"No prophet is ever accepted in his own country."





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30th January—4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

From Fr Paul

Dear parishioners

As schools begin again, I wish all the **students, teachers and families** in our parish all the best for the year ahead. The support of our Prouille, St Lucy's and St Edmund's communities is an important part of our mission at Holy Name. We also support our various catechists in their outreach to Catholic students in our local public schools.

I congratulate the **HSC students** in the parish, many of whom have achieved very fine results in the HSC. I also acknowledge the outstanding results in many of the schools of the local area.

We welcome Michelle Chahine, Vocations Officer, who began working from Wahroonga this week, where we have established the **Broken Bay Vocations Office** at Bishop Anthony's request. I encourage you to pray for the three newly ordained for our diocese, for the seven seminarians, for the four men preparing for the permanent diaconate, and for the two men (Hans and Paul) who began their Seminary formation this week.

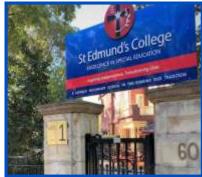
As a parish community, we at **Holy Name** look forward with great joy and confidence to the year ahead.

I ask God's blessing on our parish life and on every parishioner for 2022. Note details of the 2022 Sacramental Program Page 5.

May the Lord bless us and may we respond to his call to be his faithful followers.

Fr Paul









Parish Masses This Week

Monday	31 January	No Mass				St John Bosco, priest
Tuesday	1 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Wednesday	2 February	Mass	9.15am			The Presentation of the Lord
Thursday	3 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Friday	4 February	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 4
Saturday	5 February	Mass	9.15am*	5.00pm		*1st Saturday of the month Mass St Agatha, virgin,martyr
Sunday	6 February	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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), Rosenda (Rosie) DY, 99 years old (mother of Mrs Melinda CLIFT) died on the 2nd of January 2022 in Legazpi City of Philippines, R.I.P, Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18 December), Dr Nalin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and motherin-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Charles (Charlie) Attard (brother of Ray, brother-in-law to Lynne and uncle of Ryan, 1st anniversary on 27 January), Eileen Goldstein (mother of Pam Gallagher, anniversary on 29 January), Damion (Sri Wijetunga's brother, 52nd anniversary, 31st January), Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 6th anniversary 20 January), Muriel Molnar (6th anniversary, 21 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 61st anniversary on 21 January, Joan Clarke (5th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 5th anniversary, 23 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 35th anniversary on 23 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 20th anniversary 13 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Jenny and Paul, brother of Julia, 6th anniversary, 8 January), Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, 2nd anniversary 6 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Aaron Iori (9th anniversary on 1 January), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 16th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 4th anniversary on 25 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 21st anniversary on 28 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 1st anniversary 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 1st anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (36th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Hilda May Cutler (grandmother of Jennifer Gregory—52nd anniversary on 24 December), Alois Babski (uncle of Monica Caly, 1st anniversary on 16 December).

FOR THE SICK:

Pellegrino Ballarin (father of Antonella Foti), Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in -law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), 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), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomo, 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, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, 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, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

What do the readings say to us this Sunday?

First Reading (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19). This reading tells of the call and commission of the prophet Jeremiah. **Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13).** Paul stresses the primacy of love in the life of a Christian. Without the capacity for true selfless love we are as nothing.

Gospel (Luke 4:21-30). Jesus shared the fate of every true prophet: rejection by his own people.

The **First Reading** tells of the call and commissioning of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and was overwhelmed by the sheer burden of it. He stands out as a lonely figure whose mission seemed to have failed. He is the supreme example, until Jesus, of the "triumph of failure".

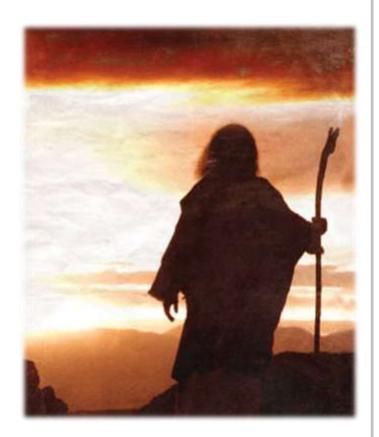
The **Gospel** is a continuation of last Sunday's reading. We see the reaction to the message Jesus gave in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people can't believe that the words of Isaiah could apply to him, the humble son of Joseph. On hearing that the benefits they have rejected will be offered to the Gentiles, the people rise up in fury and attempt to do away with Jesus. This foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus; but his hour has not yet come.

Quote/Reflection based on this Sunday's readings

"Just as God called Jeremiah and Paul and told them to give His message even in the face of conflict, Jesus also experienced rejection and prepared the apostles to expect rejection.

Today the Church experiences persecution, rejection and misunderstanding, yet continues to preach and teach and minister in the name of Jesus because the Church is called to continue the ministry of Jesus, welcome or unwelcome. If we realised this then hopefully we might understand that the Church's teaching and preaching is to help build the reign of God in our lives, bringing every spiritual blessing destined for humanity."

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Notice:

Throughout 2022, we shall celebrate Mass at 9.15am on the first Saturday of each month.

On Saturday, 5th February, the feast of St Agatha, we shall offer the Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Manoj and for his mother and members of the family.

Vale— Sylvester "Ves" McGrath

Sylvester 'Ves' McGrath has been a much loved parishioner in our Holy Name community over many years. Many have expressed their sadness at hearing of Ves' passing on Wednesday, 26th January. Ves was two weeks short of celebrating his 97th birthday.

He was a man of great faith who valued belonging to such a wonderful Parish Community. He particularly enjoyed his participation in the Schola (see picture—Ves is left hand side, back row).

Ves had not been in the best of health in the past year, but the Parish continued to stay in contact with him and to take Holy Communion to him at home.

His wife Claire died in 2006. He is survived by his three sons, Dominic, Damien and Justin and their families.

Funeral details are yet to be decided. Parishioners will be informed by Mailchimp and announcement at the weekday Mass.



Vale-Fr Manoj Manuel

On Saturday, 5th February, the feast of St Agatha, we shall offer the 9:15am Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Manoj and for his mother and members of the family.

Fr Manoj Manuel unexpectedly died of a cardiac arrest on 17 January 2022 in Aizawl, Mizoran, India where he was holidaying. The Requiem Mass and Christian Burial for Fr Manoj was conducted on 20 January in India. A Diocesan Memorial Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Friday 28 January.

Fr Manoj had been appointed to Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga, to take up duties at the beginning of April after three month extended leave in India.

Fr Manoj was born on 3 July 1976 and ordained for the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland on 5 January 2005. He had been working in Australia for the past three years, initially on appointment in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes at Warren, and then Narromine, Trangie and Peak Hill Parishes. Fr Manoj joined us in the Diocese of Broken Bay in January 2021 and served at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby until his appointment to the Parish of Wahroonga in December 2021.

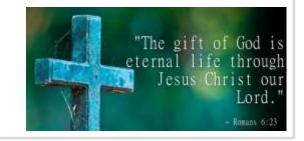
During his short time with us in Australia, Fr Manoj demonstrated great pastoral commitment. He is remembered for his gentle and gracious spirit and his compassion for others. He was greatly appreciated by the people of the Cathedral Parish, and had been looking forward to being part of the Parish of Wahroonga. His sudden passing has come as a great shock.



Fr Manoj on Christmas Day 2021 Wahroonga

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. With my prayers and good wishes,





Our 2022 Sacramental Program

* Please note that attendance at one Information Evening (Parent) and all Sessions/Masses (Parent/child) are compulsory *



1. CONFIRMATION

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised and be in at least Year 4 at school for this program in First term.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents' Welcome and Information EveningTuesday 15 February 7-9pm in *Holy Name Church*.
This is an information evening for parents/ carers.

Group Leader Training:

Tuesday 22 February at 7.00pm Holy Name Church.

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These will be held at *Holy Name Church* on:

Saturday, 26 February at 3.30pm, Saturday, 5 March at 3.45pm, Saturday, 12 March at 3.45pm, Saturday, 19 March at 3.45pm each followed by 5.00pm Mass at church.

Practice: Wednesday, 23 March, time TBC in the Church.

Celebration of Confirmation Mass at Church:
Sunday 27 March (time TBC)

2. RECONCILIATION

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4. In our Diocese, the sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated before First Eucharist and after Confirmation.



Parents' Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 26 April 7pm-9pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Group Leader Training:

Tuesday 3 May at 7.00pm, Prouille School

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These are held at Prouille School on:

Saturday, 7 May at 3.45pm, Saturday, 14 May at 3.45pm, Saturday, 21 May at 3.45pm, each followed by 5pm Mass at church.

Celebration of Reconciliation: (2 options)

Tuesday 24 May 5.15pm or 6.30pm at Church

3. FIRST EUCHARIST

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4. Reconciliation is celebrated before First Eucharist.

Parents' Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 17 May 7pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Group Leader Training: Date and Venue TBA

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These are held at Prouille School at 3:45pm on: **Saturdays, 28 May, 4 June, 11 June and 18 June** each followed by 5pm Mass at church.

Practices: Wednesday, 22 June, 2022 at 5pm (for Saturday Mass), 6.30pm (for Sunday Mass)

Celebration of First Eucharist— either
Sat 25 June, 5pm Mass Sun 26 June, 9.30am Mass

Please Note:

Enrolment is online.

https://www.trybooking.com/BPACQ
 When enrolling your child in the Children's
 Sacramental Program for the first time, please provide the following:

- Photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, even if they were baptised at Holy Name Parish (can be emailed or a photocopy brought to Parent Info Night)
- Please email a photo of your child or bring to the Parent Info night or first lesson.

If you cannot be present at the Parent Information Sessions, please contact the Sacramental Co-ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong, on 9489 3221 in office hours or by email on sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au, prior to the specified date, to make alternative arrangements.

If your child has special needs or a disability we seek to accommodate them in our program so that they may be welcomed and participate in the program in the most helpful way for them. Please call or email Sally Oong for more information: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

In the event we are unable to use the Prouille Primary School facilities, enrolled families will be advised by email of the change of venue or if the meetings will be held via Zoom.

An Invitation to a Lenten Retreat



Invitation

Do you thirst for spiritual conversation?



All are welcome to join us in experiencing and praying the First Spiritual Exercises during a Lenten FSE retreat in daily Life.

Over five Mondays we will guide you through this gentle Lenten retreat, and invite you to enter into the mysteries of Love, forgiveness, mercy, reconciliation, healing, freedom and inner peace with the Lord.

The First Spiritual Exercises are a series of prayer exercises created by St Ignatius of Loyola, offering guidance to those seeking a more intimate relationship with our creator, and a deep inner peace.

Inner peace in Darkness and Light FSE retreat, is a four-week retreat where participants are guided by givers of the First Spiritual Exercises through a contemplative prayer each Monday and then continue at home for most days in your own time, with prepared prayer exercises. Through out the retreat you will be invited to pray, be silent, journal in your listening book and the gather to listen and share your experiences with sacred listening and spiritual conversation.

Our facilitators for this retreat are ... Karen Wong , Giver of the FSE Ministry Cheryl Thomas , Giver of the FSE Ministry

When: Monday nights 28th February, 7th, 14th,21st and 28th March and April 4th 2022

Time: 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm

Where: Via Zoom

Bookings: Essential as numbers are limited.

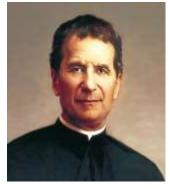
Contact: Cheryl by email cherylathomas@bigpond.com

We remember this week

Saint John Bosco - 1815 to 1888 Feast Day 31 January

Born in Italy in 1815, John was educated in the faith and in living according to the Gospel message by his mother. He was just nine years old when he had a dream, which called him to dedicate himself to the education of young people. While still a boy, he began to entertain his peers with games alternated with work, prayer and religious education. On becoming a priest in 1841, he chose as his life's program: "Da mihi animas cetera tolle" ("Give me souls, take all the rest" Gen. 14: 21). He began his apostolate among poor youth whom he placed under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales.

He led young people to meet Christ by means of his educational style and pastoral practice, based on reason, religion and loving kindness. .



The source of his indefatigable activity and of the effectiveness of his work was his "constant union with God" and his unlimited confidence in Mary Our Help who he considered to be the inspiration and support of his whole work. He left a form of religious life that was simple but founded on solid Christian virtue and on 'contemplation in action', which may be summed up in the words "work and temperance."

He sought his best collaborators among his young people establishing the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians). Together with St. Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters).

Together with good and hard-working lay men and women, he created the Salesian Co-operators to work alongside him and sustain the education of young people. In the centenary of his death, which took place on January 31, 1888, Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "The Father and Teacher of Youth".

St. Agatha 231-251 Feast Day 5 February

Historically we know little about St Agatha. We do know that she was martyred in Sicily during the persecution of the Roman emperor Decius around 251. According to legend handed down through the Christian community, Agatha was a beautiful young woman from a distinguished family who, instead of marrying, chose to remain a virgin as a sign of her complete devotion to Jesus Christ. Such a lifestyle choice was clearly at odds with the culture of her times and made her a clear target in the state's persecution of Christians. Taunted by the cruel Senator Quintianus who tried to break her spirit and commitment, Agatha showed unswerving firmness in faith. At the hands of Quintianus she was then arrested, tortured, sent to a house of prostitution to be abused and later put to death. Agatha's story is no 'sweet tale'! It is a story of tragedy and brutality. Yet it is also deeply inspiring. It speaks of radical Christian fidelity, feminine strength, youthful courage.



St Agatha reminds us of the courage of so many of our young (and not so young) people today. In a society where virginity is scoffed at and sex before marriage is taken for granted, there are still those who stand firm in their Christian beliefs, even when they suffer ridicule or lack of support from their peers.

Agatha encourages us all to have confidence in the truth. If we try to hide our Christian faith so as to be accepted by others, what kind of witness is that? Stand up and declare yourself a Christian! This is what this young woman has said with her life. What will be our response today?

St Agatha could be a saint to turn to in praying for courage, standing up for what we believe, resisting pressure to conform to the status quo, in our commitment to our vocation, in growing in inner strength, healing victims of sexual abuse and praying for persecuted Christians

Pray with St Agatha:

It is said that, upon her arrest, Agatha prayed: 'Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires.

Possess all that I am. Make me worthy to overcome the devil.'

And in prison: 'Lord, my creator, you have protected me since I was in the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world and given me patience to suffer. Now receive my spirit.'

Take up a phrase from Agatha's prayer and allow it to resonate in your mind and heart as you go about your day today.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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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

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: 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

(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.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: 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 Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (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 <u>AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube</u> in case of an emergency.