

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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		Volunteer needed please.
Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator :		Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):		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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9th March 2025 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear friends,

“A priest is driving around the streets in the city looking for a parking spot, but unable to find one, he parks in a ‘No Standing’ zone and puts a note under the windscreen wiper saying: “I’ve driven around these streets one hundred times and if I don’t park here, I’ll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.” When the priest returns to his car, he finds a parking ticket which says: “I have walked these streets for the last ten years, and if I don’t give you a ticket, I’ll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”

We are all tempted from time to time!. This week as we begin the Season of Lent we are called in the gospel of St. Luke (Lk 4: 1-13) to remember that prior to the temptations of Jesus, the Lord is baptised in the Jordan river by John the Baptist. The Father says of Jesus: ‘this is my chosen Son, my favour rests on him.’ At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in fighting evil in this world, what sustains Jesus throughout his ordeals is the constant love of the Father, affirming him to be his beloved Son. We too, are the beloved daughters and sons of a compassionate Father. Our identity as daughters and sons gives us the means we need to fight and conquer temptation.

While the devil tempts Jesus’ identity by seducing him to forego his identity as Son of God with power, self-interest and possessions, Jesus resists all these illusory promises because his Kingdom is about a leadership of service to all.

The spiritual writer Thomas Merton once wrote: ‘My false and private self is one who wants to exist outside the reach of God’s will and God’s love, outside the reality of life. And such a self cannot but be an illusion.’ The true self encounters God, the false self is immersed in illusion.

May our time of Lent reflect our true self coming to being as daughters and sons of a loving Father.

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin

Preparing for Easter

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The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



DAYS OF FASTING
ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?
One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE
ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?
No meat.

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	10 March	No Mass				Monday of the 1st week of Lent
Tuesday	11 March	Mass	9.15am			Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent
Wednesday	12 March	Mass	9.15am	6:30pm		Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent
Thursday	13 March	Mass	9:15am			Thursday of the 1st week of Lent
Friday	14 March	Mass	9:15am			Friday of the 1st week of Lent
Saturday	15 March	Mass	5:00pm			Saturday of the 1st week of Lent
Sunday	169 March	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5:30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

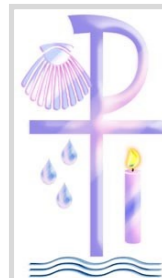
Juan Lorenzo Miro Ramos (father in law of Roselena Miro, died in Madrid, Spain on 8 February), Gabrielle Flood (died 20 February, wife of Martin (dec), mother to Peter, Maryanne, Gemma (Couch), John and Marty), Fr Austin Laverty (friend of Pat and Margaret MacMillan), Lynne Baxter Flaminio (Aunt of Rosalie Belsey, sister of Ric Baxter passed away in France 27 January aged 77 years),

ANNIVERSARIES: Helen Gait (wife of Tom, 4th anniversary, 9 March), Ina Alsaka (mother of Suzanne Cooke, 11th anniversary on 9 March), Brian Fraser (husband of Devona, 9th anniversary on 10th March), Roger Thrum (14th anniversary, 13 March), Terry Gallagher (husband of Pam - 16 year anniversary on 14th March), Rose Maiolo (1st anniversary 27 March, (wife of Noel, mother of Christine, Melissa and Sarah, sister in law of Trish and Tony Maiolo), Ottaviano Praturion (husband of Elsa, 29th anniversary on 6 March), Peter Brink (Dot's husband, 1st anniversary 25 February), Karenne Crow (Hayley Edmund's Mum, 1st anniversary, 23 February), Edward Mendes (9th anniversary, 2 March, father of Allison Rodrigues).

FOR THE SICK: 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 Bowern (friend of Megan Khannah), Megan Khannah, Bernard Tighe (brother of Mike Tighe), Rose Planas, 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, Gemma McDermott, 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), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister).

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.



Congratulations

to the Fitzgerald Family

Ariana Mary

will be baptised this Sunday.



Project Compassion 2025



Caritas Australia has announced the launch of Project Compassion 2025, its Lenten fundraising and awareness appeal. Caritas Australia calling on the community to **Unite Against Poverty** for Project Compassion this year.

The theme, **Unite Against Poverty**, resonates deeply with the teachings of Jesus, who showed great care for the poor and marginalised. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

This theme is explored through three inspiring stories of individuals from around the world who have overcome challenges in their own lives and gone on to become beacons of hope and resilience in their communities:

- Toefuata'iga is a primary school student in Samoa who faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity.

The situation changed dramatically when Caritas Samoa, a partner of Caritas Australia, installed a 10,000 litre water tank at the school. This new water source enabled the school to maintain regular class schedules, improving both educational outcomes and student health. Attendance and enrolment numbers surged, as parents were no longer worried about sending their children to a school without access to clean water.

"When we opened our water tank, the parents were really happy, they were over the moon... And now they don't have any problems," shared Principal Ada. "Now we don't need to send the children home early, and we can keep up with our lessons. It's made such a difference."

The tank also alleviated financial and logistical burdens on teachers and nearby families, allowing the school community to focus on education rather than the constant struggle for water.

Kirsten Sayers, Interim CEO at Caritas Australia, said, "Lent is a season of reflection, prayer, and almsgiving. It is a time when we are called to examine our lives and make sacrifices to help those less fortunate. During Lent, our challenge is to respond to these stories courageously, with a yes to God's call to us all, to work towards a world where everyone can live with dignity and hope."



To donate, please look out for the Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes in the Church.



In the weeks to come, we will share the stories of Lam and Irene and how Caritas through the generosity of parishes Australia wide has helped change their lives.



- Lam is a young man with a disability in rural Vietnam, on his journey from isolation to independence.
- Irene is a single mother living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo who, despite experiencing extreme poverty, has become a skilled seamstress.

Open Days

St Pius X College, Chatswood

OPEN DAY
Saturday 22 March, 2025

Chatswood Campus
9am – 2pm

Oxford Falls Sporting Campus
8am – 12 noon

Meet the Principal, staff and Students

Principal's Welcome
10:00 am and 12: 30pm
at Chatswood

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL at
<https://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/open-day/>

ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 22 MARCH

Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon
1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 – 12

 Loreto
Normanhurst



Join us for
Open Day
Saturday, 15 March 2025

Campus Tours | Presentations | Learning and Extra-curricular Showcase
Meet our Staff and Students | Food Stalls | Farm Animals
Register Now at loretonh.nsw.edu.au
Discover where Loreto Normanhurst can take you.

Join us at the
Loreto Normanhurst
Open Day

on
Saturday, 15 March,
from 11 am to 3 pm.

Explore our beautiful campus through student-led guided tours, discover our dynamic learning programs and extracurricular activities, and meet our dedicated staff and students. Enjoy engaging showcases, farm animals and a variety of food stalls.

Our Enrolments team will be available to answer all your questions.

We warmly invite all members of the community to be part of this special day.

For more details, visit
www.loretonh.nsw.edu.au.

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

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10: The confession of faith of the elect.

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13: The confession of faith of the believers in Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, kind of endless glory!

Gospel: Lk 4:1-13: Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Parish Events

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent

6:30pm-7:30pm



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

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 11 March
7:00pm Silent prayer in the church
7:10pm Rosary
7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion



Contact :

Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.



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:

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

CAYA Come As You Are Discussion & Reflection Group

Meet **Thursdays** after morning Mass in the Parish Sunroom. Everyone is welcome.

2025 Sacramental Information -

Holy Name Parish: Children's Sacramental Program 2025

Our Sacramental Preparation groups for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) have commenced. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Wednesday, 26th March.

In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist, so if your child is not yet confirmed, they cannot receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 8 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 15 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 22 March at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle.



FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST [Enrol: https://www.trybooking.com/CXJBU](https://www.trybooking.com/CXJBU)

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4 and must celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation before the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 6 May, 7-8pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga.

Sacramental Preparation Groups: Meet at the Prouille School Hall.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 17 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 24 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 31 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 4: Saturday, 14 June at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle.

Practice: Wednesday 18 June at 6.00pm at the Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist at the Church: Sunday 22 June at 11.00am



Please contact Sally Oong for more information: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)



2025 Family Masses, Confirmation and Baptism for Children 5yrs+

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)
- 28 June (Year 4)
- 9 August (Years 5 & 1)
- 20 September (Years 6 & K)



CONFIRMATION

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least **Year 3** at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated **before** Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening:

Attendance is compulsory for one Parent/Carer on either

Thursday 7th August or Tuesday 12th August, 7.00-8.00pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes light refreshments. Children usually do not attend, but discuss this with Sally if necessary.

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)

Tuesday 19th August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet in a large group at Prouille School Hall on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 23rd August at 3.30pm
- Lesson 2: Saturday, 30th August at 3.45pm
- Lesson 3: Saturday, 6th September at 3.45pm
- Lesson 4: Saturday, 13th September at 3.45pm

Each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the family.

Practice: Tuesday, 16th September, 6pm at the Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:

Thursday 18th September at 6.00pm

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

- **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.**