

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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16th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Year C—17 July 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE - 'Plenary Council Outcomes!'

Dear Friends,



The recently concluded Second Session of the Plenary Council dealt with issues of importance to the Church and the Nation, particularly those pertaining to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart and engagement with processes for implementing the statement, at local, regional and national levels. Members supported saying sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church for past harms suffered.

Amidst the breadth of topics discussed, the members said sorry to the victims and survivors of sexual abuse, their families and communities, recommitted the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered, and reaffirmed the commitment of the Church in Australia to the work of implementing and improving safeguarding standards and practices.

Some issues provoked vigorous debate, particularly those related to the participation and role of women in the Church. Initial proposals were supported strongly by the general assembly but fell just short of the two-thirds majority required from the Bishops. At the time, Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Brisbane) wrote:

'I'm writing this from the eye of the storm in more ways than one. First, the weather in Sydney through this week has been appalling, with wind and rain making life tough. But there have been storms of a different kind at the assembly of the Plenary Council. This was always going to happen and shows more of how the Holy Spirit really works - not always along lines of neat predictability but at times in disruption.'

Controversy and vigorous debate have been part of many Councils of the Church from the earliest times. In the early stages of the Second Vatican Council, some sought to stymie debate and opt for bland solutions, especially in relation to our understanding of what it means to be Church – thankfully, the Holy Spirit had other ideas. The disruption mentioned in both Catholic and secular media is painful for all concerned but often leads to a better outcome. Reworded resolutions on the participation and role of women received stronger support later in the week and the Church now has greater clarity in how to move forward.

The Concluding Statement (inserted in this bulletin) describes the council as an 'expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church's life in the third millennium.' The concept of 'Synodality' is built around the need for us to be, 'a Church that journeys together and listens together, so that we might more faithfully act together in responding to our God-given vocation and mission.' 'Listening' challenges us not only to listen to another's words but to listen to the whole person!

'The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter.' As one Jesuit participant put it, had the voting and decision-making process not faltered, the Council's outcomes would have been rather bland - still important and significant but less than they could have been.

As Church we are on a steep learning curve. Our journey is not without pain or scars. Social trends and secularity affect our attitudes and ability to uphold true, human values in a pluralistic society. Yet, the teachings of Vatican II and the example of Pope Francis call us to engage with our modern world and give faithful witness to the best human values, modelled by Jesus himself. Describing the Plenary Council's outcomes, the Concluding Statement said:

'They will re-shape our engagement with the world, our evangelising mission and our works of service in a rapidly changing environment.'

Fr Dave



 Happy Birthday Fr Dave 

This weekend's Homily will be by Fr Peter and available to view via the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw>

Link on Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>



Catholic School Broken Bay has invited feedback from parents, staff, students, parishioners, and the broader community across the Southern Northern Beaches Peninsular which will be presented to Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Danny Casey, Director of Schools.

You are invited to share and complete the *'Have Your Say'* survey along with the *'Expressions of Interest'* to participate in community engagement forums to ensure a collection of an inclusive and diverse voice of the Southern Northern Beaches, to help in strengthening and enhancing Catholic Education in partnership across our schools for the future.

Community Engagement Forums, will be held over Term 3 at
St Kieran's, Manly Vale, Week 1, July 19-20 **St Cecilia's Balgowlah, Week 2, July 27-28**
St Mary's Manly, Week 3, 2-3 August



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

**"As Catechists, we are both teacher and companion."
 Pope Francis.**

Experience the joy of becoming a Catechist and share your faith with the children of our Parish.

WEEKLY COMMITMENT CONSISTS OF:

- 30 mins teaching time.
- 30-60 mins prep time.
- Teacher's Manuals and Workbooks provided– easy to follow.

Below is the list of classes that need teachers:

(No teaching experience necessary)

Public School's Name	Year	Day	Time
Balgowlah Heights PS	Kindergarten	Tuesdays	10:30-11:00am
Brookvale PS	Years 3/4 combined	Fridays	11:25-11:55am
Manly Vale PS	Kindergarten	Wednesdays	9:00-9:30am
Seaforth PS	Year 3 or Year 4	Wednesdays	2:15-2:45pm

If you feel this is something you would like to get involved in, or would simply like more information, please contact our Catechist Co-Ordinator, Ursula Hallaway, on: **0423 595 204** or email catchist@northharbourcatholic.org.au

NEW CONFIRMATION GIFTS
 in stock @ Piety Shop

CONFIRMATIONS : August 13

Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime.

Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

website: <https://bbwyd.org.au/>

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN BISHOP ANTHONY IN LISBON PORTUGAL, IN AUGUST 2023

58 weeks, 06 days, 09 hours, 47 minutes, 18 seconds

WYD

Readings for this week: Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

Response: *The just will live in the presence of the Lord*

Readings for next week: Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 4):

SK 5.30pm Ronda, TBA **7.30am** John, Tim **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Christine

SC 9.00am Sacha & Amy, Christine

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR GERRY DULLARD OSA – 20 JULY at 7.00pm

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the life of Fr Gerry Dullard OSA, former Assistant Priest and Parish Priest (1979-1986) of St Kieran's, who died in Melbourne recently. Fr Gerry was a popular Pastor who touched the lives of many people during his 64 years as a priest, teacher, counsellor, wise guide and loyal friend. The Parish Celebration will begin with Sharing of Memories at 7.00pm and Eucharist at 7.30pm – Wednesday 20 July in St Kieran's Church – followed by Supper in the Parish centre. All are welcome.



Reader Needed

- **Saturday 5.30pm Mass**
Contact the parish office 9949 4455



AFA Christmas in July



Many thanks to Adriana for organising a wonderful event last Saturday to raise funds for the **Augustinian Formation Association**. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED SUPPORT COORDINATION?

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

9488 2500
www.catholiccaredbb.org.au

When you have a NDIS plan you can choose the providers that you want. However, it can be a bit tricky getting things organised. That's where Support Coordination can

help to connect you to mainstream and specialist services that are funded under your plan. Support Coordination is allocated as part of a funded plan. CatholicCare is a registered provider of Support Coordination for the NDIS. We can support you to get the most out of your plan and help you understand how your plan works. For more information call us today on 9488 2500 or visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au.

PARISH YOUTH MASS Sunday 14 August – 6.00pm

Don't forget the *Parish Youth Mass* at St Kieran's on Sunday 14 August at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially families and youth. This is an important opportunity for all young people and their families to deepen their spiritual connection and strengthen their relationship with God. This **Youth event** is held twice a term.





Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Lyn Martin	Doreen Murphy
Peter Goldston	Sue Caulfield
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Fr Gerry Dullard OSA	Cecily Smellie
Philomena Murphy	Jenny Brenchley
Stella Brown	David Lim
Michael McCormack	Melanie Goldsmith
Giuseppina Zappia	Sr Maluz Mijares OSA
Michael Baker	

For those with ILLNESS

Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop
Yvonne Taylor	Jim Rush	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Simone Young	Bob McEwan
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	Jonathan Keil
Richard Paul Reynolds	Margaret Appleby	Joan Kelly	Peter Van de Velde
Chloe Zarb	Andrew Scotland	Bridie Lennon	Jan Van de Velde
Shirley Barker	Angie Olic	Zara Sapounas	Henryk Gawecki
Michael Williamson			



From St Augustine

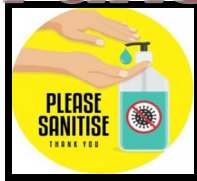
Lord God, give us peace—for you have given us all things—the peace of rest, the peace of the Sabbath, the Sabbath that has no evening

Confessions 13, 35

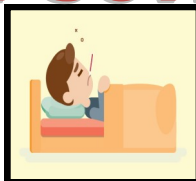


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:
 Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

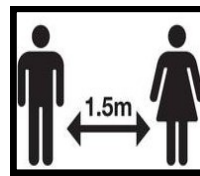
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



Use hand sanitiser



Do not attend if unwell



Maintain social distancing



Catch up outside at a safe distance



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

Fr David Austin OSA Parish Priest 0419 265 317
 Fr Paul Maloney OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0439 595 723
 Fr John Sullivan OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0423 634 029
 Fr Jepser Bermudez Assistant Priest 0410 203 601
 Fr Senan Ward OSA Chaplain – St Augustine's College
 Fr Abel van der Veer OSA Retired 0409 368 449
 Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence

Jacky Worthington Parish Manager 9949 4455
 Marianne Deveza Music Co-ordinator 9949 4455
 Ursula Halloway Catechist Coordinator 9949 4455
 Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator 0408 866 521
 Anne Ross Parish Secretary 9949 4455
 Jane Filacuridi Parish Secretary 9949 4455

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



Concluding Statement – A Final Word from the Second Assembly

Gathered by God, and called together by the Church in the name of Christ Jesus, the members of the Plenary Council have sought to be faithful to their commission to listen to and hear “what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (Rev 3:22).

The agenda and motions of the second assembly drew together the four years of the fruits of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment which have been the marks of this long Plenary journey.

Since the Council was convoked, the fortunes of the world, the patterns of Church life, and the rhythms of daily life have been disrupted by pandemic, natural disasters and war. In turn, these unforeseen events have affected the course of this Council. Despite these obstacles, the Council has met, engaged in prayerful communal discernment, spirited and creative discussion, and adopted concrete outcomes which are sure signs of the Holy Spirit’s work.

This process has been an expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church’s life in the third millennium. Synodality is the way of being a pilgrim Church, a Church that journeys together and listens together, so that we might more faithfully act together in responding to our God-given vocation and mission.

As Pope Francis has noted, and as we have experienced, synodality is “an easy concept to put into words, but not so easy to put into practice”. Embedding these practices of listening and discernment will continue to be essential dimensions of the implementation of this Plenary Council. They will re-shape our engagement with the world, our evangelising mission and our works of service in a rapidly changing environment. The work has only begun.

Some moments of this second assembly have been calm and harmonious, others tense and difficult. But every moment has been blessed; the entire week has been grace-filled, though never a cheap grace. The Holy Spirit has been both comforter and disrupter. Throughout the assembly, diverse views and approaches were named, occasionally appearing to be irreconcilable. At a pivotal juncture in the assembly, some of these differences helped move the Council from *having a process* to *being-in process*; from following an agenda to following the Holy Spirit into the unknown. Not only did this moment overturn the timetable and the order of proceedings; it also meant that we had to address strongly-felt emotions. The days that followed established new patterns of listening and dialogue, which are nascent but real. We trust that the God who overturned our smooth predictabilities and led us into new territory will continue to open up the pathway before us.

Framed by silent prayer and the rituals of the liturgy, the assembly traversed many topics, both formally and informally, gathered around the tomb of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,

in the hall, in the Cathedral, and in other gathering spaces. We sprinkled ash to express our deep lament and our commitment to justice and healing, as we acknowledged the trauma of those abused in the Church. We sought forgiveness for the wounds inflicted by European settlement and said “sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church” for the trauma they still suffer. Calling upon Christ the healer, and drawing on the words of Pope St. John Paul II, the assembly recognised that we will not be “fully the Church that Jesus wants’ us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church” and until their contribution is joyfully received. We affirmed overwhelmingly the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the calls for bipartisan constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians.

We reflected upon our baptismal call to missionary discipleship and the ways in which we might strengthen our personal and communal response. We focused upon the diverse gifts and common dignity of women and men, and reaffirmed the Church’s commitment to recognising and fostering the participation of women in all the avenues of ministry and leadership open to the lay faithful. We considered our baptismal invitation to receive and to live the gift of the Trinitarian life of grace, and how we might enrich and deepen our sacramental life, which both draws us from the world and leads us back. We sought to discover new and creative ways to form our communities and their leaders in ministry and for mission. We committed the Church in Australia to greater participation of all the laity, women and men, in our governance processes and leadership structures. We acknowledged the urgent need to make commitments to care for our common home and to be open to the integral and ecological conversion required to work with God who makes all things new (Rev 21:5).

Lingering smoke from an Indigenous tarnuk (wooden dish) and constantly falling rain, ancient signs of cleansing and new life, greeted members of this second assembly. We now go forth no longer considering statutes or regulations but our common life of grace. We remain committed not by decree or declaration, but by the power of the Spirit who gives inspiration and creativity to our Christian vocation. We go forth acutely aware of the challenges ahead but renewed and encouraged by the promise of God’s word, the wisdom of our tradition and the faithful companionship of all our sisters and brothers.

We carry forth into the world the seeds of fresh possibilities, sown in a hidden yet abundant way by the great Sower of everything, who makes these seeds flourish in unexpected places for the sake of the Kingdom (Matt. 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-15). We bear a rich heritage: the many ways in which the Catholic community has enhanced life in Australia through its care for the sick and marginalised, its commitment to education, and its advocacy for social justice, especially the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. We commit ourselves to seek and serve the human flourishing of all Australians, and to care for Earth, our common home, by cherishing, preserving, and healing the land.

We have seen God at work in these days, comforting and disrupting in order to lead his people into a future of God’s making. This has been a time of grace, and for that we give humble thanks. May God who has begun the good work in us bring it to fulfilment (cf. Phil 1:6).