The Celebration of Holy Week and Easter 2015

Sunday 29 March  
Palm Sunday  
Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm  
Mass Sunday 9.15am  
(with our Parish Schola)  
Mass Sunday 5.30pm  
(with Wyspers Musicians)

Monday 30 March  
Parish Celebration of Reconciliation  
Evening time to be confirmed

Tuesday 31 March  
Mass of the Oils  
Cathedral, Waitara 7.30pm

Thursday 2 April  
Holy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm  
Followed by silent adoration before the Eucharist until Midnight

Friday 3 April  
Good Friday  
Morning Prayer 8.30am  
Stations of the Cross 10am  
Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at 3pm

Saturday 4 April  
Holy Saturday  
Morning Prayer 8.30am  
The Celebration of the Easter Vigil 7pm  
(During our Vigil we will baptise a new member of the Church)

Sunday 5 April  
Easter Sunday  
Mass of the Resurrection 9.15am  
(with our uplifting “Pop-Up” Choir)  
No 5.30pm and 8pm Mass

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Sunday Masses  
Saturdays  5pm  
Sundays  9.15am  
5.30pm

Weekday Masses  
Monday to Saturday  
9.15am, except Thurs when Mass is at 7am

Friday Devotions During Lent  
(Stations of the Cross with Benediction)  
7pm -8pm  
Reconciliation  
Saturday 4.30pm

our Journey Through Lent

RETURN to the LORD YOUR GOD

THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

To Easter

Holy Name Parish  
Wahroonga  
2015
Our Journey Begins on Ash Wednesday
18 February 2015
Ash Wednesday Mass with the Distribution of Ashes
will be celebrated at
9.15am and also at 7.00pm

Our Lenten Journey Continues . . .

Through Penance
Lent is a time during which we change our minds and hearts. We are mindful of our sin, of those actions and factors in our life that make us less receptive to the gift of love. We can express this by:

♦ The Sacrament of Reconciliation: This is available regularly on Saturdays at 4.30pm, following Friday evening Stations of the Cross or by appointment.
♦ We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community on Monday 30 March at 7.30pm.
♦ Abstinence and Fasting to express our turn towards something more than our own needs. Fridays especially are days to fast and to express abstinence by refraining from meat.

Through Prayer
Lent is a time during which we open our hearts to the Word of God and the Mystery of Love. We can express this by:

♦ More regular participation at Mass. Perhaps by coming to Mass not just on Sunday but also during the week.
♦ On Tuesday mornings, following the 9.15am Mass, we will pray “The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.” This places our attention on the seven sorrow of the Virgin Mary that pierced her to the heart. This was a devotion originally popularised by the Servite Fathers in 1668.
♦ Stations of the Cross. Each Friday night at 7pm during the Season of Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross, recounting Jesus’ journey to his death on Calvary. The Stations of the Cross will conclude with Benediction.

Through Almsgiving and Awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves
Lent is a time during which we seek to become more conscious of the needs of others. We can express this by contribution to the annual Caritas Australia Appeal, Project Compassion. Project Compassion collection boxes will be available throughout Lent. On the weekend of 7th and 8th March, Jennifer Skelly, Social Justice Officer from the Diocese of Broken Bay, and a parishioner of Holy Name, will speak to us about the Appeal. Through Lent we also become aware of the needs of others through our promotion of two parish initiatives—Holy Name Care, and Holy Name Mini-Vinnies, a young adult association of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Through Reflection
Lent is a time to consider more deeply the central mystery of our Christian Faith, the mystery of life out of death, realised in Jesus’ Death and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. We can express this by joining a small group reflecting on the Sunday Gospel through Lent in our Heartbeat series.

We journey also with those to be baptised and received into our Faith Community
At the destination of our journey, the greatest liturgy of our year, the Easter Vigil, on Saturday 19 April at 7pm, we will welcome a young newcomer into our community of faith, and also celebrate baptisms at our Mass on Easter Sunday morning.

From the Message for Lent 2015 from Pope Francis

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a ‘time of grace’. . . God is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure. Our hearts grow cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I do not think about those less well off. Today this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalisation of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront . . . Indifference to our neighbour and to God . . . represents a real temptation for us as Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.