

6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A 15th February 2026

NOTES:

- The Rite of Enrolment for First Reconciliation children is taking place after the Homily at all masses this weekend. A copy of the Rite will be placed in both Presider's Folders. Ursula will read the part of the Leader at all masses.
- Starting this weekend, Children's Liturgy will take place at the 9:30am mass every week. Can the children please be called forward sometime before the readings. Abel, can you please tell the children at mass for the Rite of Enrolment not to go to Children's Liturgy? Thank you. They will not return at The Offertory so Senior Servers, can you please choose other parishioners for this role? Thank you.
- 9.30am Fr Abel's 90th birthday Mass and morning tea
- The St Kieran's School-run Family Mass is taking place this Sunday at the 5pm Mass with supper afterwards.
- 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.

ROSTER: Week 3

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Presider	Tan	Paul	John	Abel	Senan
Mass Intention	June Cochrane (R)			Corinne Jackson (A)	
Welcoming			Max Tallarida		Charlotte Wyatt Lloyd
Coordinator			Sandra		
Senior Server	Stephen	Michael	Ian	Adrian	Edelvine
EMHC	Jenny M tbc	Lea Olivier	Tba	Titus Adriana	Catherine Geraldine
Readers	Elizabeth-Anne Terry Rick (R)	Elsie Jenny	Phil Sandra Gai	Dale Fatima Cathie (R)	Rodney Jo Christine (R)
Music	Filipino Choir	None	The Conmen	Combined Music Groups	SK School (PPT/music)
Hospitality			Jeanette Cathy	Adriana & Michael	
Laptop		Joseph			

NO BAPTISMS

PRESENTATIONS/WELCOMING

SC 9am Max Tallarida	Fabio & Vanessa
SK 5pm Charlotte Louise Wyatt Lloyd	Benjamin & Melissa

WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good morning/evening, everyone. My name is _____, and I warmly welcome you to our celebration of the Eucharist on this Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – a time to listen to God’s Word and be renewed in our commitment to live as His disciples.

All masses: We welcome all children and their families who are here for the Rite of Enrolment for First Reconciliation.

9:30am Mass only: Children’s Liturgy will be taking place during mass today- parents are welcome to join and can the children here for The Rite of Enrolment please remain in the church and not go to Children’s Liturgy today.

5pm Mass only: We welcome the children and their families from St Kieran’s. All parishioners are invited to join the school community in the playground for a light supper after mass.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the depth of God’s law, calling us to live not only by rules but with hearts transformed by love. May this celebration strengthen us to walk in His ways with sincerity and joy.

Before we begin, we acknowledge 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.

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

(pause)

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

Sat 5.30pm	Fr Tan
Sun 7.30am	Fr Paul
Sun 9am	Fr John
Sun 9.30am	Fr Abel
Sun 5pm	Fr Senan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESIDER God's wisdom surpasses all human understanding, and his law is written on our hearts. With confidence in his mercy and a desire to walk in his ways, we bring our petitions before him.

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Holy Church: That she may always be a beacon of God's wisdom in a world of confusion, and that her leaders be guided by the Holy Spirit to teach the depths of God's love. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For World Leaders and Legislators: May they choose the "fire" of justice rather than the "water" of indifference, making choices that protect the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

Lord, hear us! R.

For a Spirit of True Reconciliation: That we may take to heart the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel: to cast out anger, to seek forgiveness, and to be people of our word whose "Yes" means "Yes." **Lord, hear us! R.**

For those Struggling with Temptation: That those who feel overwhelmed by the choices before them may find strength and insight in God's grace.

Lord, hear us! R.

For our Local Parish Community: That we may not settle for a superficial observance of the law but strive for the "greater righteousness" that comes from a heart truly converted to Christ. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For Project Compassion Sunday and for ourselves: that we may bear witness as God's children, reflecting the glory of Christ in all we say and do. **Lord, hear us! R.**

We pray for those preparing for their sacraments: The children preparing for Reconciliation and those preparing for Baptism at Easter time. May they open their hearts to God's grace at this time.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for our Catechists starting a new teaching year: May the Holy Spirit guide them as they pass their faith on to the children of our parish. Lord, hear us.

May those who have died in the present wars and through captivity find life in God. We remember those who have died recently: **June Cochrane, Margaret Walker, Karen Bailey, John Ambrose Keating, Kevin Murphy** and those whose anniversaries occur: **Corinne Jackson**, Let us pray! R.

PRESIDER Heavenly Father, you give us the freedom to choose life and the grace to follow your commandments. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us the wisdom of your Spirit, that we may remain faithful to you in all things. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Abel's 90th birthday

Happy 90th Birthday Fr Abel. We thank Fr Abel for faithfully serving our North Harbour parish community especially caring for those who are sick and in need. May God continue to bless and protect Fr Abel.

9.30am Mass only

Everyone is invited to join us in the parish centre for Morning tea to celebrate Fr Abel's birthday following 9.30am Mass today.

Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes are on us! All are welcome this coming Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday 17th February from 5-6.30pm at St Kieran's Parish Centre as our French chef, Oli will be making crepes with a choice of toppings. A gold coin donation to Caritas is appreciated.

Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. St Kieran's masses will be at 8.30am, 10am School mass and 7.30pm. St Cecilia's will be at 9am.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will be held 7.30pm on Fridays during Lent beginning next Friday at St Kieran's. Join us for this time of prayer and reflection on the Passion and Death of Jesus. Feel free to take a Lenten booklet home in the church foyers.

Long Walk for Water

The Long Walk for Water is a Lenten activity for the whole family. By walking 30 minutes a day you will be helping to provide water to vulnerable communities. Join our parish social justice group or you can sponsor our walkers by using the QR code in the bulletin.

Project Compassion Sunday

This Sunday is the launch of Project Compassion. We are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can donate via the project compassion boxes in the church foyer.

First Fruits Offering

The First Fruits initiative is an invitation to enter more deeply into the life of our parish through regular, meaningful contributions to the First and Second Collections. We will now watch a video on the First Fruits Offering appeal.

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. *(R.)*
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. *(R.)*
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. *(R.)*
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.'

‘For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's roster (4th Sunday of the month)

Roster week 4

	SAT 5.30	SUN 7.30	SUN 9AM	SUN 9.30	SUN 5PM
Coordinator			Christine		
Senior Server	Louise	Anna	Antoinette	Joseph	tba
EMHC	Elizabeth-Anne Anna	Paul Fiona	TBA	TBA TBA	Carol Murphy TBA
Readers	Val Ronda Leonie (R)	Tim Elsie Lea (R)	Sacha/Amy Christine Cathy (R)	Kaye Anne	Christine Geraldine Leanne (R)
Music	Parish Choir	None	Love Thy Ngbr	TBA	Emmanuel
Hospitality			TBA	Edelvine Elsie	
Laptop		Olivier			