"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple".



Holy Name Catholic Parish DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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4th September-23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Father's Day

We pray God's blessing on our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, together with those others who, in various ways, fulfil a father's role in our families.





We pray for all the fathers of the parish and wish you each a very special day, thanking you for your love and for the important vocation you have in our families, our church and our society. May God grant you all the graces and gifts that you need in this important vocation.

For those who find Father's Day difficult:

We acknowledge that Father's Day can be a painful and difficult time for some: for those whose father has died, for those who have lost a child, for those who are estranged from their children or their father, for those who are experiencing great stress within family life. As a parish community, let us be mindful of those who experience this pain, and let us pray that this may be a time of healing.











Happy Father's Day to our Spiritual Fathers

Fr Paul and Fr Sam

Thank you for all you do for our Parish.

We hope you enjoy your day!

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	5 September	No Mass			Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Tuesday	6 September	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Wednesday	7 September	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Thursday	8 September	Mass	9.15am		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	9 September	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Saturday	10 September	Mass	5.00pm		Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Sunday	11 September	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dr Ranjan Fernando (father of Dr Lakmalie Perera, died 11 August), Max Arnett (husband of Pat, died 22 August aged 87), John McGarry (died 12 August, aged 95), Lorraine Gaffey (mother of Trish Migdoll and Peter Gaffey died 17 August, aged 86yrs), Barbara Wing (wife of George, died 31 July), Anna DiGuglielmo (mother of Carla, died 2 August in Ayr, Queensland), Paul Joseph Mitchell (father of Michael Mitchell, died 21 July), Susan Woodfine (daughter of Barbara and Maurice, sister of Michael, died 6 July, aged 67).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eduardo Dumalag (son of Remy Gregory, 1st anniversary, 4 September), Mick O'Conner (father of Louise Limbers, 5th anniversary, 3 September), Faye Amodeo (Alan Amodeo's mother, 5th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Darwell (mother of Steve and Greg, 6th anniversary 6 September), Maria Immacolata Vumbaca (mother of Nancy, George and Tony, 5th anniversary on 9 September), Pam McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland's Mum, 4th anniversary, 11 September), Roshan Perera (12 th anniversary 11 August- brother of Dr Chaminda Perera), Vincenzo Monardo (father of Tony, 4th anniversary 12 September), Fr John Neill OP (1st anniversary, 21 August), Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 4th anniversary, 22nd August), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 5th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Mum of Chris, 7th anniversary on 27 August), Rose Leong (aunt of Caroline Ho, 2nd anniversary, 18 August), Louis Planas (16th anniversary on 19 August), Melissa Lopes (sister in law of Quinnie Machado, 12th anniversary on 17 August), Alexandra Lopes (mother of Quinnie Machado, anniversary on 20 August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, 1st anniversary on 9 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 6th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 6th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 7th anniversary, 11 August), Don Dell (husband of Joan, 14th anniversary on 13 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 9th anniversary on 13 August), Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick's mum—3rd anniversary on 4 August), Patricia Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 11th anniversary on 5 August).

FOR THE SICK:

Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Judith Mackay (sister of Barry Clibborn), Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Sally Salehian, Jo Keijzer (daughter of Leila & Conor McCreton), Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Lasserre Gomes (father of Linette Sardinha), Conor and Leila McCreton, Mike Tighe, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Dympna Hayes (sister of Maureen Kippax), Kathryn Gilmore, Margaret Ryan (sister of Reg Gibbons and wife of Con), Cyril Littrich, Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Edda Fragiacomo, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), 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, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

What does the Word of God say to us this Sunday - Year C Week 23?

First reading (Wisdom 9:13-18).

Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God.

Second reading (Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17). Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother.

Gospel (Luke 14:25-33). Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation - we must be prepared to accept the cost.

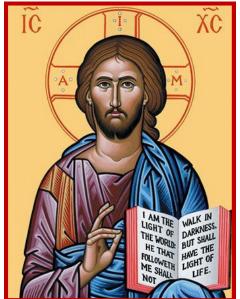
The **First Reading** is part of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly see it.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death await him at the end of that journey.

Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready, if needs be, to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.

The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling and undertaking. It could mean persecution and even death. Once must appreciate the cost before setting out.

Quotes for Reflection this week



In Pope Benedict XVI's first homily as Pope, reflecting on the legacy of Pope St. John Paul II, he said: "Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom?... No!

If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation."

It says of the rich young man: "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." Jesus is the Word of God, his gaze penetrates "soul and spirit, joints and marrow". When we open ourselves to the loving gaze of Jesus, it awakens within us a deep desire to give ourselves completely to him. The loving gaze of Jesus awakens within us a desire to be fully the person God created us to be, to be saints. God did not create us to be mediocre. God did not create us to be complacent. God created us to be holy, and holiness begins by surrendering ourselves to Jesus.

Fr Michael Najim

To be a disciple of Christ (2021)



Sacrament of Confirmation—Enrolling Now

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised and be eight years of age or older (Year 3 2022 minimum).

In the Diocese of Broken Bay, Confirmation is celebrated prior to Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Enrolment: Please make a separate booking for each child, if more than one being registered for Confirmation, as you will be required to fill in the information for each candidate.

To Enrol: https://www.trybooking.com/CBCSP

Please note:

The candidate's Confirmation (Saint's) Name is recommended to be the name given to them at Baptism, if this is a Saint's Name. If not, please choose the name of a suitable, canonised Saint (see 2. below). 'Old Testament' people are not Saints. Please discuss this with Sally Oong if you require assistance with this choice. You can advise this name by August 22, if not yet decided.



- The Saint's name should be of relevance to your child: eg Feast day near their birthday, affinity with the Saint's life or their cause, their own name, or the name of person special to them. The website http://www.catholic.org/saints/ is a good place to start or there are many books on the Saints.
- The Sponsor must be a practising Catholic, who is a fully-initiated member of the Catholic church (i.e. has completed their Sacraments, being Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion) and is over the age of 16. It is desirable that the Godparent at Baptism, if present, also be the Sponsor at Confirmation. A parent cannot be the sponsor. An adult may 'stand-in' on the day for the Sponsor, e.g. if the Godparent cannot attend. If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact Sally Oong at sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

PROGRAM DATES:

Preparation Lessons:

Weekly Lessons and Masses are all compulsory for the candidate and a parent/carer. However, sometimes life happens so please contact Sally if attendance is not possible.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga. Please meet as a group with Sally in the School Hall each week, prior to the lesson.



Lesson 3: Saturday 3 September at 3.45pm

Lesson 4: Saturday 10 September at 3.45pm,

** with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church, then a sausage sizzle

<u>**Practice**</u>: Tuesday, 20th September, 2022 at the Church at 5.30pm.

Compulsory attendance for all Candidates. Sponsors may attend, which is helpful, but it is not compulsory.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation: THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5.30pm at Holy Name Church.

The above information is able to be downloaded from our website: www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

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Fatherhood, Family and Faith Some key reflections from Pope Francis and others.

Prepared by Fr Paul Durkin

In the midst of Fathers' Day or otherwise during the year, let us reflect on the father's significantly formative role: as husbands to their wives and as fathers to their children. It would be good for fathers to engage in spiritual reading regarding fatherhood. One such book is Catholic marriage and family life expert Dr. Gregory Popcak's new book *BeDADitudes: 8 Ways to Be an Awesome Dad* (Ave Maria Press, 2017). Inspired by the holy example of Saint Joseph, let us remember to value and encourage fathers. Society is in crisis, and strong fathers stepping forward is a way to fortify society for the building up of the kingdom of God. *God our Father guide us. Saint Joseph, pray for us!*

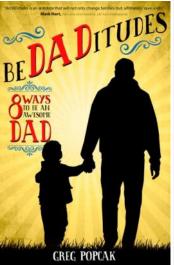
All fatherhood finds its calling and modelling from God the Father, in two special ways:

- God is unconditionally loving, generous and extravagant in all that he has done for us, and has called us into life, loves us and sustains us.
- God also commands us (from the beginning) to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, and has given us guidelines and commandments to follow, has set limits for our ultimate good. These Good promises will be a source of life and blessing.











"Every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child's integral and harmonious development. As the Australian Bishops have observed, each of the spouses 'contributes in a distinct way to the upbringing of a child. Respecting a child's dignity means affirming his or her need and natural right to have a mother and a father." – Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family, paragraph 172, March 19, 2016

"(Historically) with the decline of the agricultural way of life, fathers were driven from the home to the office and the factory. Fathers lost their traditional connection to their families, perhaps most especially to their sons." Dr. Christopher Shannon.

Much is written today about absent fathers, single parent families, the lack of men in educating our young, the 'father wound' and lack of mentoring for young men.

"We often hear that ours is 'a society without fathers.' In Western culture, the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing or vanished. Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion." – **Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family, paragraph 176, March 19, 2016**

"Without father figures, young people often feel 'orphaned,' left adrift at a critical moment in their growth and development... fathers are necessary as examples and guides for our children in wisdom and virtue."

- Pope Francis, general audience, January 28, 2015

"The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis, as are all communities and social bonds. In the case of the family, the weakening of these bonds is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. Marriage now tends to be viewed as a form of mere emotional satisfaction that can be constructed in any way or modified at will. But the indispensable contribution of marriage to society transcends the feelings and momentary needs of the couple. As the French bishops have taught, it is not born 'of loving sentiment, ephemeral by definition, but from the depth of the obligation assumed by the spouses who accept to enter a total communion of life." — Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World, paragraph 66, November 24, 2013.

An Invitation

Holy Hour & Discernment Evening -Friday 23 September, 2022 at 6pm Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga

Invitation for all young adults to:
Pray, Discern and Act with us as we seek
God's guidance in our lives!

We will be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning their own vocation.

This is a time for us to reflect on God's call in our lives, and to seek His will for our lives.



Praying the Rosary

Each weekday after the Morning Mass, for those who wish, we shall pray the Rosary.

That will be immediately after the 9.15am Mass (at approximately 9.45am) Tuesday – Friday, and on the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome

September is Safeguarding Month



Men's Rosary Crusade

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE at St Mary's Sydney Cathedral Forecourt—**Saturday 3 September at 1pm**

Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray for peace, making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and fulfilling the First Five Saturday's Devotion has never been more important. Confession is available from 11.30am and Holy Mass at 12pm in St Mary's Cathedral. Men, it's time for ACTION - join us, share the message, invite others and bring your mates and sons along. Rain, hail or shine it's on! Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE is a movement of men publicly offering reparation and repentance to God on the 'First Saturday' of each month in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and her requests. #mensrosarycrusade For more information call Tomasz on 0413 802 069

Through Safeguarding Month, we celebrate the important role families play in keeping children safe when they have a strong sense of belonging and connection to family. The Diocese of Broken Bay encourages all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during the Safeguarding Month of September. Please do not hesitate to call or email our office if you have any questions.

We Remember this Week

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 8 September



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (or the Birth of the Virgin Mary) refers to a Christian feast day celebrating the birth of Mary, mother of Jesus.

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated each year on 8th of September. Usually it is the custom of the church to celebrate the feast day of a saint on the date of their death.

Mary, however, entered this world sinless through the privilege of the Immaculate Conception which is celebrated on 8 December - nine months before the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a very important feast, because it prepares the way for the birth of Christ. It is also an unusual feast, because it celebrates a birthday.

The earliest document commemorating this feast comes from the sixth century. It is generally believed that this feast originated in Jerusalem since there is evidence, in the fifth century, of a church dedicated to St. Anne, Mary's mother.

The primary theme portrayed in the liturgical celebration of this feast day is that the world had been in the darkness of sin and with the arrival of Mary begins a glimmer of light. That light which appears at Mary's holy birth prefigures the arrival of Christ, the Light of the World.

A secondary theme of joy also appears throughout the liturgical celebration. The entrance antiphon at Mass states: "Let us celebrate with joyful hearts the birth of the Virgin Mary, of whom was born the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord." It is with these two themes of both the approach of light and joy that the faithful senses the great happiness and festive nature on this beautiful feast of Mary's birthday.



Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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CCD Coordinator: Mrs Cecilia Kean

Mrs Pam Koroknay: Mr Chris Madden. **Eucharist Ministry to the Sick Coordinators:**

(Housebound) Mr Paul Sutherland

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(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

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am 8.30am - 9.00am Silent Prayer

9.00am—9.15am Morning Prayer of the Church

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Adoration 6:00pm

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 12.55pm during school terms **Baptism:** Preparation - last Sunday of the month.

Baptisms - 2nd and 4th 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 for 2020/2021: 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 Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from 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.