

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



Cnr White & Wanganella Sts

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



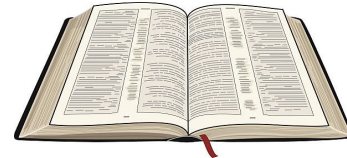
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**1st Sunday
of LENT Yr A
26 February 2023**

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



In the Scripture Readings at the beginning of Lent we are pitched into the perennial struggle in all human beings to decide (or re-discover) where their deepest priorities lie.

One image which captures this struggle is how Jesus went into the desert to “*face his demons*”. We all have the same demons we need to confront - compulsions, fears, prejudices, anger, and urges that lurk within. It is in facing and naming such demons (or serpents) that we begin to find a way for change to take place.

The temptations Jesus undergoes are not morally his own but are a replica of the temptations the Jewish tribes suffered during their journey through the desert for forty years. They tested God in the wilderness by demanding the bread they craved. They worshipped other gods in the form of the golden calf. There is an implied comparison that while historical Israel fails the test in the desert and emerges as unfaithful to the covenant, instead, Jesus, the Son of God, comes through successfully and models the fidelity God desires from each one of us.

From the time of Genesis till today the perennial struggle of humanity has always been either to surrender to ‘*walking with God in the cool of the evening*’ or to assume the Creator’s role as our own.

Get connected and explore faith with others

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It’s an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.



Gather together
and get connected



Watch an episode
on a topic of faith



Ask questions and
share your thoughts

YOU'RE INVITED

Wednesday 7-9pm

North Harbour Parish Centre

2 King St, Manly Vale

Starts 1 March

Everyone welcome!

9949 4455

Alpha commences this
Wednesday March 1st.

Alpha is a tool used by thousands of Catholic parishes in over 70 countries around the world. Alpha creates an environment and opportunities for an encounter with Jesus.



We welcome the children from the many different schools in the parish who are preparing for their First Reconciliation and their families for the Ritual of the Cross



CHANGED CONDITIONS AT MASSES:

Due to increased attendance at Mass the reduced threat of Covid and relaxing of nearly all restrictions, the Parish will return to our pre-Covid distribution of Communion, being:

- Use of Eucharistic Ministers
- Distribution at St Kieran's via two ministers at the top of the centre aisle returning via middle aisles, one minister on each of the far aisles (except when musicians are blocking this aisle). Senior Servers will direct you.
- Distribution at St Cecilia's will be the usual centre aisle.

Please use hand sanitiser provided and there will be masks at the Sanctuary for those wishing to use one.

Children's Liturgy is back!

Preschool and primary schoolers are all welcome. Parents - please feel free to come with your child if they would be more comfortable with you there.

We also need volunteers to be placed on a rotating roster for the monthly sessions. All training, materials, activities and scripts are provided. If you would like to join us, or if you were on the roster previously and want to continue in this ministry, please contact Kate Patten at Kate.Louise.murray@gmail.com or Janette on 0408 866 521 or via the parish office on 9949 4455.



Term 1 dates:

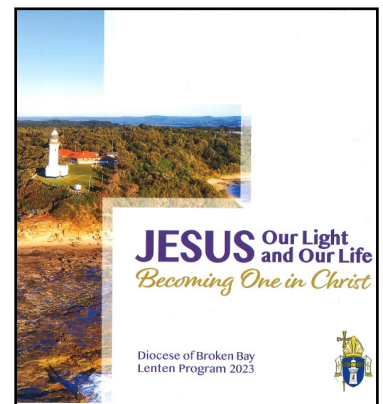
- **St Cecilia's (9am Mass): 5th March and 2nd April**
- **St Kieran's (9.30 Mass): 12th March**



We have 2 Lenten Program booklets available this year

- **Wollongong Diocese—\$5**
- **Diocese of Broken Bay—free**

Booklets are available in the church foyers



Friends of St Augustine
Next Gathering Thursday 2nd March
7.30pm Parish Centre

All are welcome to join us to discover or rediscover "Confessions", St Augustine's best known and influential text. "Confessions" has been described as one of the greatest masterpieces of western literature.

Nourish and renew your faith as we look at St Augustine's fascinating journey to discover Christ.

For more information please contact the Parish Office or email Jacky at gjworth@tpg.com.au

Everyone is welcome!

FROM ST AUGUSTINE

O Lord,
You will
increase
Your gifts
more and more in
me, so that set free
from all
concupiscence my
soul may follow me
to You.



Confessions 10, 30

Readings for this week: **Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7** **Romans 5:12-19** **Matthew 4:1-11**
Response: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned*
Readings for next week: **Genesis 12:1-4** **Timothy 1:8-10** **Matthew 17:1-9**
Readers rostered for next week 1st Sunday
SK 5.30pm Val, Cecilia **7.30am** Judith, Jenny **9.30am** Brian C, Kate **6.00pm** Louise, Catherine
SC 9.00am Michael H, Michael C, Pauline Res: Julien

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 – TAIWAN

10.00AM FRIDAY 3 MARCH

**@ ST KIERAN'S CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA**

Please bring a plate to share

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



<https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

The **2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program** information is available at the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish website <https://bbcatholic.org.au/northharbour>

Our **Baptism of Young Children Program** (for children aged 7 – 11 years) will commence on Sunday 14 May 2023 after the 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's. The meetings will be held in the parish centre.

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for program details, dates and further information.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO OUR WORK IN PERU



December 2022

On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps.

We've had another wonderful year, raising approximately \$42,500. A great effort from many, many people!

From 2001 till now the total raised is \$486,000 (almost half a million!).

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today,

*Sr Helen Saunders
For Sisters of St Joseph*

If you would like to support the Sisters of St Joseph in their life-changing mission - stamps can be left at the parish office

St Cecilia's Playgroup for pre-schoolers

LEARNING EXPLORING ACTIVE PLAY

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

FRIDAY 2 JUNE

FRIDAY 24 MARCH

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST

FRIDAY 5 MAY

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

FROM 9.15 AM - 10.15 AM



59 Seaview Street Balgowlah NSW 2093

www.scbddb.catholic.edu.au

A wonderful opportunity for pre-schoolers to develop school-readiness skills.



Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin Kelly	Bosco Kai Lam Wan
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Michael Williamson	Veronica Kissick
Carolyn Watson	Ronan Moran
Paul Himo	Cliff Joseph Dudgeon

For those with ILLNESS

Zara Sapounas	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop
Yvonne Taylor	Jenny B	Muireann Casey	Bridie Lennon
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Mary Hulme	Shirley Barker
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	Henryk Gawecki
Richard Paul Reynolds	Margaret Appleby	Angie Olic	Peter Van de Velde
Chloe Zarb	Andrew Scotland	Jan Van de Velde	

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is getting a much needed freshen up and painting will begin in March and continue into April. The Parish office will remain open however there will be limited access to the Centre.



PROJECT COMPASSION



DONATION BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS.
Please return the boxes by Easter, and thank you for your generosity.



Fr Senan will preside at the 9.30am Parish Mass at St Kieran's on Sunday 12th March in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Followed by morning tea.



2023 OPEN EVENING
WED 15 MARCH
4-7PM

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 (on sabbatical)
Fr Paul Maloney OSA—Administrator & Prior 0439 595 723
Fr Jumbim Torres OSA—Assistant Priest 0450 109 880
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 Canalgal people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.