

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) Vacant—(Secretary)

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

Weekend Masses:

FIRST Saturday of the month Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

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 - 11.00am—2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month 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 (Chair), Anne-Louise Deakin (Co-Chair), Sajanee Senn (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Sally Oong, Nick Chapman, Bernadette Holland-Lopez, Patrick Kirkwood, Libby Ringrose, 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.

The Parish Bank Account Number: BSB: 062-784 ACC: 100010626 (Wahroonga Parish EFT Account)

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? If you would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), please use the above account number. 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

**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.

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest.

It is located on the right hand side as you enter the Church next to the notice board behind the last pew.

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.

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30th March 2025 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear friends,

I have always been intrigued by the parable of the prodigal (lost) son in the gospel of Luke (Lk 15:1-3,11-32) which we hear this Sunday. I'm intrigued because it tells our story about the unpredictable nature of human beings. The two sons represent us, and how vulnerable we are when we think we are in a strong position. But are we?

The younger son in the parable who measures his strength by taking the inheritance given him by the father, quickly finds out how exposed his position is when he foolishly loses his inheritance and overnight finds himself in a place of degradation and loss: feeding pigs! The worst possible position for a boy of the Jewish faith.

But, in that moment of darkness he finds the light: a father who deeply loves him. His conversion back to the father is an act of repentance and without a chance to speak his act of contrition, the father welcomes him back into the family with great celebration. The younger son, has done nothing to warrant the father's unconditional love, but the father is God the Father, and his love never changes for each one of us.

The older brother who has been faithful and loyal is unwilling to accept and forgive his brother. The Pharisee in all of us is unable like the father to offer reconciliation to the brother who has robbed him of his inheritance, been forgiven for his foolishness and is deeply resentful. The older brother's strength, or so he thought was his faithfulness. But faithfulness to what? His, pride and his judgement of others? Certainly not a merciful father.

The father treats both sons equally and without distinction. Just like the younger son, the older son can seek reconciliation and repentance by going into the party to celebrate his brother's salvation. Does the older brother go into the party? The gospel, doesn't tell us, but leaves the question open ended.

The pardoning of the loving father invites us all to a family celebration freed from aimless wandering and dutiful resentment.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	31 March	No Mass				Monday of the 4th week of Lent
Tuesday	1 April	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent
Wednesday	2 April	Mass	9.15am			Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent
Thursday	3 April	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of the 4th week of Lent
Friday	4 April	Mass	9:15am			Friday of the 4th week of Lent
Saturday	5 April	Mass	*9:15am	5:00pm		* First Saturday of the month Saturday of the 4th week of Lent
Sunday	6 April	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Nicita (husband of Giannina, died 22 March, aged 85yrs—father of 4, grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 2), , Robyn Miller (sister in law of Jackie Thornton, died 11 March aged 69yrs), Peter Hunt (former longtime parishioner, died 7 March—husband of Sue), Juan Lorenzo Miro Ramos (father in law of Roselena Miro, died in Madrid, Spain on 8 February), Gabrielle Flood (died 20 February, wife of Martin (dec), mother to Peter, Maryanne, Gemma (Couch), John and Marty).

ANNIVERSARIES: Athol Higgins (husband of Norma, 6th anniversary 30 March), Rose Maiolo (1st anniversary 27 March, (wife of Noel, mother of Christine, Melissa and Sarah, sister in law of Trish and Tony Maiolo), Helen Nader (sister of John Kassis, 15th anniversary on 1 April), Brian MacMillan (brother of Pat, 7th anniversary on 1 April), Yamami(Lima)Sadeik (sister of John Kassis, 1st anniversary 2 April), Dora Ballarin (Antonella Foti's mother, 5th anniversary 5 April), Donald Dunning (brother of Leila McCreton, 2nd anniversary, 27 March), Noreen McGarry (wife of Brian, 21st anniversary on 18 March), Marcell Pochyly (44th anniversary on 19 March, father of Cecylia Ramsden), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England, 2nd anniversary 20 March), Edward James Lynch (Jennifer Gregory's Dad, 24th anniversary on 23 March), Gus Almgren (6th anniversary 23 March), Roger Thrum (14th anniversary, 13 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 16 year anniversary, 14th March).

FOR THE SICK: Alison Robinson (daughter of Vince and Bev), Alice Thompson and Tammy Ibda (friends of Dominic McGrath, Peter Vince (Cecilia Kean's brother), James Goldrick (Chris and Chrissie's son in USA), Reg Martin (friend Margaret & Patrick MacMillan, Ray Kassis (brother of John Kassis), Nadia Waring (sister of Denise Kassis), Christine Pereira D'Andrade (cousin of Linette Sardinha), Neville Bown (friend of Megan Khannah), Megan Khannah, Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Yvonne Malouf (mother of Joanne Klostermann), Gabrielle Flood (Gemma Couch's Mum), Philip Clump, Sienna McGrath (Dominic McGrath's niece and Reg Gibbons great-niece), Noeline Mannix, Tina Northcott, Mike Tighe, Mark Vinson Vallarta, Margaret Du Moulin (Edwina Potiris' mum, friend of Dominic McGrath), Conor and Leila McCreton, Margaret MacMillan, Jonathan Tighe (nephew of Caroline Montouro), baby Joseph Akkary (great great nephew of Denise Kassis), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Pam Gallagher, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).



In the fourth week of Lent, the **Project Compassion** story features Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Irene is a 25-year-old single mother of two boys living in DRC. Despite experiencing extreme poverty, she has become a skilled seamstress and can now support her children's education with her income.

"With the earnings from this job, I can not only buy my own clothes but also for my family members... Regarding the children I send to school, there are my orphaned nephews from my late brother. I make sure to provide for all their needs," Irene said.

☑ Watch Irene's story here: <https://vimeo.com/1051013799>

Project Compassion boxes/envelopes are available in the Church.

**Please support
Project Compassion**

24 Hours for the Lord 2025

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The **24 Hours for the Lord** is a profound invitation for us all, clergy and People of God alike, to immerse ourselves into the boundless well of the mercy of God.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Bishop Anthony eagerly encourages us as communities of faith, to partake in this Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation.

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral will be available from **9am Friday 28 March to 9am Saturday 29 March**. Throughout this time, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Registration is via this link www.trybooking.com/1366910 which will ensure all 24 Hours are covered. I invite you to register for a one-hour timeslot. If your preferred timeslot is taken, you can still come at that time however you might perhaps consider a timeslot that still has vacancy.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Click the "REGISTER NOW" button
2. Select a timeslot.
3. Select a ticket option, either "Adoration" or "CLERGY ONLY", for Priests to register a time slot to be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please do not hesitate to contact Mission Broken Bay via email mission@bbcatholic.org.au or speak to Libby on 8379 1634 or 0408 749 366.

Second Rite of Reconciliation at Neighbouring Parishes

PYMBLE PARISH

Tuesday, 8th April at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart Church, Richard Porter Way, Pymble

Office: 9144 2702

KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

Wednesday, 9th April at 7:30pm

St Patrick's Church, Royston Parade, Asquith

Office: 9456 2450



Dates to Remember

Palm Sunday	13 th April 2025
Maundy Thursday	17 th April 2025
Good Friday	18 th April 2025
Holy Saturday	19 th April 2025
Easter Sunday	20 th April 2025
Easter Monday	21 st April 2025

KCEA Prayer Evening!



SRE Prayer Evening

Join us to pray the work of KCEA and Andy Tuskan at Ku-ring-gai High School

Thursday 3rd April
7.30-9.00pm
Wahroonga Anglican

Water Street, Wahroonga

Hot Cross Buns on the menu for a light supper!



- ✓ KCEA is a ministry entirely run by a partnership of local churches reaching students at Ku-ring-gai High School
- ✓ Our local churches & individuals are key – providing the financial & prayer support for SRE in Ku-ring-gai High School for over 35 years
- ✓ Through this support, Andy Tuskan, our SRE Teacher is on the ground 4 days/week

Our Schools - Open Days

Prouille
Open Day
Nurturing the Whole Child
Celebrating 75 Years in Education

Wednesday 7th May, 9-10am
To register: www.bit.ly/prouilleopenday2025
Prouille Catholic Primary School Wahroonga
(02) 7256 2146 | www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au

Brigidine College
St Ives
OPEN DAY
Thursday 15 May 2025 | 9am - 1pm
Register now
BRIGIDINE.NSW.EDU.AU

Loreto Normanhurst *Save the Date*

150 Years of Loreto in Australia Travelling Exhibition at Loreto Normanhurst

This year, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) celebrates 150 years in Australia, commencing their ministry in Ballarat. The Loreto Sisters have been a blessing to our local area since they founded Loreto Normanhurst in 1897. Today, the school continues to embody their vision, fostering a strong sense of faith, justice, and education.

As part of the sesquicentennial celebrations, a travelling exhibition highlighting the rich history and lasting impact of the Loreto Sisters will be on display **from 23 May – 6 June at Loreto Normanhurst.**

Loreto Normanhurst *(Continued)*

Please save the date to experience a stunning, and creative collaboration from all Loreto Schools in Australia. More event details will be provided soon.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- First Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12: *The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*
- Second Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21: *God reconciled us to himself through Christ. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*
- Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32: *Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

Parish Events

The 5:00pm Vigil Mass this Saturday, 29 March is hosted by our **Prouille Year 2 students**. Please make them, their families and their teachers welcome. Everyone is invited to stay for a sausage sizzle and dessert after Mass.



Senior Ladies Group will meet this Thursday, 3 April 2025 at 2:00pm in the Parish Sunroom. All welcome to join this friendly, casual group for a cuppa, chat and delicious afternoon tea. For further details: Jo Waldron 0412 018 819

Ladies Book Club Lenten Program

During Lent, our Ladies Book Club will be reading resources from the Diocese of Wollongong. They will meet on these Wednesdays in the Parish Sunroom if you would like to join in:

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| Week 1: Wed 5th March 7.30pm | Week 2: Wed 12th March 10.30am |
| Week 3: Wed 19th March 7.30pm | Week 4: Wed 26th March 10.30am |
| Week 5: Wed 2nd April 7.30pm | Week 6: Wed 9th April 10.30am |



All sessions in the sunroom - plenty of booklets. No pre reading required
Further details, contact Hayley Edmunds: hedmunds42@gmail.com



FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
5 APRIL MORNING MASS AT 9:15AM

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—next meeting 8 April**



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| 7:00pm | Silent prayer in the church | 7:10pm | Rosary | 7:45pm | Gospel reflection & discussion |
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- Contact :** Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.



Stations of the Cross Friday evenings during Lent
6:30pm

Benediction and Adoration will recommence on the FIRST FRIDAY of the month after Easter - 2 May

Preparing for Easter

- ◆ Join our **Easter Pop Up Choir**—See Page 5 for full details.
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed** for Holy Week and Easter Services—sign up sheets in the Church Foyer.
- ◆ Our **Holy Week and Easter Services Schedule**—See Page 5.
- ◆ **Second Rite of Reconciliation** in neighbouring parishes—see Page 7

Safeguarding

Our parish is ...

Committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, most especially for children and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned about safety, contact the Parish Office on 02 9489 3221 or contact the Office of Safeguarding on 02 8379 1605.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our church.



BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN (Over 5 years)

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

Baptism lesson - held on one Saturday at 3.45pm in the Church, for parents/carers and children, in July or August (TBC) followed by attendance at the 5pm Mass

Baptisms will be celebrated on a date prior to Confirmation.

Please contact :

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

2025 Family Masses

We welcome everyone to come along and join in our Family Masses which involve our Parish students and student musicians and enjoy our special sausage sizzle and dessert afterwards.

Our Family Masses are on the following

Saturdays at 5pm:

29 March (Year 2) 9 August (Years 5 & 1)

28 June (Year 4) 20 September (Years 6 & K)

Camino of St Joseph



The new date for the Camino is 5-6 September.

Nothing else about the event has changed. Times, days and locations remain the same.

Registrations are still open, you don't need to wait to register. Let's make the wait worth it by make this the biggest Camino ever!

We are still looking for volunteers too, so please register your interest.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Preparing for Easter

All are invited to sing with the **Pop Up Choir on Easter Sunday.**

No experience necessary.

Rehearsals are taking place on the following days:

Saturday 5 April 9.30-11am (Sunroom)

Saturday 12 April 9.30-11am (Church)

Saturday 19 April 9.30-11am (Church)

Easter Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday) warm up 8:45am for 9:30am.

Let the Parish Office know if you would like to join or email Rosalie Belsey

rosaliebelsey@gmail.com

Please let us know as soon as possible as we are printing our practice booklets.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Name Parish—35 Billyard Ave, Wahroonga

NO morning Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

17th April Holy Thursday

- 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

18th April Good Friday

- 10:00am Stations of the Cross - followed by Reconciliation
- 3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

19th April Easter Saturday

- 11:30am Reconciliation
- 7:00pm Easter Vigil (please join us for light refreshments in the Church Portico after Mass)

20th April Easter Sunday

- 8.00am Easter Sunday Mass
- 9.30am Mass of the Resurrection (With our uplifting "Pop Up" Choir)

Easter Eggs for the children after 9:30am Mass

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Volunteers Needed for Holy Week and Easter Services.

♦ **Senior Servers**

♦ **Junior Servers**

♦ **Readers**

♦ **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

♦ **Collectors**

♦ **12 Volunteers for Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday.**

The sign up sheets are on the table in the Church Foyer.

Please volunteer where you can to ensure our Easter Services run smoothly.