

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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20th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Year C—14 August 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – 'Vocation - An Invitation to Grow!'



Dear Friends,

Vocations Awareness Week may challenge us when we speak of 'vocation' - not a term we readily use in relation to ourselves though we're probably comfortable enough with marriage and parenting as vocations, along with callings like teaching and the other helping professions. As Christians it's essential that we expand our vocation horizons beyond religious life and priesthood even though the latter remain integral in the Church.

Our life plan unfolds with the help of God's grace and in the belief that each of us has some call from God, not in terms of '*passing a test*' but rather '*accepting an invitation*' which may take us in many different directions as our life situation, faith, family life, career and personal circumstances change. That invitation is to an ongoing relationship with God.

Today's reflection focuses on priesthood and religious life in the Church and in our lives. Our experience of priests and religious women and men is coloured by our age, our particular view of Church when we were growing up, and cultural factors too - some helpful, some a hindrance. Some of us may still hunger for what we perceive to be the '*certainties*' of the Church before the Second Vatican Council, even though our understanding of the Church has expanded since then - helped by a more profound appreciation of the Scriptures, the teaching of the Fathers of the Church and the early Church Councils as the developing community of Christ's followers '*grew into*' a deeper awareness of its identity.

Every priest and religious needs time to '*grow into*' his/her understanding of what their vocation means. Religious congregations enrich the Church by expressing a range of very diverse Gospel charisms, some based on the teaching of their founders, some inspired by the particular mission they embraced. Thankfully, the tradition, charism and ideals of the congregations which founded our schools and parishes are honoured today - in the case of North Harbour Parish, the Good Samaritan Sisters and the Augustinians.

The Church and priests today are often in the firing line - at times for good reason - but the picture is overwhelmingly positive. The era of priests being put on a pedestal is surely over, with the model of *priest as servant* far more authentic. Pope Francis' advice to bishops to be shepherds who '*smell like the sheep*' is surely applicable to priests too.

That being said, priests do not operate in a vacuum but need '*pastoral care*' themselves. In an address at a symposium on the priesthood in Rome in February, Francis offered reflections on his own experience of more than 50 years in ministry and nominated '*four pillars*' or '*forms of closeness*' that he considered fundamental to the life of a priest. The pillars reflect the '*closeness of God*' to us and are influenced by the memory of those priests who during Francis' childhood and later life had shown him '*the face of the Good Shepherd*', but tempered also by the reality of those '*who had lost the fire of the first love*.'

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary this coming Monday reminds us that Mary's life embodies the best elements of vocation as wife, mother, disciple and model of faith in her own '*closeness to God*' and the completion of her life assumed into heaven. Mary the Woman of Faith reminds us that every vocation grows and is sustained by the closeness of God, experienced primarily through friendship and prayer. Whether a lay, religious or clerical vocation, love in its many forms expresses, strengthens, heals and enhances our response to God as we say *Yes* to life in all its richness!!



Fr Dave



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED
CONFIRMATION FROM BISHOP ANTHONY THIS WEEKEND**



This weekend's Homily will be by Fr Abel 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>



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – MONDAY 15 AUGUST

You are reminded that the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady occurs on Monday 15 August, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be as follows:

St Kieran's – 8.30am, 10.00am
(Parish and School Mass) and 7.30pm

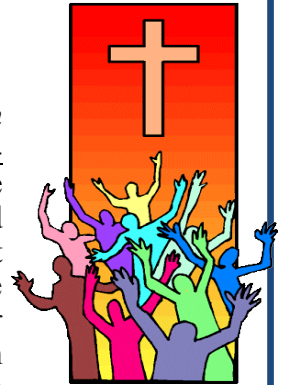
St Cecilia's – 9.15am (Parish and School Mass)

St Patrick's Church Hill (for those working in the city) 8am, 10:30am,
12 noon & 5:30pm

Please note that the 6.00pm Mass on 14 August will be the Mass of the 20th Sunday.

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 – next Youth Mass on 11 September.



Volunteers Needed, Please – From Sunday 11 September, we are keen to provide the opportunity for those attending the Youth Mass to gather in the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass. If you are able to assist, please sign the sheet in the church foyer (Name, email and phone number) or contact the Parish Office – 9949 4455. Thank you!

OLMC Parramatta - Class of '90, '91 & '92 30 Year Reunion

Reunion Function Saturday 17th September Parramatta Park Royal RSVP 4th Sept. Come and join your old schoolmates and teachers for a reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992. There will be roaming canapés throughout the evening, with an on-consumption bar and a live DJ to dance the night away.

OLMC Alumnae Day Sunday 18th September

10am Mass in the Chapel followed by College Tours.

12:30pm High Tea at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House Click on the link to secure your ticket! <https://bit.ly/3nOIPD3>

Accommodation at Parramatta Park Royal.

Special OLMC Alumni Rate (including breakfast)

Reunion Committee led by:

Belinda Clarke (Witter), 1992,
belindahildaclarke@gmail.com

Natalie Galea, 1991,
natalie_galea@yahoo.com.au

Sarah Kenny, 1990, sarahkenny767@gmail.com

**SCHOOL
REUNION**

Men of God: Discovering Christian Masculinity

A Retreat Day for Young Men
@ Holy Name Parish
Wahroonga

Sunday 21st August
9:15am – 4pm



CATHOLIC
VOCATIONS
BROKEN BAY



On Sunday August 21st Holy Name Parish Wahroonga is hosting a Day Retreat for Young Men on Discovering Christian Masculinity. The retreat will be facilitated by Peter Holmes, Senior Lecturer of Theology at Notre Dame and host of "This Catholic Life" podcast. It will be an opportunity for reflection, silence and prayer for all young men to listen deeper to voice of Christ in their life. All young men are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Sunday August 21st 9:15am – Mass
10:30am – Spiritual Input 4:00pm – Finish

Readings for this week: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53
Response: 'Lord, come to my aid!'
Readings for next week: Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30
NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 3):
SK 5.30pm Val, Margaret, Phillip **7.30am** Andrew, Judith/Jenny **9.30am** Cathie, Dale
6.00pm Jo, Rodney **SC 9.00am** Phil, Sandra, Gai

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary was known for her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious. We also pray that all those who are already serving as priests or religious may continue to do so with joy and fidelity.



THE FACES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT THE GOD OF HISTORY -

SESSION TWO
THURSDAY 18th AUGUST
MORNING AT 9.30AM
IN ST. KIERAN'S HALL.

BRING YOUR BIBLE IF YOU HAVE ONE.
 WE'LL FIND ONE FOR YOU IF YOU DON'T.
 ALL WELCOME!

**Playgroup at
St Kieran's
school**

**August 26th
8.45-
10.30am**

Contact:

**Eleanor
0417 368 341**



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MERCYCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU



OPEN MORNING TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 9-11AM

HOMELESSNESS WEEK

A reminder that donation envelopes for Homelessness Week are still available in the churches.

This appeal is a new annual initiative from **CatholicCare** focusing on homelessness services.

CatholicCare
 Diocese of Broken Bay

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/homelessness

ANNUAL AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL

The Annual Augustinian Appeal to support the Augustinian Formation Program and the Province's Mission in Vietnam will be held on the weekend of 27-28 August. More details next week!





Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Ivanka Kariz	John Francis
Elsie Moses	Edward O'Brien
Adela & Alfonso Conado	Madeleine Pace
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Eugenio Bosso	Natalie Rowan
Anne Gordon	Paul Duggan
Anthony Molinia	Pat O'Halloran
Marjorie Kean	John Jones
Matthew Miller	Jonathan Keil
Bill O'Sullivan	Patrick Collins
Margaret Pahr	

For those with ILLNESS

Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop
Yvonne Taylor	Moirra Geraghty	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Simone Young	Bob McEwan
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	
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
Jenny B			

From St Augustine

*Eternal Truth, true Love, beloved Trinity—
all this, my God, You are, and it is to You
that I sigh by night and by day.*

Confessions 7, 10



SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

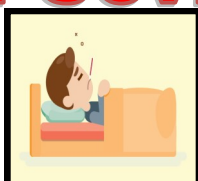
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

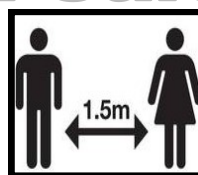
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



**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 Jepsen 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.*