose Leong (aunt of Caroline Ho, died 18 August). Maureen Helsloot (friend of Mike Tighe, died 19 August), Keith Forsyth (brother of Patricia Morgan, died 26 July aged 97), Ron Phillips (father of Lynne Attard, died in Mudgee 20 July), aged 85 years), Frances Monahan (mother of Declan and Aisling, died in Ireland, 17 July), Norman Harrison (old school friend of Mike Tighe, died in UK 15 July), Kathleen Busuttill (died 10 July), Judy McGarry (sister in law of Brian, died in London 5 July), Jean Groves, Elaine Venables, Bill Venables, Julia Margaret Skelly (mother of Gerard Skelly died 23 June).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 3rd anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Mum of Chris, 5th anniversary on 27 August), Fred Smith (Dot Brink's father, 9th anniversary on 27 August), Barry Price (husband of Marie-Claire, 5th anniversary on 28th August), Louis Planas (14th anniversary on 19 August), Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 2nd anniversary, 22nd August), Melissa Lopes (sister in law of Quinnie Machado, 10th anniversary on 17 August), Alexandra Lopes (mother of Quinnie Machado, anniversary on 20 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 7th anniversary on 13 August), Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick's mum—1st anniversary), Patricia Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 9th anniversary on 5 August), Don Dell (husband of Joan, 12th anniversary on 13 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 4th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 4th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 5th anniversary, 11 August), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 14th anniversary on 26 July), Jim Johnson (1st anniversary 30th July, , Maxi Trlin (1st anniversary, 28th July), Andre Henriks (father of Yvonne van den Berg, 1st anniversary 17th July), Betty Le Gras (wife of Chris and mother of Peter, 9th anniversary on 15 July), Susan Lukas (mother of Andy and Donna Lukas, 1st anniversary 11 July), Gabrielle Quirk (sister of Rosalie Talty, 3rd anniversary on 14 July), Gabrielle Small (Jennifer Skelly's mum, 1st anniversary on 17th July), Andre Henriks (father of Yvonne van den Berg, 1st anniversary 17th July), Bruce Phillips and Enid Phillips (parents of Megan Khannah, 18th anniversary on 23 July and 12th anniversary on 15th May), Richard Doran (anniversary 17 July), Kevin Francis Lynch (cousin of Jennifer Gregory, 4th anniversary on 5 July), James (Jim) Miller (Jackie's Dad - 10th anniversary on 30 June), Daniel McGarry (son of Brian, 10th anniversary on 2 July), Vincent McGarry (father of Brian, 15th anniversary on 3rd July), Ramon Moraza (brother of Rose Planas, 4th anniversary on 4 July), Frank Machado (father of Tony, anniversary on 25 June), Thomas Allan Wah (father of Noreen Pang, 21 June), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris, 1st anniversary 14 June), Richard Doran (husband of Frankie, 9th anniversary on 17 June), Joan Crawford (aunt of Jenny Southam, 2nd anniversary on 15 June), Joe Tulinsky (brother in law of Cyril Littrich, 1st anniversary 17 June), Felicity Gallagher (49th anniversary on 20 June).

### FOR THE SICK:

Colin Higgins, Candy Cosgriff, Anne Carney, Diane Poirrier, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Nancy Den Hertog, Walter Sutcliffe, Karen Tighe (daughter of Mike), Isla Fisher, Mark Brookes (friend of Barry Clibborn), 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, Dennis Morgan, Matthew Murney (son in law of Burt Schaafsma), 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, Helen McGrath (friend of Jo and Frank Waldron), Hildegard McLaughlin, David Coombes, Liz Rodgers (friend of the Waldrons in Melbourne), Doris Buzinkas, 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, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.



*Congratulations and best wishes to  
Maureen and Gayne Rolleston*

**who celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary  
this Wednesday, 2nd September!**



## *An Important Letter from Fr David*

Dear friends,

I need to raise an important consideration for our parish community to avoid any surprise in the future, and so that, even now, we might prayerfully reflect on its possibility. I am now coming to the end of my 6-year appointment as Parish Priest of Holy Name. Bishop Comensoli appointed me to this privileged role in May 2015. In Australia, the practice is that parish priests are appointed for six-year terms. This provides a Bishop the capacity to discern the often-changing needs of a diocese and to develop the life of the diocese in the best way possible. To be sent to a parish with leadership and care for its community is a great honour. It can never be thought of as the personal possession of a priest. At his Ordination, he takes a promise of Obedience to his bishop and his successors, and therefore it is important that he always seek an open, listening heart to where and how the Spirit is calling him in his relationship with the wider local church of his diocese and through his filial relationship with the Bishop. It would therefore be presumptuous for a priest to think that he would be automatically re-appointed to a parish at the end of his term. He must always cultivate an openness of heart to discern what is best for the Church to which he has committed his life.

I am now well into the final year of the 6-year term here at Holy Name. However, I have actually been with you much longer. I arrived in September 2010, ten years ago, even whilst I continued as a member of the faculty of the Catholic Institute of Sydney for several more years after that. It was a difficult time for our community given that it was provided a novel form of leadership at the time. Eight years ago, in September 2012, I was made Administrator of the Parish, and since that time, thanks be to God, we have seen the community go from strength to strength in many wonderful ways building on the remarkable participation and contribution of so many. Ten years is a significant time for a priest to be part of the life of a parish. It is, in fact, the longest a single priest has been involved in the life of Holy Name since its foundation in 1948 and I am hopeful that it has given our community the stability that it has needed. Personally, it has been the most remarkable journey. It has had a few challenges along the way, yet many wonderful moments of growth and development. Some of the most important lessons in my life have been learnt from you over the last ten years. The question that now must come to the fore is that of the future. The answer to the question is not yet clear. However, Bishop Anthony has invited me to consider what may happen in 2021. He has many situations which he needs to address, and it may be that he asks me to assume a new parish at the service of the needs of our Diocese as a whole. It may be that he asks me to maintain my role here for you. This is the discernment in which he is currently engaged.

As I have mentioned, I do not want any of us to be surprised by the outcome of the Bishop's discernment, whichever way it may go. At this stage, and with Bishop Anthony's agreement, I want to share with you transparently the Spirit-filled consideration that belongs to the Bishop's own ministry of service and that is currently taking place. We will know the outcome of Bishop Anthony's discernment before the end of this year, and I have assured him that I will certainly accept whatever his discernment may be and engage this as the Spirit's call both to me personally and to us as a community of faith. Please pray for Bishop Anthony in his discernment. We have been gifted by a Shepherd with great vision and energy, truly committed to growing our local Church of Broken Bay, and I am very privileged to work with him in this endeavour. I need to say that what I have shared with you does not affect the continuing presence of Fr Anselam with us. Bishop Anthony is not envisaging a change in the appointment of Fr Anselam, though it is likely that Fr Joey will receive a new appointment towards the end of this year.

You may recall that in June 2018 I was set to take a sabbatical. All of this got entirely overturned when Bishop Comensoli left us. The two years since have been very intense for me as you know. And apart from a two week break in the middle of 2019 I have not had a holiday for some time. Bishop Anthony has provided me with time now for a good holiday from 18 October to 20 November. This will come around soon enough, and I expect that upon my return at the end of November we will know the outcome of the Bishop's discernment and its implications for the start of the new year. Be assured that you all in my heart and prayer during this time of discernment, as I ask that you include me in your prayer too. Above all let us ask for an open heart to all that the Lord does in our lives.



### *Spirit of St Lucy's*

#### **Celebrating the Baptism of Annabelle, Natasha and Ethan**

This week, we shared in the excitement of three Baptisms which took place at Holy Name with Fr David! Two of our students from St Lucy's, Annabelle and Natasha, were baptised along with Natasha's younger brother, Ethan. It was a very special, spiritual and significant moment for the children and their parents. We felt very privileged to share in such an occasion, and felt the true sense of God's grace throughout the day. Annabelle and Natasha returned to school after the Baptism where they shared in a special celebration with their classmates and class staff. They continued to wear their beautiful dresses, which all their friends commented on. A memorable day indeed!

## Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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School Principal:	Mrs Susan Bevan	
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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 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](http://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—These monies are for the support of our Parish and Clergy.**