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Holy Name Catholic Parish

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5 September— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Fr Paul - Dear parishioners

This Sunday we celebrate 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 have prepared a short video message to the fathers (and their families) in our parish and school communities.

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 role you play in our families, our church and our society. May God grant you all the graces 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. In more recent times, we hear of "the father wound"; this refers to father absenteeism, whether emotionally or physically, or one's father being very critical, negative and even abusive, in a way that can impact people and their future relationships in so many ways.

Sacraments and Parish life: I am writing this to you on Friday, 3rd September. Deacon Sam has celebrated his first wedding today for Lauren Galea and Andrew Refalo at Holy Name, Wahroonga. Number of guests allowed: five!! It has been quite the saga "getting to the altar"! We wish Lauren and Andrew well, and wish Deacon Sam well as he prepares for his Ordination as priest, even though the details have yet to be worked out, given the changing nature of lockdowns etc... We are becoming expert at funerals with ten attending and weddings with five attending!

PPMC and PFC: I thank the members of the PPMC and PFC who have met with me regularly, via Zoom, throughout this lockdown period. In sharing about the current situation, PPMC members agreed that there is something of a "generational divide" in how the lockdown is affecting people. While everyone is affected, perhaps it is the younger generations who may be feeling it more: school children through to young adults. Let us continue to support one another.

In the recent storms and high winds, several large limbs have fallen from gum trees on the property, and a large downpipe from the church. We shall attend to these and we continue to maintain the property we are blessed to enjoy.

Parish Life and the Lockdown: Deacon Sam, Fr Anselam and I continue to pray for you and to offer Mass for you and your intentions throughout each week. We are striving to maintain the life and upkeep of the parish within the limitations of the lockdown. Remember that while the Church building is closed, the life of the Church goes on in various ways, seen and unseen - in our hearts, our homes and in the celebration of the sacraments. As we reflected last week, though we are 'all in this together', we are affected in a range of ways, our circumstances vary and we each are dealing with this Covid-19 lockdown in our own way. We shall continue to respond to parishioners' needs as best we can.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On Wednesday 8th September, the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour our Blessed Mother, who was born into what appeared simple and ordinary circumstances, but whom God had destined for a most extraordinary vocation, to be the mother of the Saviour, the One whose reign would last forever. Mary, mother of the Lord and mother of the Church, pray for us.

We wish Deacon Sam a very happy and blessed birthday on Tuesday, 7th September.

With Fr Anselam and Deacon Sam, I assure you of my continued prayers and good wishes. *Fr Paul*

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	6 September	No Mass			Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Tuesday	7 September	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Wednesday	8 September	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	9 September	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Friday	10 September	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23
Saturday	11 September	Mass	5.00pm	<i>Livestreamed</i>	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Sunday	12 September	No Masses			24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Paul Purcell OP (Parish Priest of Holy Name Wahroonga from 1982-1989, died 29 August aged 94yrs), Fr John Neil OP (ordained at HNW October 1960; brother of Carole Wilson, died 21 August), Dexter John Giblin (died 17 August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, died 9 August), Trish Panton (died 2 August, aged 85), Gigliola Cantarella (friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan). Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Matthew, Jason and Damian, father in law of Sally, Christine and Lily & grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe, Zara, Hannah and Ryan died 21 July, aged 89), Julie Raftery (Gemma McDermott's mother, died 16 July), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) died 13 July), Margaret Woodlands (wife of Brian, mother of Joanne, Elizabeth and Kristin, died 6th July), Br. Michael Stanley Madden cfc (Chris Madden's brother died 2 July, aged 95 years).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Claire McGrath (wife of Ves, 15th anniversary on 1 September), Faye Amodeo (Alan Amodeo's mother, 4th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Darwell (Greg's mother, 5th anniversary 6 September), Mick O'Conner (father of Louise Limbers, 4th anniversary, 3 September, Vincenzo Monardo (Tony's Dad, 3rd anniversary), Margaret Denham (Tess Denham-Fabry's mother, 5th anniversary 13 September), Shirley Ranson (Fr David's Mum - 7th anniversary on 18 September), Hend El-Daher (mother of Denise Kassis - 13th anniversary on 11 September), Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 3rd anniversary, 22nd August), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 4th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Mum of Chris, 6th anniversary on 27 August), Barry Price (husband of Marie-Claire, 6th anniversary on 28th August), Rose Leong (aunt of Caroline Ho, 1st anniversary, 18 August), Louis Planas (15th anniversary on 19 August), Melissa Lopes (sister in law of Quinnie Machado, 11th anniversary on 17 August), Alexandra Lopes (mother of Quinnie Machado, anniversary on 20 August), Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick's mum—2nd anniversary on 4 August), Patricia (Trisha) Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 10th anniversary on 5 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 6th anniversary, 11 August), Don Dell (husband of Joan, 13th anniversary on 13 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 8th anniversary on 13 August), Manh Phan (Melvin's father, 1st anniversary, 14 August), Ron Phillips (father of Lynne Attard, 1st anniversary 20 July), Evelyn Attard (Ray's mother, 23rd anniversary on 22 July), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 15th anniversary on 26 July), Jim Johnson (2nd anniversary 30th July).

FOR THE SICK:

Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Halina Brzozowski, Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Greg Couch (husband of Cristina, son of Paul and Gemma, brother of Jess), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), 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, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clark, 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), 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, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), 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.

During lockdown try these tips:

- ◆ *Setting practical and achievable short-term goals and routines can help direct our days to be more purposeful.*
- ◆ *Sticking to a routine (as closely as possible to what you did before lockdown) can also support our sense of direction and control.*
- ◆ *Check your own sense of well-being and those nearest you.*
- ◆ *Use social media for support, which many young people in the community have found beneficial during the pandemic. It's vital for us to hear others' experiences so we support them and can normalise our own.*
- ◆ *Finally, nothing is more important than reminding ourselves, we are all doing the best we can. And that's not only ok, it's enough!*

What does the Word say to us this Sunday?

Reflection:

First Reading (Is 35:4-7). The prophet urges the people to take courage, because God is coming to save his people.

Second Reading (Jam 2:1-5). Class distinction should have no place among Christians.

Gospel (Mk 7:31-37). Jesus cures a Gentile man who is deaf and has a speech impediment.

Jesus performed this miracle in Gentile territory. The faith-response of the Gentiles contrasts sharply with that of many of his own people. In Mark's mind Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, "The ears of the deaf will be unsealed, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy" (First Reading). In other words, Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. This miracle is the only cure in the Gospels that is described as taking place gradually. Mark saw it as an illustration of growth in faith. It is what happens to every Christian at Baptism. Christ touches our ears so that we can hear his word, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. Hence, we too can say, "He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

The miracle has great relevance for us, not because we are deaf or dumb (which most of us are not), but precisely because we have the gifts of hearing and speech. The fact that we have these gifts doesn't mean we use them well. Many people are very poor listeners to God and others. And many people have difficulty in expressing themselves.

A fate even worse than being born deaf is to have ears and yet fail to hear. Worse again is to have ears and refuse to hear, or to have tongue and refuse to speak. So we need the Lord's healing touch if we are to use these two precious gifts well.

Reflections/Quotes of the Week - Healing

The rite of touching the mouth and the ears during baptism takes its meaning from this miraculous healing. The priest says, 'the Lord Jesus made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak, may he soon touch your ear to hear his word and your mouth to proclaim it to the praise and glory of God the Father.'

The same invitation that we received at baptism is being given by the Lord today.

Ephphatha! – Be open.

Jesus is telling us the same healing word right now.

We might not be physically mute or deaf, but one can also experience deafness and muteness on different levels: deaf from the call of forgiveness and reconciliation from those people who might have hurt and wronged us; deaf from the cries and agonies of those who are struggling to provide for themselves - the poor, the homeless; deaf or indifference to the teachings of the Church that might be challenging and hard to follow; or probably deaf for the pleadings and requests of our parents to do our best with our studies; or playing deaf when our teachers and parents ask us to do something for our own good..... In the words of Jesus in criticism of the hardness of the hearts of the Pharisees,

"do you have eyes but not see, ears but not hear?"

Fr Cary Reniva

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "I don't believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Of birth, of love, of hope.

The ways people get over hurts and they forgive.

Someone giving a lot from the little they have.

It is the world of mystery – of little miracles.

A miracle is not against nature

– it is something that causes faith and love.

Fr Donal Neary SJ



Videos to inspire you

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear a miraculous account of Jesus healing a man suffering from deafness and a speech impediment. Those who witnessed the miracle spread the news far and wide. What a powerful witness to the message of Jesus!

- ◆ What if God intervened in our life in the same way?
- ◆ What if through the power of prayer, we brought about healing in the life of another person?
- ◆ Wouldn't that make a difference to our faith life?
- ◆ Wouldn't that compel us to also spread the Gospel far and wide?

In the following video, Fr Mark Goring encourages us to not be afraid to pray for healing. It's not strange, it's not old-fashioned, rather, it should be a normal part of every Catholic's life!

Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcHv6FjpRmU>



**Please note another inspiring video *THE BLESSING AUSTRALIA* can be viewed at:
<https://youtu.be/OOt7baaVSbE>**

From our Bishop - Connecting online during Covid-19 Lockdowns...

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. The Bay Connect page is published today, <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> and featured on the Diocese home page <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/> The program features include:

- Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - **TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.
- Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD** - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - **FORMATION FRIDAYS** - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion. We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/>

Celebrating Fathers Day - Sunday 5th September



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Happy Father's Day to our Spiritual Fathers,



Fr Paul, Fr Anselm and Deacon Sam

*(soon to be Fr Sam!)
Thank you for all you do for our Parish.*

Here is the link for their Father's Day Message for 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qg_TyVLUTY

Spirit of St Lucy's

Celebrating Book Week 2021!

We recently celebrated Book Week at St Lucy's with a fun Friday involving fancy dress costume, the sharing of our favourite books during class reading time and associated craft activities connected with the joy of reading! Whilst we were unable to have a usual Book Parade, classes created online communication links with parents at homes, and students engaging in Home Based Learning so that everyone could 'virtually' engage in the fun!



Wind and Storm Damage in our Parish

The recent strong winds and storms caused a bit of havoc around the Church and Priory residence:

A large gum tree bough broke and smashed onto the clothesline, destroying it. The noise it made when it broke and hit the fence, carport roof and clothesline was quite scary. Luckily for our priests, there was no damage to their home. We are going to have Kuring-gai Council assess it (again) for removal or trimming as this is just another of many large branches to break off and cause damage. Next time we may not be so fortunate. In the meantime, we have had this fallen limb removed.

We also had the misfortune of the very large downpipe on the driveway side of the Church come away completely from the brickwork.



We remember this week

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 8 September*

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of 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 preannounces 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.



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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

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 has a NEW 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 and so we are asking that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible by emailing: jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

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 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