

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



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IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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**16th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A
July 23 2023**

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



The usual way of interpreting the story of the landowner who sows good seed in his field suggests that in the world there are good people (the wheat) who will go to heaven and bad people (the weeds) who are destined for the bonfire. Even John the Baptist expected Jesus to separate the cream from the skim, the wheat from the chaff, to have only holy people around him.

And of course we see ourselves in the weeds category and resign ourselves to a miserable fate. But if we were to look at the story from a slightly different point of view, this is how the story could go:

The field represents the 'ground of being' which goes to make up each individual, and the wheat planted in us becomes the good deeds, the virtues and qualities that make us who we are. But no person is completely good because we have flaws and blinkers that prevent us from reaching our full potential. So we have weeds growing in us as well. Sometimes the weeds overwhelm us, but generally they co-exist with our better moments and we turn out to be not too bad a human being. God is the owner who says "Let the two grow together until harvest time". And when that time comes, the good in us that has been pushing up green shoots in spite of ourselves gets gathered into the barn – and we with it -, and the weeds, (all the things we are embarrassed or ashamed about) gets thrown into the fire and consumed in its cleansing flame.

The parable of the weeds is starkly simple and yet widely ignored. To the question "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" the answer of Jesus is a categorical "No." And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Weeding out is God's prerogative. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to him.

Fr Michael

*20th Ordination
ANNIVERSARY*



Congratulations

*May God's goodness and
kindness be with you on
this special day and all
the days of your life.*

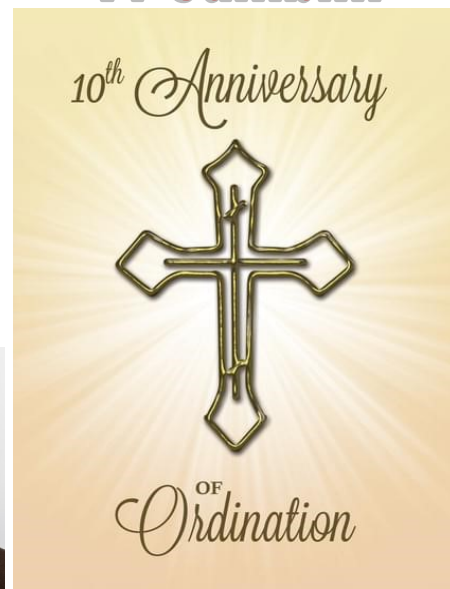


Fr Jumbim

10th Anniversary



*OF
Ordination*





World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis is asking the Church to set aside time to recognise the great contribution grandparents make to the life of the family and the importance of the elderly to the mission of the Church. Speaking as an elderly person himself, Pope Francis encourages the older members of the community to take up a “renewed vocation”, the foundational pillars of which are dreams, memory, and prayer. This mission is crucial to the rebuilding of our troubled societies.

To all our grandparents and grandparent figures, you are a valuable part of our parish life. Please join us for a special morning tea after the 9am Mass at St Cecilia’s Church and 9.30am Mass at St Kieran’s Church.

Here is the message of Pope Francis: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>

On **Friday 28th August at 10.00am**, there will be a St Kieran’s School Grandparents Liturgy at 10.00am at St Kieran’s Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MANLY LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE



A free, walk-in legal service
for members of the community

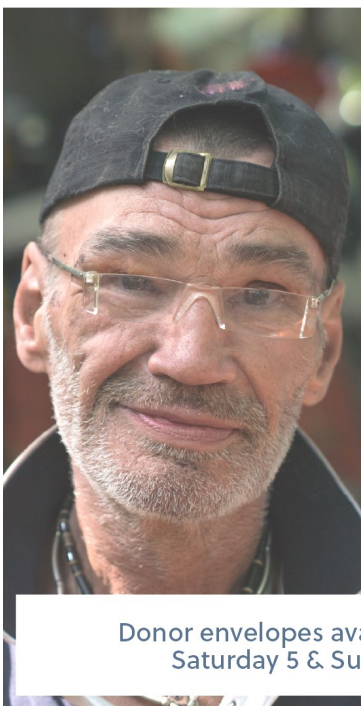
OPEN

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

On **7 August 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **“Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?”** Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCFL



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us
fundraise for
CatholicCare's
homelessness
services across
the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

APPEAL 5 & 6 AUGUST

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

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Readings for this Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43
Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, you are good and forgiving*
Readings for next Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52
Readers rostered for next week - Week 5—July 30 —17th Sunday
SK 5.30pm Bob, Caterina **7.30am** Tim, Lea **9.30am** Terry, Brian C **6.00pm** Cecilia, Celestine
SC 9.00am TBA, Julien



**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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**KEEP UP TO DATE
WITH THE CATHOLIC
WEEKLY—ONLY \$2.00
AVAILABLE IN THE
CHURCH ENTRANCES**

RSVP here: <https://forms.office.com/r/8X7iN0Ytxw>



For Bishop Anthony it is also his first WYD.
 "I too am very excited about being part of this journey but also excited for our young people," he said before leaving.
 "Our Broken Bay Diocese group is incredibly enthusiastic, really filled with the Holy Spirit for what will be a life changing experience for many.
 "Please pray for all of us during the coming weeks, and ask our Blessed Mother to carry each one of us in her heart and that we return safely to our loved ones."



Please continue to pray for our World Youth Day pilgrims as they head to Lisbon in Portugal to attend this wonderful event, led by Frs Saldie and John.





Rest in Peace ANNIVERSARIES



John O'Brien	Brian Hayes
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RECENTLY DECEASED

Allan Morris	Owen Kennedy
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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

"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."
- Pope Francis

Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023



www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church.
- Pope Francis



'His mercy is from
age to age' Luke 1:50

Theme for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Sunday 23 July 2023



from **ST AUGUSTINE**

Walk along the path of sublimity with the feet of humility.

Holy Virginity, 52, 53

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 John Zhang—Assistant Priest
Fr Senan Ward OSA — Chaplain, St Augustine's College
Fr Abel van der Veer OSA—Retired
Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence

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