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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean." - Mk 1:40

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1ST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46
Lepers shall be kept apart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7
*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and
you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
Do everything for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45
Jesus cures a leper.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA

Wanganella St and White St, Balgowlah 2093

MASS:

Wednesday, 9am
Sunday, 9am

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 10.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9am Mass)

Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms.
Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm
Church of St. Kieran

YOUTH MASS:

2nd Sundays of the month
during the school term.

WEDDING:

Require six months notice and
include Pre-Marriage Course as
part of the preparation.

CHURCH OF ST. KIERAN

2 King Street, Manly Vale 2093

MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*, Saturday,
8.30am
Saturday (Vigil), 5.30pm
Sunday, 7.30am, 9.30am, 6pm

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
on Fridays.

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 11.30am
1st Sundays of the month (within the 9.30am Mass)

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In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather.
We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present
and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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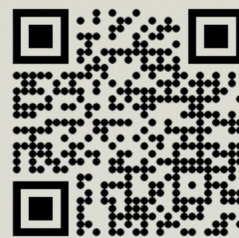


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honoured as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalisation of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honoured as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonisation."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognised as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honoured as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonised and honoured with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognised as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

When Jesus began his ministry he worked miracles not to prove who he was, and certainly not to show off his power. Jesus healed people because his heart was filled with compassion. At times Jesus might even have felt that the miracles were getting in the way. Jesus had something important to tell the people, and he didn't need them distracted.

When Jesus heals the leper he asks him to tell no one. He is aware of what will happen if the story of another healing gets around. People will swarm him. And that is exactly what happened. When the leper told people how he was cured, Jesus had to retreat, staying outside of the town.

I know I used to feel like that sometimes when all five children were home. It seemed like there was always someone wanting something from me. The requests were endless. "Mom can you fix this zipper, bake some cupcakes, find my socks, make me a costume..." — and all of that before breakfast. Like Jesus I also had to retreat even if it was just to a locked bathroom.

That was the strategy that got me through the day — retreat and prayer.

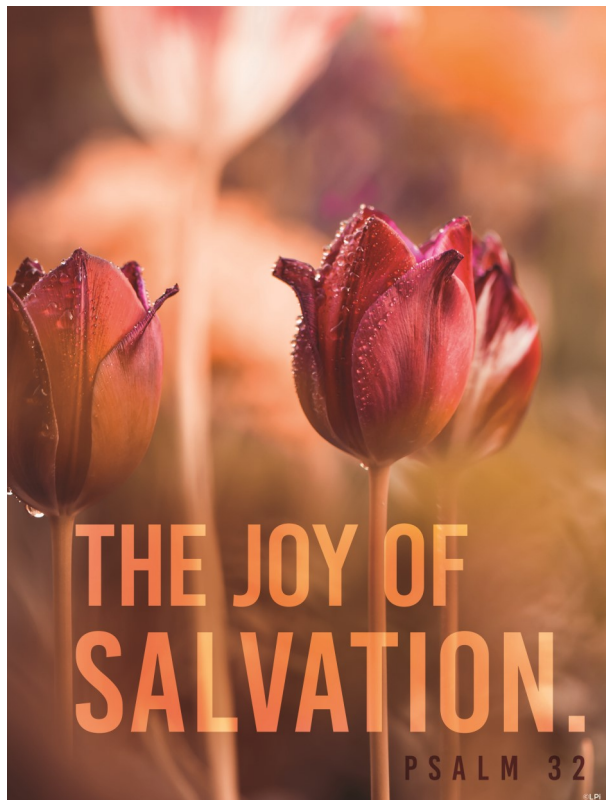
Lunchtime was the best; a few peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and *Sesame Street* would usually give me twenty minutes to pray and get myself centred again. Think about how many times Scripture tells us Jesus left his friends to go off for some quiet and prayer. If Jesus needed quiet prayer time, think how much more we do.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have each person talk about different ways to respond when we are feeling frustrated or overworked.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

How do you cope when you are feeling overwhelmed?

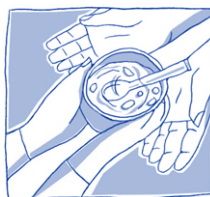


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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Sunday's Gospel is about the leper who touches Jesus' heart. While leprosy isn't rampant in our communities today, many people suffer from the poverty of relationships which lepers suffered in Jesus' time. There are people in our own communities who have no one who loves them except God. And they may not experience God's love because they have no human love to help them recognise God's love. They are the lonely, the alienated; some are scared, or angry or wounded. Your challenge this week is to take the compassion in your heart beyond your immediate circle of loved ones and extend that compassion to someone who is alone. What can you do as a family or household to bring love into this person's life? And can you commit to making it more than a one-time act of kindness and care? How can you continue to let this person know that he or she is not alone in this world, that God loves them, and that you do, too?



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." -1 Corinthians 10:31

It's so easy to forget to slow down, savour, and give thanks for the fruits of the earth which nourish us each day. As you eat this week, intentionally give glory to God through your gratitude for the sun, the rain, and the labourers who have all made your meal possible. Give thanks for your food, knowing that many people in this world go hungry.



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AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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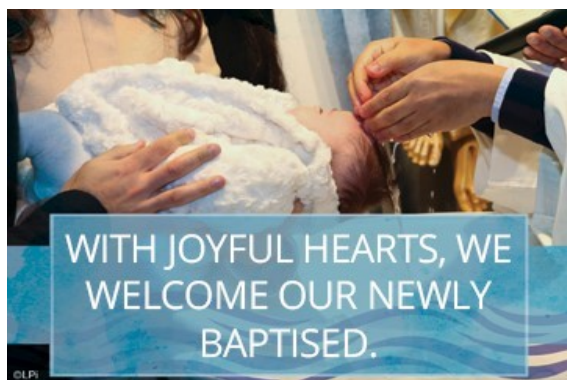
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Vittoria Rose
daughter of Thomas & Ashley

James Geoffrey
son of Patrick & Rebecca

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Cecilia Yeung, Greg Hyde, Greg Keogh

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pasquale Vaccaro, Anie Badeclona

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Treston, William Jewell, Mila Jovic, Michael Williamson

Our community would love to pray for you.

If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au



Ash
Wednesday
14 FEBRUARY

MASS TIMES
@ NORTH HARBOUR:

ST CECILIA'S
9.15AM

ST KIERAN'S
10AM | 7.30PM



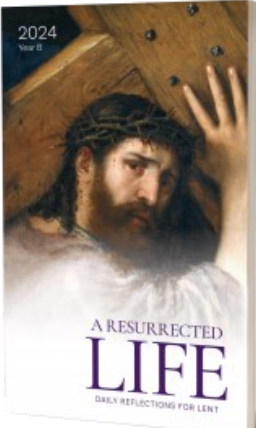
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of the
CROSS

Fridays during Lent
7.30pm
St Kieran's Church

February 16, 23
March 1, 8, 15, 22

All ages welcome.
Prayer guides provided.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS



The Season of Lent this year will commence on 14 February (Ash Wednesday).

We invite you to join the Lenten Reflection Groups that we will organise this year to reflect on the readings of the 5 Sundays of Lent. The resource we will be using is from Evangelisation Brisbane.

Booklets are available in the foyer for \$8 each.



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CONGRATULATIONS
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Ordination to the Sacred
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Fr. Abel

18.02.2024
Sun 9.30am Mass
St Kieran's Church

Bring a plate of food to
share after Mass.



Enjoy Your Retirement

Congratulations on your retirement. You've left an indelible mark on all of us, and we are forever grateful for the difference you've made in the community. THANK YOU!

Janette Davidson
Family & Sacramental Ministry Coordinator

Join us on Sunday 25 February
9.30am Mass @ St Kieran's
followed by Morning Tea



Hospitality Volunteers Needed

FOR SUNDAY 9:30AM MASSES AT ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

Hospitality at North Harbour Parish will be back this year and we are looking for more volunteers to join this wonderful ministry which will start back on Sunday, 4 February.

The 2024 roster is being finalised and would love to have some new faces join the existing team of volunteers. It is entirely up to you regarding how many times a year you would like to volunteer. The parish would be responsible for providing the morning tea and the volunteers are simply required to set up (15 minutes prior to mass commencing), serve and pack away. As most of you are aware the parish has a great coffee machine, and this too will be back this year. We are more than happy to show the volunteers how to use the coffee machine.

So, if you feel like this is something you can help with, and you would like to become a part of the hospitality team for 2024 or would simply like more information please email or give Adriana a call 0402 099 746 or albowyer@bigpond.com.

Be a CATECHIST


We are in need of teachers for the following classes:

 **BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Kindergarten Class from Term 2 onwards

SEAFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 4 Class of 18
Wednesday, 2:15-2:45pm

BROOKVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 5/6 Class of 28
or Kindergarten Class of 10
Friday, 11:25-11:55pm

If interested, contact Ursula Halloway

 0423 595 204

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024—PALESTINE

'I beg you...bear with one another in love' (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Seaforth Anglican Church,
3 French's Forest Rd Seaforth
at 10 am on Friday 1st March.

This year the service theme "Bear with one another in love" has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.

Please save the date and attend this important ecumenical prayer service.

For more info see the website:

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**BE AN
EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTER
OF HOLY
COMMUNION**



SIGN-UP FORMS IN THE FOYER
Training will be provided

We need an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion every weekend mass commencing next Sunday for both churches—St Cecilia and St Kieran.

For those trained Communion Ministers, sign-in sheet will be made available in the foyer if you wish to serve. Thank you.

You're Invited

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Time & Location

Friday 6.45pm

Parish Centre 2 King Street Manly Vale

Commencing Friday 1st March

Contact Details

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Term 1
23 February
1st March
8th March
15th March
22nd March

Little Kieran's Playgroup

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9.15am- 10.30am**

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Sharing the Gospel

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

Prayer

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

Mission

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share. Give them something to read. Pray for them before you leave. You will brighten their day.

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Promoting a safer *Church*

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the LIFE of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING
is everyone's responsibility



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Lord, You grieve over wrongdoing, but You feel no pain.

Confessions 1, 4
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (18 FEBRUARY): 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

As life was saved by the ark, so are our lives saved in Baptism.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

*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, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

**17 FEB, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Stephen

Readers
Val
Margaret
Phillip

Music
Filipino Choir
Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**18 FEB, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Andrew
Elsie

Music
None
Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**18 FEB, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S**

Senior Server
Ian

Readers
Phil
Sandra

Music
Conmen
Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Gai

**18 FEB, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Catherine

Readers
Cathie
Dale

Music
Joshua 24:15
Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteers needed

**18 FEB, 6PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
TBA

Readers
Jo
Rodney

Music
Sam
Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteer needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 11 FEBRUARY

Mon 12 Feb: Monday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

Tue 13 Feb: Tuesday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

Wed 14 Feb: Ash Wednesday (Fast and Abstinence)

Thu 15 Feb: Thursday After Ash Wednesday

Fri 16 Feb: Friday After Ash Wednesday

Sat 17 Feb: Saturday After Ash Wednesday

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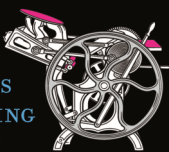
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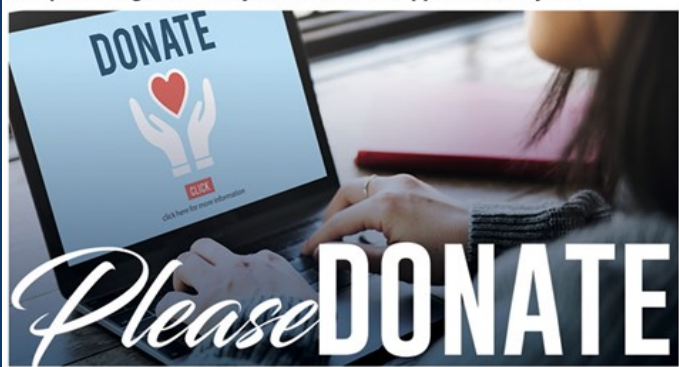
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