

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

30 November 2025

NOTES:

- All rostered liturgical ministers need to **sign-in** (Readers, Senior Server, EMHC, and Musicians) in the foyer.
- **SC only:** After mass sign-in sheet for St. Cecilia needs to be put back in the basket.
- **Blessing of advent wreath** followed by the lighting of advent candles. (this is done before the Penitential Rite)
- The weekly **prayer for the lighting of advent candles** will be displayed on the overhead screen for everyone to pray together to be led by one of the readers. Please refer to the booklet attached to the readers' folder. (this is done before the Penitential Rite)
- The Catechist Recruitment Drive will be taking place again this weekend with speakers of all masses. Can presiding priests please call the speakers up after the Parish Notices.
- 9:30am Mass only: RCIA Rite of Acceptance taking place after Homily.
- In observance of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), where the Nicene Creed was first formulated, we will be using Nicene Creed at all masses this weekend.

FOR THE PRESIDERS: after the homily, before leading the recitation of the Creed, please provide a brief explanation about the Nicene Creed. Below are suggested texts:

Introduction Before the Nicene Creed

Option 1:

As we begin this season of Advent and a new liturgical year, we will pray the Nicene Creed together. This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, where this Creed was first formulated to express the heart of our Christian faith. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that the Creed is not just words, but a source of unity and hope for the Church today. Let us profess our faith with gratitude and joy as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Option 2:

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Advent is a time of hope and renewal, so as we profess the Nicene Creed today, let us do so with gratitude and faith, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

ROSTER: Week 5

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Presider	Myk	Tan	Abel	Jojo	Peter
Mass Intention		Gladys England		Betty Moore Edward Richardson	
Welcoming					
Coordinator			Philippa Gabriella		
Senior Server	Louise	Anna	Antoinette Ilde (R)	Michael	Kevin
EMHC	Jenny Edelvine	Paul Geraldine	Volunteers needed	Anna Carol	Volunteers needed
Readers	Bob Leonie Edelvine (R)	Tim Olivier Lea (R)	Brian Jeanette Julien	Terry Tania Brian (R)	Cecilia Leanne
Music	Parish Choir	None	PPT with Audio	PPT with Audio	PPT with Audio
Hospitality				Beata and Family	
Laptop		Joseph			

BAPTISMS

PRESENTATIONS/WELCOMING

WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good morning/evening, everyone. My name is _____, and I warmly welcome you to our celebration of the Eucharist on this First Sunday of Advent.

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of this land and their enduring connection to its lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.

Today we begin a new liturgical year — a season of hope, longing, and joyful expectation. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ — not only at Christmas, but also in our daily lives and at the end of time. May this season of Advent be a time of grace and renewal for us all.

This is the second weekend that we share in the Precious Blood of Christ at all our Masses. As we reintroduce this beautiful part of our Eucharistic celebration, let us approach it with deep reverence and a spirit of unity.

These guidelines, adapted from the Broken Bay Diocesan Liturgical Commission, will help us celebrate safely and prayerfully:

1. When coming forward for Communion, please form two lines in the centre aisle.
2. You are warmly invited to receive the Body of Christ either on the hand or on the tongue — whichever you find prayerful.
3. If someone chooses to kneel when receiving the Body of Christ, please allow a little extra space for safety and respect.
4. For those who are wheat-intolerant, low-in-gluten hosts are available. Please inform the priest or senior server before Mass.
5. For the Precious Blood, please remain standing when you receive from the chalice.
6. The Precious Blood will be offered from the chalice by drinking directly from it in a reverent manner. For reverence and safety, please do not dip or intinct the Body of Christ into the chalice.
7. After receiving the Body of Christ, proceed to the ministers of the Precious Blood, who are positioned to the side, and then return to your seat via the side aisles.
8. If you have not yet received First Communion, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. The minister will pray silently for you.

9. Communion for those who need assistance: Those who have mobility difficulties may remain seated. After the rest of the assembly has received Holy Communion, the ministers will come to you. Please raise your hand so that the minister may easily identify you.

We are continuing our Catechist Recruitment Drive this weekend. Please spend some time discerning whether you can help in this wonderful ministry.

9:30am Mass only: Our RCIA Rite of Acceptance is taking place today. After mass, feel free to come and introduce yourself to those preparing to become Catholic next year.

As we begin our celebration, I now invite you to stand, warmly greet those around you, and join wholeheartedly in singing our Entrance Hymn.

And now, let us welcome our presider for this Mass, Father _____.

Sat 5.30pm	Fr Myk
Sun 7.30am	Fr Tan
Sun 9am	Fr Abel
Sun 9.30am	Fr Jojo
Sun 5pm	Fr Peter

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESIDER As we begin this new liturgical year, let us entrust all our intentions and needs to our loving God for He alone knows what is beneficial to us. With confidence, let us pray:

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church the community of believers: May she be an effective reminder to the whole world that the Lord is constantly coming to us in all those who seek our help. Let us pray! **R.**

For the Holy Father, our bishops, priests, and all religious: may they be ever more an inspiration to all on how to be always ready to welcome Jesus in our hearts. Let us pray! **R.**

For all Parents and Catechist Ministry: May families and Catechist intentionally raise our children in the faith and modeling Jesus' love, thereby strengthening the foundation of our parish community. Let us pray! **R.**

For our Catechumens and those discerning the call to become Catholic: May they feel the love and belongingness extended by us all to be part of the North Harbour Catholic Parish. Let us pray! **R.**

For all of us and the rest of our community: May we attain a clear improvement in our spiritual lives in this season of Advent. Let us pray! **R.**

For the faithful departed of our parish: May our deceased brothers and sisters, especially those who built our parish church at North Harbour, be welcomed into the eternal, perfected temple of God in heaven. Let us pray! **R.**

May those who have died in the present wars and through captivity find life in God. We remember those who have died recently: **Claire Del Gaudio Betty Moore, Edward Richardson**, and those whose anniversaries occur: **Libby Walsh, Gladys England**, Let us pray! **R.**

PRESIDER Lord God, we thank You for the gift of this new liturgical year. May we be able to avail of every opportunity to draw ever closer to You, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introducing Advent Wreath in your own homes

As we begin the new Liturgical Year on 30th of November, we encourage you to re-introduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath. A tri-fold brochure that explains on how to get started with an Advent Wreath is available at the church entrances for you to take home.

Advent Reflection Group

Make this year's Advent different by joining the Advent Reflection Group every Friday 7.30pm at St Kieran's Parish Centre. Fr Jojo and Fr Tan will lead us in preparing our hearts as we journey together towards the joy of Christmas. Please take an advent booklet home at the church entrances to help us prepare this Advent.

Vinnies Hamper Appeal

We have now begun the Vinnies Hamper Appeal where you can donate hamper items by taking an envelope and box to fill with at the tree at the back of St Kieran's church. Please return your hamper box by 12th of December.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal

This month, we have the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. This appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community include CCD and Hospital Chaplaincy. In line with this, we have been asked to contribute \$47,360 to the charity works of our Diocese. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Thank you for your generosity.

New Parish Facebook Page

We're excited to launch our new Facebook page after the old one faced technical issues. Follow the page called North Harbour Catholics to stay connected, share faith, and support one another in our community.

Catechist Recruitment Drive

We are continuing our catechist Recruitment Drive this weekend. I now invite one of our catechists to come forward and share a few words with us."

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David. *(R.)*

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ *(R.)*
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they

suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's roster (1st Sunday of the month)

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Mass Intention					
Welcoming					
Coordinator			Pauline Philippa		
Senior Server	David	Jo	Cecilia	Michael	Kevin
EMHC	Fiona Volunteer needed	Lea Geraldine	Volunteers needed	Titus Volunteer needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	Caterina Val Cecilia (R)	Jenny Joseph Pauline (R)	Louise Ailis	Tania Brian Kate (R)	Gerry Louise Catherine (R)
Music	Parish Choir	None	TBD	Harvest	Ben Marshall
Hospitality				Kate Isabelle	
Laptop		Olivier			