The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS





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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A July 16 2023

Crumbs from the Table of the Word: to sustain us for the week to come.



Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere?

Perhaps a key to unlocking the meaning in the Readings of this weekend's Scripture lies in this quote from a sermon by St. Augustine: "Take advantage of moments of peace and solitude to collect the grains of the Word of God and to store them in the nest of your heart. In moments of confusion when you cannot find outside yourself the peace that you seek, you can retire into yourself and feel at ease with yourself and God".

To store the grains of the Word of God in the nest of our hearts is a much safer place than the rocky pathway where the birds of the air can whisk it away, or rampant weeds can choke its growth. Jesus' parable goes on to tell us that the seed is the Word of God and Christ himself is the sower so that whoever listens to the Word and nurtures it in their lives becomes the ground or field from which the fruits of the kingdom can flourish and take root.

In the First Reading God tells us "The Word that goes forth from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out what it was sent to do". And what it was sent to do was to inspire in us attitudes and actions which yield a harvest of good deeds and produce now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty, depending on the generosity with which we receive it.





Pope Francis has established the 4th Sunday of July each year (near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne) as the "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly". With the theme "His Mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50) the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our families, communities and in the mission of the Church.

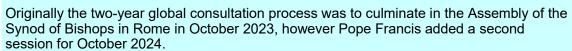
A special blessing for all grandparents and grandparent figures will be prayed at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 July with a delicious morning tea after the Sunday morning Masses at St Cecilia's and St Kieran's. Everyone is invited to bring a plate to share.

Prayers can also be offered for deceased grandparents—you can write their name on a slip of paper and place in the baskets in the church entrances.



FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE: Many of you will recall Pope Francis announcing the Synod of Bishops in October 2021 and its topic of "synodality".

In outlining the theme of this Synod at the time, "Communion, Participation, Mission", Pope Francis said a synod involved mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn – hence the more common expression for this current synod is "Synod of Synodality".





The word synod derives from an ancient Greek term meaning "coming together" or "travelling together".

This whole process has been divided into stages. There was the initial diocesan listening phase; the continental phase being a time of listening, dialogue and discernment among the Churches of the same geographical region; and the final phase which will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican in October this year and October 2024.

Late last week Pope Francis announced the 10 non-bishop members chosen from the Oceania region for the upcoming October gathering.

One of those selected is our Chancellor here at Broken Bay, Kelly Paget.

It is a great honour for both Kelly and the Diocese.

Bishop Anthony, who was elected president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania earlier this year, and who has also been asked to attend the October gatherings, said he believes our region is one of the most diverse in the world.

"That diversity enriches the Church in Oceania, and it will do so at the Synodal gatherings in Rome.

"We are a young Church in comparison to many other parts of the world, but we are a Church of many and varied talents, which will now feature more prominently on the global stage."

Pray for Bishop Anthony and Kelly as they embark on this journey.

Please pray also for all pilgrims and leaders who are leaving on their WYD 2023 journey very shortly when they will join thousands of pilgrims from around the world coming together in Lisbon, Portugal and an experience of joy, wonder and encounter.

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest

Readings for next Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Readers rostered for next week - Week 4-July 23 -16th Sunday

SK 5.30pm Ronda, Maria 7.30am Lea, Tim 9.30am Kaye Anne 6.00pm Leanne, Caroline Res: Christine

SC 9.00am school parent or family





ST CECILIA'S OPEN MORNING Wednesday 26th **July 2023**

Join us as Kindergarten students celebrate 100 days at School. Tours available to see the variety of learning opportunities offered, All Welcome!

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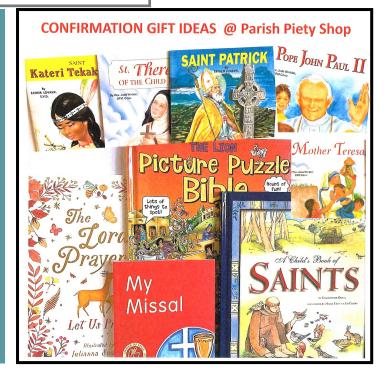
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OPEN

THURSDAYS 6-8PM 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10AM-12PM

(PLEASE ARRIVE WITHIN THE FIRST 30 MINS TO BE SEEN ON THE DAY)

52 RAGLAN ST, MANLY



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ANNIVERSARIES

Lyn Martin	Raymond Laurendet	
Sue Caulfield		

RECENTLY DECEASED

Allan Morris	Owen Kennedy	



Upcoming Funerals

Owen Kennedy Monday 17 July St Kieran's

Gluten free hosts are always available but must be requested ahead of time so the priest will know in advance.

For those with ILLNESS				
Zara Sapounas	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop	
Yvonne Taylor	Jenny B	Muireann Casey	Audrey Sparkes	
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Ann Kelly	Shirley Barker	
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	Henryk Gawecki	
Richard Paul Reynolds	Margaret Appleby	Jan Van de Velde	Peter Van de Velde	
Chloe Zarb	Andrew Scotland	Angie Olic	Paul Pearson	

9.30AM THIS SUNDAY ST KIERAN'S

PILGRIM BLESSING

Best wishes to the Augustinian pilgrims who will attend both the World Youth Day and the Augustinian Youth Festival in Lisbon, Portugal. There are about 16 pilgrims in the group headed by Fr Saldie Resolado, OSA.

from ST AUGUSTINE I THANK You, O Lord, my joy and my glory, my hope and my God. I thank You for Your gifts to me. Keep them unharmed for me; they will be themaking of me, and I shall be with You for my being is Your gift. Confessions 1, 20

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's, Balgowlah

SUNDAY 9.00AM WEDNESDAY 9.00AM St Kieran's, Manly Vale

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30pm

SUNDAY 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm Weekdays 8.30am except Wednesdays

St Augustine's Chapel, Brookvale

Wednesdays 8.10am during term time

RECONCILIATION

St Kieran 5 – 5.45pm Saturday or by appointment.



BAPTISMS

St Cecilia 10.30am Sun. by appointment

9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

St Kieran 11.30am Sun. by appointment

9.30am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

Baptism preparation is required for 1st baptisms.

Contact parish office 9949 4455

MARRIAGES

Require 6 months notice and include Pre-marriage Course as part of the preparation

NORTH HARBOUR PARISH TEAM

Fr Michael Belonio OSA—Parish Priest Fr Paul Maloney OSA—Assistant Priest Fr Jumbim Torres OSA—Assistant Priest Fr Huyao Zhang —Assistant Priest Fr Senan Ward OSA — Chaplain, St Augustine's College Fr Abel van der Veer OSA-Retired

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We acknowledge the Gayamagal and Canalgal people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.