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**18
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2024**
YEAR B

Under the Pastoral Care of the Augustinians

Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

**"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,
and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15**

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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.*

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)

*Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms.
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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.



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

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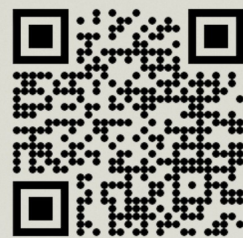


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colours of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colours of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colours used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colours. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colours remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This colour is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

- **Red:** As the colour of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

- **Violet:** The colour for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

- **Green:** A colour of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colours: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus' words, "repent, and believe in the good news," need to be elaborated on if we want to understand what Jesus is asking of us. "Repent" means more than counting up our sins and saying we are sorry. To repent means to take a serious look at not just what we have done, but the person we have become.

Jesus is asking us to pay attention to how we are living our lives. How do we see ourselves? What are we all about? Why do we go to work, clean the house or shuffle the kids to scouts and soccer? What is our purpose?

In this world, we are often identified by what we do and what we have. We are a success if we have a good job, make a lot of money, have a house full of things. Jesus asks us to see ourselves in a different way. He asks us to see ourselves as God created us—a much-loved child, uniquely gifted, created to love as God loves. God considers us a success if—with Jesus' help—we become the person we were created to be, bringing God's love to the world.

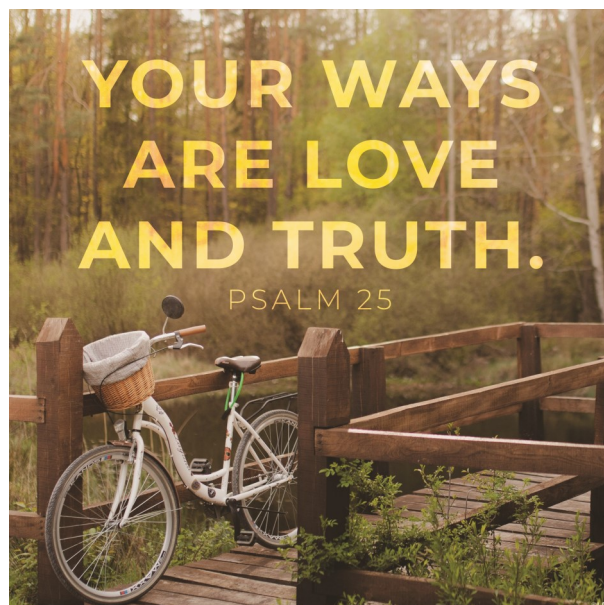
God gave Moses the Ten Commandments; they were part of God's covenant with the chosen people. In the new covenant Jesus tells us we are God's children. He lets us know that we are expected to do more than just follow God's law. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a new attitude to life. As God's children we are not only rooted in the Commandments; we are expected to carry Jesus' light and his loving, forgiving attitude to the world. That is the gospel Jesus proclaimed. This is the Good News.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Talk about what the world would be like if all Christians lived as God wants them to live.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

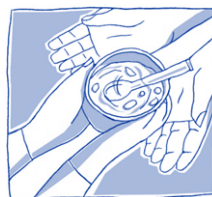
What can you do to create greater peace and harmony in your home?





WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week we enter into the first full week of our Lenten journey—a journey to the Cross and then to Resurrection. We know we can't go straight to Resurrection. As with Jesus, the sacrifice of the Cross is a necessary part of our journey. Your challenge this week, but really for all of Lent, is to think of someone in the world who is experiencing their own cross. It might be the cross of hunger, of human trafficking, of living in a war-torn village or city, or of being denied freedom of expression. Even though you don't know this person's name, imagine how this person looks, how old they might be, and even where they live. Then choose something to give up this Lent, something which may cause a bit of suffering and sacrifice on your part, to stand in solidarity with the brother or sister whose pain is—and should be—our pain. Offer up your sacrifice on their behalf. Every day, as members of our one human family, say a prayer for this person. Use the time or the money you would have spent on whatever you give up to support an organization in your parish or in our universal Catholic Church which works to end injustice for those who suffer. Some possible choices include your local St. Vincent de Paul chapter, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, or Catholic Relief Services.



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

Catholics traditionally abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent. This is done as a form of penance (in recognition for all that we have done wrong) and asceticism (giving something up so we can grow in holiness). Beyond these reasons, a plant-based diet drastically reduces our impact on our common home and brings us into closer solidarity with those around the world who do not have the option to eat meat as frequently as we do.



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AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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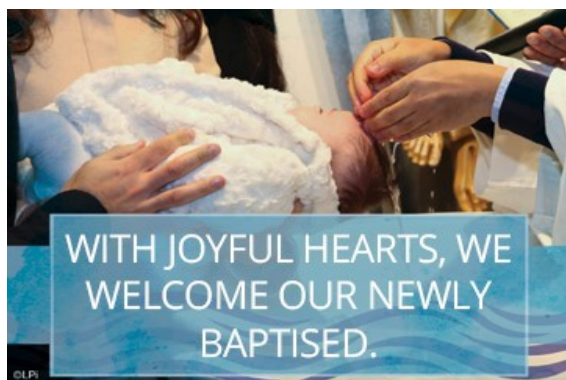
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(Evenings & Weekends)

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Alexander Hubert
son of Nicholas & Jamie

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Greg Hyde, Greg Keogh

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Neil Duncan, Carol Price, Pasquale Vaccaro,
Anie Badeclona, Siosiuva Vave

ANNIVERSARIES:

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



CONGRATULATIONS
on your 60th Anniversary of
Ordination to the Sacred
Priesthood

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

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
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

Family
MASS
@ ST KIERAN'S
STAGE 2



SUNDAY 25 FEB, 6PM

explore
life
faith
meaning



Alpha

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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Becoming a More Synodal Church



This formation gathering will be facilitated by Br Ian Cribb SJ and will provide participants with a deeper understanding of synodality.

During this one-day formation, participants will be formed in the **Conversation in the Spirit** methodology.

This event will furnish the opportunity for our Diocese to continue together our synodal path toward the XVI General Synod of Bishops second session and our Diocesan Pastoral Discernment projects.

Everyone in the Diocese is welcome.

Date: Friday, 23 February 2024

Time: 8:30 am for a 9 am start and finish at 4 pm

Venue: Peter Canisius House
102 Mona Vale Road
Pymble NSW

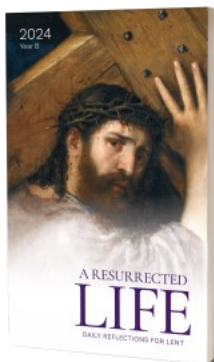
RSVP:

15 February
Registrations are essential!

Please register at:
<https://forms.office.com/r/tYRcvAc7XG>



LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS



The Season of Lent this year commenced 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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Fridays during Lent
7.30pm
St Kieran's Church

February 23
March 1, 8, 15, 22

All ages welcome.
Prayer guides provided.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CECILIA'S
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, 9AM
3 MARCH
7 APRIL

ST KIERAN'S
3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, 9.30AM
18 FEBRUARY
17 MARCH



The **Augustinian Formation Association (AFA)** will have the Annual General Assembly on Tue 27 February, 7pm at the Parish Centre. A new committee will be appointed on the night. If you would like to become a member of AFA or would simply like more info, please come along to the meeting or feel free to contact Adriana prior to the meeting. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** and it would be great to see some new people to share their ideas and suggestions to help fundraise and support our Augustinian Seminarians.

For enquiries, contact Adriana, 0402 099 746
albowyer@bigpond.com



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8th March
15th March
22nd March

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- **Form connections** with other local families
- **Engaging crafts** and sporting activities
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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 6th March 2024

9.15am - 11.00am



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Lord, You are the light of my heart
and the bread in the mouth of my soul.

Confessions 1, 13
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (25 FEBRUARY): 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
God puts Abraham to the test.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9
*I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.*

2nd Reading

Romans 8:31-34
*God, sacrificing even his Son for
us, will grant us victory.*

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 17:5
*Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!*
*From the shining cloud, the
Father's voice is heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him.*
*Glory and praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ!*

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10
*Jesus is transfigured before Peter,
James and John.*

24 FEB, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Louise

Readers
Ronda
Maria

Music
Parish Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

25 FEB, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Jo

Readers
Lea
Tim

Music
None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

25 FEB, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Antoinette

Readers
Sacha
Amy

Music
Love Thy Neighbour

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Christine

25 FEB, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Kaye
Anne

Music
Branch of Jesse

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

25 FEB, 6PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Stephen

Readers
Leanne
Caroline
Christine

Music
Emmanuel

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteer needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 FEBRUARY

Mon 19 Feb: Monday of the 1st Week of Lent

Tue 20 Feb: Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent

Wed 21 Feb: Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent

Thu 22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter. apostle

Fri 23 Feb: Friday of the 1st Week of Lent

Sat 24 Feb: Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent

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Fr Abel van der Veer, OSA **E** vabelvanderveer@gmail.com (Retired)

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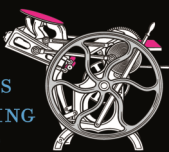
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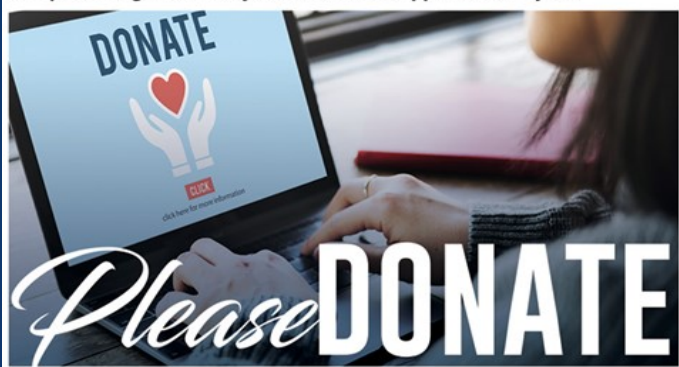
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