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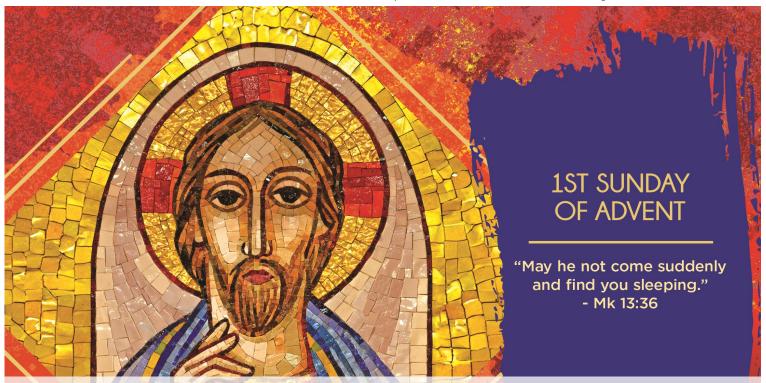
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FIRST READING Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 May the Lord come when we are doing good. | RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4 Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved. | SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 The Lord will strengthen us to the end. | GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Psalm 84:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia! | GOSPEL READING Mark 13:33-37 We know not the hour the Lord will come.

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#### **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. Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

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.



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

#### Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass. Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of Australia, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material". Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.

## WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

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

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

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## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

This Gospel from Mark is read on the First Sunday of Advent, the season we prepare to celebrate Christmas. And Mark certainly isn't subtle in telling us how to get ready. His Gospel almost shouts, "Keep awake, pay attention." Fortunately, being on guard and staying alert is something parents know all about.

With five children under ten (three under three at one point), I was on guard at all times. When they were infants, my eyes were always alert for open basement doors, sharp or breakable items and choking hazards. The teen years required even more vigilance. We needed to be alert for subtler hazards. Some questions became standard: Where are you going? Who will you be with? When will you be home?

In the weeks ahead, consider staying alert in other ways. Discover where God is in your everyday life. On Christmas we celebrate more than Jesus' birth. It is a celebration of Jesus alive today, all around us in all of creation and especially in his people. And it is a celebration that Jesus, in all his glory, will come again.

Look carefully. Be alert to where Jesus can be found in your life. Recognize him in the faces of your children, friends, coworkers, and be especially vigilant in finding Jesus in the faces of those you would rather ignore. Whenever possible, help your children understand that Jesus is all around them, especially in the people he loves.

Find Jesus in your own heart, and be vigilant for opportunities to share his love

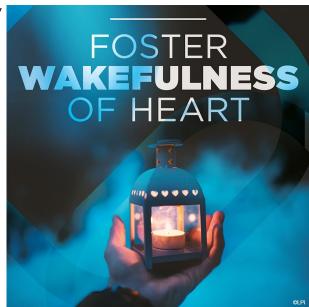
with your family and the people you encounter in your everyday life. Stay alert!

#### **FAMILY RESPONSE:**

Ask family members to talk about their hopes for the year ahead. Decide as a family on a New Year's resolution.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

On the lines below write down your hopes and dreams for the year ahead. Also make note of the family's resolution. What do you want to remember from last year?



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#### WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The Sunday Gospel draws us into the Season of Advent, challenging us to prepare ourselves and our world for Christ's coming. The Advent readings focus on many images of the messiah in the Old Testament.

The prophets particularly describe the messiah as one who will bring peace to our troubled world. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is the fulfillment of their prophecies. Your challenge this week is to follow in Jesus' footsteps by being a peace-maker yourself. How can you create peace within your own heart, within your family, in the community, and even in the world? Spend time in prayer, letting the peace of Christ penetrate your being. Then bring together people you know who are fighting, inviting them to see the goodness in each other. And finally, pray for peace in the most troubled spots in the world. Where is conflict most volatile and hateful? Pray for the people who live there and for their leaders to have the courage to be peace-makers rather than peace-breakers.



"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake!" – Mark 13:37.

How easy it is to forget or disregard our impact on the environment! This week, "stay awake" and reflect on specific ways to decrease your negative effects on the environment. Could you bike or walk somewhere instead of driving? Could you bring a re-usable water bottle so you don't have to buy one? As uncomfortable as it may be, stay awake to the choices you make which hurt our common home.



## 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.

## 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 & Weekends) 0490 898 464

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#### **Kourtney Tiangco Gilvizon**

Child of Arvin & Jamille

Giselle Diana Ciampa Child of Blake and Arielle

**Lee Paul Formosa**Child of Paul & Ellen

Maksim Ilia Makowski Child of Ilia and Natalie

#### PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

#### SICK:

Paul Pearson, Fred Jackson, Greg Hyde

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Janet Mary Cave, Audrey Murphy, Tony Murphy (Mackey), Patricia Anne Thackeray, Dr John Connolly

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Dellagiacoma, Brian Sligar, Ida & Cedric Connolly

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

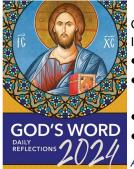
## 'innies Christmas Appeal





#### **APPEAL WEEKEND:** 2-3 DECEMBER

You may scan the QR code if you wish to donate online. Vinnies donation envelopes are available in the foyer.



Grab a copy of GOD'S WORD 2024 It brings you:

- Scripture readings of the day
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- Liturgical information for the day
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### GETTING STARTED WITH AN dvent Wreath

On 3 December we begin with the new Liturgical Year - Year B. As we enter the Season of Advent, we encourage you to reintroduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath.





#### **GAZA CRISIS APPEAL**

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.





#### TERM 4 DATES

ST CECILIA'S, BALGOWLAH, 9AM Dec 3, Dec 10

ST KIERAN'S, MANLY VALE, 9.30AM

Dec 3, Dec 10





The Blessing of the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. This wonderful tradition has also been observed by some parishes all over the world.

We also encourage parents and grandparents to join with their grandchildren in this simple but beautiful tradition. Don't forget to bring the Bambinelli!

After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under their Christmas Tree. On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family

Blessings to you all for Bambinelli Sunday!





PASTORAL NOTE: The Sunday obligation requires attending mass on a Sunday or Saturday evening (Vigil), while the Christmas obligation requires attending mass on Christmas Day or on a Sunday afternoon, or later.

Attending one mass on Christmas Day will not fulfill both obligations. If someone attends a mass to fulfill the Christmas obligation, they would have to attend mass again on Sunday to fulfill the Sunday obligation. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

(Sunday 24 December) ST. KIERAN'S CHURCH, Manly Vale 5.30pm 8pm ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH, Balgowlah 5pm 7.30pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

(Monday 25 December) ST. KIERAN'S CHURCH, Manly Vale 7.30am 9.30am ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH, Balgowlah 9am







Angels, Shepherds, Readers and baby Jesus wanted

5:30pm Sunday 24
December
St Cecilia's Church
Balgowlah



We are looking for children to be shepherds, angels and read Prayer of the Faithful. And for a baby Jesus!

Please scan the QR code for further information and to sign up.

PRAY WITH US FOR MORNING PRAYER
ON EACH OF THE THURSDAYS IN ADVENT
845 AM (FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 8 80AM)

Awaken your soul and start your day with prayer



PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS BY PRAYING WITH US THE ADVENT OFFICE.

The psalms, hymns and readings will be available as an overhead, and the patiern of prayers will be led by members of the Augustinian Community in a manner that can be easily followed

#### PARISH'S STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT DIRECTIONS 2024-2028

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past 6 months, the North Harbour Catholic Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been formulating a 5-year plan for our Parish to continue to improve and meet the current, emerging and future needs of our faith community.

Any plan for our community wouldn't be complete without the feedback, input and consultation with the people who make up this community this, of course, is you! As those within our Parish who attend and contribute to the celebration of the Eucharist, your feedback is essential. The PPC invites you to contribute to the finalisation of the 2024 - 2028 North Harbour Mission, Vision, Values and Goals.

Please take the time to provide your feedback, input and suggestions on the QR code provided. Paper forms are also available in the foyer.

Steve Rush PPC Co-Chair



#### **MISSION:**

Encountering Christ in Scripture, Sacraments and Community

#### VISION:

Flourishing community in faith

#### **VALUES:**

Compassion, Faith, Friendship, Service, Witness, Celebration

#### LONG-TERM GOALS:

- Celebration of the sacraments is engaging and life-giving
- We are a welcoming and vibrant community, embracing diversity
- We nourish spirituality and nurture faith, meeting people where they are
- We are empowered to act for justice and with compassion



You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

Confessions, 1, 1

- St. Augustine of Hippo

### **NEXT WEEKEND (10 DECEMBER): 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8 Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14 *The Lord shows great patience.* 

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 3:4. 6
Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all
people shall see the salvation of
God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

#### 9 DEC, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Louise

Reader 1
Bob

Reader 2
John

Music
Parish Choir
Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

#### 10 DEC, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Michael

**Reader 1**Judith

Reader 2
Jenny

*Music* None

**Powerpoint**Volunteer needed

**Welcomers** Volunteers needed

#### 10 DEC, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server Ilde

Reader 1
Isabella

**Reader 2** Stephanie

*Music* None

Powerpoint
Eva
Welcomers
Maria

#### 10 DEC, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Catherine

Reader 1 Terry

**Reader 2** Brian G

> *Music* Anoushka

**Powerpoint**Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

#### 10 DEC, 6PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Claire-Louise

Reader 1
Catherine

**Reader 2**Geraldine

*Music* Michael P

**Powerpoint**Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 3 DECEMBER**

Mon 4 Dec:Monday of the 1st Week of AdventTue 5 Dec:Tuesday of the 1st Week of AdventWed 6 Dec:Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent

**Thu 7 Dec:** St Ambrose, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Fri 8 Dec: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Vigil Mary

**Sat 9 Dec**: Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent

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