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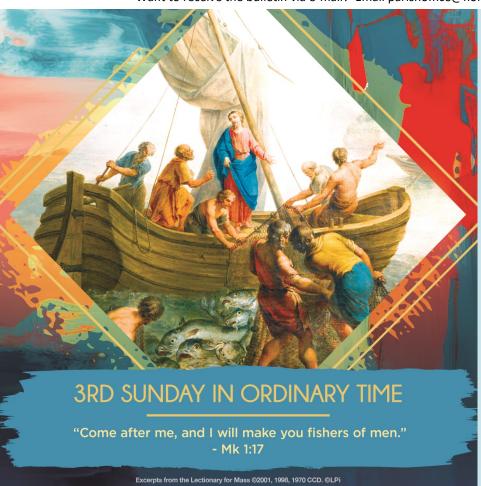
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FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10 Jonah is sent to save Nineveh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4 Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 *The time is short.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, calls the Apostles.

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.



WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
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- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Before Jesus begins his public ministry he gathers a group of men to walk with him. He understands that he will need support and even encouragement if he is to accomplish his mission. Jesus realizes how big the job was going to be, and he knew he would need help if he wanted his message to reach as many people as possible.

It was the disciples who seemed to do most of the negotiating for the everyday necessities (a place to stay, food for the crowds, etc.). There is a great lesson in this Gospel for all of us. If even Jesus needed people to nurture and encourage him, consider how important the support of a loving community is for us, and our children. Staying committed to Christian values is not always easy in today's society. This is why it is essential to surround your children and yourself with people who share your values.

Christians are not theists. We do not believe in a "me and God" approach to religion. We are Christians; we find God all around us, especially in other people. A faith community is essential for Christians. Become involved in your church, get to know people socially so your children have other role models to look up to.

Our children also need to see that Mom or Dad sometimes needs help. Parents make mistakes and messes that have to be fixed or cleaned up too. Children need to see that

even their parents, on occasion, need their help. All of this is part of teaching our children to be interdependent, a crucial learning if they are going to understand what it means to be a Christian.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Discuss who the people are who support and nurture your family. Decide on a way to thank them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Outside of your immediate family, what group of people is your greatest support? How can they help you?



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Produce fruit in

keeping with

repentance.

- MATTHEW 3:8

WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sunday's Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing—fishing, mending their nets, whatever—and begin a life of discipleship. What trust they

demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the "nets" in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God's Kingdom as Jesus described it—a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"For the present form of this world is passing away." –1 Corinthians 7:31.

It can be frightening to imagine that the extremes of heat and cold, storms, droughts, rising oceans, and wildfires are the new normal, but scientists worldwide agree on this. If the world as we know it is passing away, what new, simpler lifestyles can we embrace as life-giving even though we may have experienced them as inconvenient restrictions previously? Less, or no, air travel? Less-extravagant consumption? Eating lower on

extravagant consumption? Eating lower on the food chain? Wearing more layers and keeping the heat turned down? This week, choose something you previously considered inconvenient and focus on the simplicity, pleasure, and value inherent in it now.

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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.

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If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

BUSINESS HOURS:

PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

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Charlotte Augusta
Ellenore Joy
Frederick Quincy
children of Alexander & Millicent

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Greg Keogh, Mary Sig Kim Meng

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bartola Cavalletto, Doris Rattos, Jeremy Hession, Sr Lucy Grey, OSA, Mharcis Ricohermoso, Carmel King

ANNIVERSARIES:

Aileen Treston

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

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS



The Season of Lent this year will commence on 14 February (Ash Wednesday).

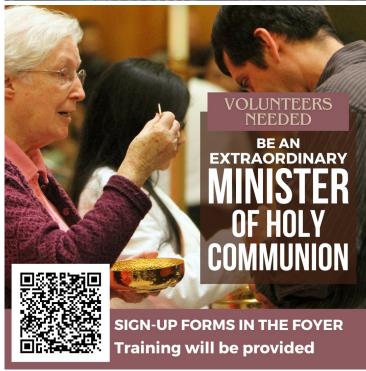
We invite you to join the Lenten Reflection Groups that we will organise this year to reflect on the readings of the 5 Sundays of Lent. The resource we will be using is from Evangelisation Brisbane.

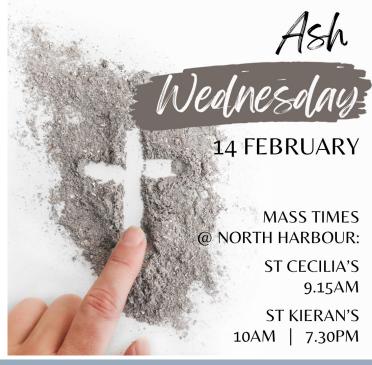
More details about the Lenten Groups will be made available in the following weeks.











FAMILY & SACRAMENTS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We have some important news to share with you. After many years of faithful and dedicated service, Janette Davidson, our Family and Sacraments Ministry Coordinator, has decided to retire at the end of February. Janette has been a vital part of our parish community, helping countless families and individuals to grow in their faith and to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, and Reconciliation. She has also been a source of inspiration and encouragement to us, her co-workers, with her generosity, wisdom, and humour. We are very grateful for all that she has done for our parish and for the love that she has shown to everyone.

We invite you to join us in expressing our appreciation and gratitude to Janette for her service and contributions. You can send her a card, an email, or a phone call to wish her well and to thank her for her ministry. You can also join us for a special farewell celebration that we will have for her in the following weeks.

We pray that God will bless Janette abundantly in her retirement and that she will enjoy this new chapter of her life. We also ask for your prayers as we seek a new Family and Sacraments Coordinator for our parish. May God continue to guide and protect our parish family.



ST CECILIA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you want to join our team? We are hiring...

We are looking for an inspiring and faith-led Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC). This part-time position will play a crucial role in building and maintaining a welcoming, respectful community, while strengthening relationships between school, parents/families and the wider catholic community. More details to be provided next week.



Catholic Community of NORTH HARBOUR

Family & Sacramental Ministry Coordinator

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Media & Communications Coordinator

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Please email your application to parishpriestenorthharbourcatholic.org.au

For enquiries, please contact Fr Michael Belonio, OSA on 9949 4455

Applications close on Friday 9 February 2024.

Job Description will be made available in this link: www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/contact-us/positions-vacant

SAVE THE DATE:

Fr Abel's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated on Sunday 18 February at the 9.30am Mass.

All welcome!!!



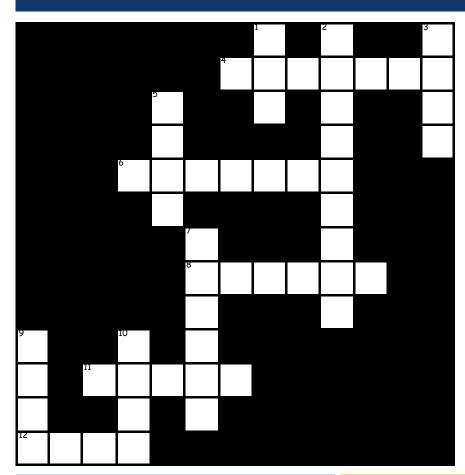
Hospitality Volunteers Needed

FOR SUNDAY 9:30AM MASSES AT ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

Hospitality at North Harbour Parish will be back this year and we are looking for more volunteers to join this wonderful ministry which will start back on Sunday, 4 February.

The 2024 roster is being finalised and would love to have some new faces join the existing team of volunteers. It is entirely up to you regarding how many times a year you would like to volunteer. The parish would be responsible for providing the morning tea and the volunteers are simply required to set up (15 minutes prior to mass commencing), serve and pack away. As most of you are aware the parish has a great coffee machine, and this too will be back this year. We are more than happy to show the volunteers how to use the coffee machine.

So, if you feel like this is something you can help with, and you would like to become a part of the hospitality team for 2024 or would simply like more information please email or give Adriana a call 0402 099 746 or albowyer@bigpond.com.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Believe the Good News.

ACROSS:

- 4: to accept the truth
- 6: Jesus walked along the shore of this lake
- 8: Simon Peter's brother
- 11: this man was John's brother
- 12: you use a clock to tell the ____

DOWN:

- 1: fishermen use one of these to catch fish
- 2: men who catch fish
- 3: a report of a recent event
- 5: this is used to travel across water
- 7: the opposite of mother
- 9: the fishermen left their nets and boats behind and ____ with Jesus
- 10: Jesus saw the fishermen casting their nets into this

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus will teach you to catch others for him. You can catch fish by putting food in front of them. People need soul food to be close to God. People want to go to heaven with God. Tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Tell them he wants everyone to do good. Then people will gladly come into his net. They will be at peace because Jesus will give them everything they need.

Prayer

Lord, help me stay hooked on you.

Mission

Each morning I will pray that more people follow the ways of Jesus.

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Lord, let me offer You the sacrifice of every thought and word—only first give me what I may offer You.

> Confessions 11, 2 - St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (28 JANUARY): 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Lord will raise up a prophet like Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9 If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Devote yourself to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16 Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus commands an unclean spirit.

27 JAN, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Louise

> Readers Ronda Maria

> > Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed

28 JAN, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Jo

> Readers Lea Tim

> > Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed

28 JAN, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server Antoinette

> Readers **TBA**

Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Christine

28 JAN, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Michael

> Readers Kaye Anne

Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed

28 JAN, 6PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Stephen

> Readers Leanne Caroline Christine

> > Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteer needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 21 JANUARY

Mon 22 Jan: Monday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2 **Tue 23 Jan:** Tuesday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

Wed 24 Jan: St Frances de Sales, bishop, doctor **Thu 25 Ian:** The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

Fri 26 Jan: Australia Dav

Sat 27 Jan: Saturday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 2

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