

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Year C - 20 Nov 2022**

Pastor's Perspective

'Christ the King – An Unusual Saviour!'



Dear Friends,

This past year, we farewelled the Queen and welcomed the new King. Despite our diverse views on monarchies, I daresay most of us became engaged with the traditional pomp and ceremony associated with this experience, and the Coronation of Charles is yet to come.

Formal titles honour the person and their office but they can also create a barrier that obscures the identity and the humanity of the person. **'God language'** challenges us too - the titles we use and the qualities we attribute to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Love, Compassion, Vine, Good Shepherd, Light of the World, and so on. Each title opens up something of the mystery of God but human words also highlight the limitations of our understanding of the divine.

In these days of monarchies and republics, we may feel challenged by the title with which we honour the Lord this Sunday – **Christ the King**. It helps to step beyond our popular ideas about earthly monarchs and to approach this feast against the broad background of our Faith – how Jesus has *'defined'* for all time our humanness in the most excellent way. Becoming one with us, he chose to manifest his own uniqueness as both human and divine and to define our dignity and true potential as the *'Body of Christ'*.

This great feast focuses on the Reign of God, which is both *'in our midst but not yet'*. Jesus let himself be seen as he was. On the cross he openly showed his agony, frustration, confusion and tiredness as he proved his love for us – certainly not the picture of the well-attired, in-control, confident leader to which we are accustomed.

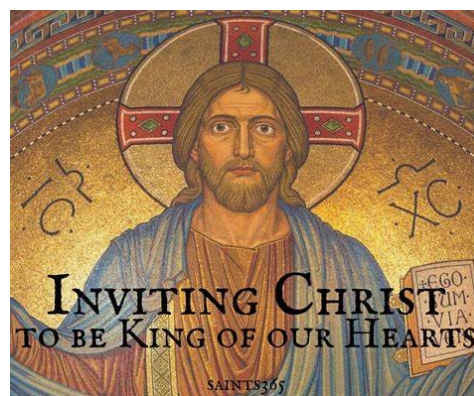
Jesus lived out of a style of power in marked contrast to what we see around us. His power was honest, open, merciful and compassionate. He did not dominate other people, put them down, or keep them in bondage, nor did he live in a palace or draw a prohibitive, executive salary. An unusual Saviour, he related most easily to sinners, the poor and the suffering and reacted quickly to the slightest phoniness in his followers.

As Christians, we are continually called to renew our awareness of the Kingdom, the Reign of God, which is about removing boundaries, good news for the poor, justice for the downtrodden and rejected, forgiveness from the heart. Jesus felt an urgency for the Kingdom which is about God's activity, sovereignty and authority in our lives. We have been loved first, in the most extravagant way.

'Kingdom' is something that God is doing, not something we *'build'* – no matter how much we like the hymn! God makes the Kingdom present and, as Church, we help *'bring forth the fruits'* of the Kingdom, welcome it and witness to it. Let's remember too that we cannot equate the Kingdom and the Church - if we sometimes find the Church a bit hard to love, that doesn't mean we should give up on the Kingdom, or the Church either! The grace of God extends throughout the world and touches all people.

In the end the same question applies to everyone, both Christian and non-Christian, *'Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger...?'* And the clear answer is, *'As long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me!'*

Fr Dave



This weekend's Homily will be by **Fr PETER** 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>



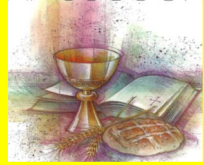
This weekend the **St. Vincent de Paul**, at North Harbour Parish at St Kieran's, commence their **Christmas Appeal**, with speakers at each Mass. This Appeal, together with the Winter Appeal, are the main source of revenue with which the Society attempts to respond to the needs of the poor within our community. The World Day of the Poor established by Pope Francis recently celebrated its sixth anniversary. Pope Francis on 14 November 2021 said, inter alia, *".... In short, believers, when they want to see Jesus in person and touch him with their hands, know where to turn. The poor are a sacrament of Christ; they represent his person and point to him...."*

Christmas Appeal Donations can be via cash "in the bucket" at Mass, or via an envelope this or subsequent weekends.

Christmas Hamper cards are on the rear wall of St Kieran's. In the event that you are able, take a card and a flat carton, record your name & mobile number & return the hamper with the reference number by **Sunday December 11th**. They can be left in the parish office or at the back of the Church. Hampers will be distributed by a number of wonderful St Kieran's School parents and their children with the members of the Manly Vale Conference on the morning of Saturday 17th December.

Last year, we delivered 96 Hampers on behalf of the Parish, donated by the St Kieran's faith community and Blackmore's. Thanks for your past generosity & in anticipation of your continued support *Julio Donato, SVDP Hamper Coordinator.*

2023 DAILY
MASS BOOK



**New Daily Mass Book starts
Sunday 27th November - Available
at the Parish Office \$ 25 each
EFTPOS available.**

Invitation for all AFA Members & Friends to an Advent Recollection

Theme: Advent Journey

Mass Presider: Fr Jepsen



Date: Sat 26 Nov @ St Kieran's parish centre

9:00am - 9:30 Session One
9:30am - 10:00 Small Group Sharing
10:00am - 10:30 Morning Tea
10:30am - 11:00 Session Two
11:00am - 11:30 Small Group Sharing
11:30am - 11:45 Break/Preparation for Mass
11:45am - 12:30pm Mass

Please contact Adriana 0402 099 746 or
albowyer@bigpond.com or the Parish Office

TIME TO CREATE ADVENT CHEER IN OUR PARISH...

CALLING ALL WILLING AND CREATIVE HANDS

With only one week to Advent we are calling for all willing & creative hands to take a short time to help at St Kierans:

**** Create and set up ADVENT WREATH** on Fri 25th or Sat 26th November (candles will be provided and costs of the wreath will be covered).

**** Hanging ADVENT BANNERS** in the Church sanctuary on the Fri 25th or Sat 26th November, and

**** CHRISTMAS BANNERS** in the Church sanctuary on Fri 23rd or Sat 24th December. You will be shown how it's done and no climbing of ladders required.

**** Two or three people (a great opportunity for a family) to set up the CHRISTMAS CRIB and CHRISTMAS TREE** in the Church on Fri 16th or Sat 17th December. Guiding hands to help show where everything is and to be set up.

**** Parent Helpers for CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY** at 5.30pm for Christmas Eve Mass (No rehearsal needed)

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



November 23— MAKE a STAND for FAITH and FREEDOM - Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need - the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Lets get involved—PRAY, ILLUMINATE, GIVE, BLESS, WEAR RED, LEARN : BE INFORMED - Find out more - Take a brochure from the church foyer.

WHATS ON

in our PARISH

Nov 21 - Catechist Christmas Mass & Lunch

Nov 22 - Feast of St Cecilia Mass @ SC 9.15

Nov 25 : St Kieran's PLAYGROUP 8.45 -10.30am

Nov 26 : AFA ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Nov 27— SC 9am Mass - Welcome Kindy 2023

Dec 4 : Farewell Morning Tea - Frs Dave, John, Jepsen

Dec 7 : Anointing mass 10am @ SK followed by Morning Tea

Dec 15 7.30pm COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION @ SK

Readings for this week: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 4):

SK 5.30pm Ronda, Maria **7.30am** Tim, Lea **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Caroline, Christine

SC 9.00am School parents/students

CHRISTMAS CARDS \$5 per pack 8, available @ the Parish Piety Shop at St Kieran's parish office. 9949 4455

PARISH YOUTH MASS – THANK YOU !!!

A big **Thank You** to all who have supported the Youth Masses this past year. Last Sunday's Mass was the biggest yet and we had a good representation of students from St Augustine's, Stella Maris, St Paul's, Parish and local Government schools, families and parishioners. Much planning goes into these celebrations and we thank Michael Paton, Peter Nolan, Nicky Chin, Simon Hyland, students and staff and all who share their talents in ministry as singers, musicians, readers and servers. Special thanks to Christine McCabe and her team who provide refreshments after Mass. The Youth Mass will continue in 2023 – 2nd Sunday of the month during term time.

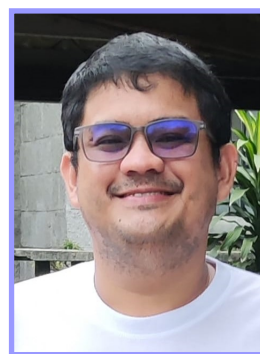
Next Youth Mass will be on Sunday 12 February 2023 at 6.00pm in St Kieran's Church.



AUGUSTINIAN COMMUNITY

Warm welcome back to Fr Jepsen Bermudez OSA as he rejoins the Parish Team after his extended holiday with family in the Philippines. (photo left)

We welcome too Fr Jumbim Torres OSA from the Province of the Philippines who has joined the Manly Vale Augustinian Community. He will be part of the Parish Team in 2023. (photo right)



70th ANNIVERSARY PRAYER CARD

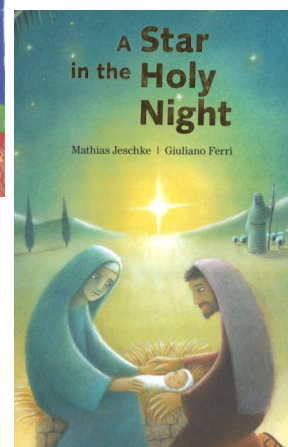
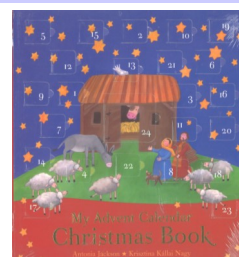
Please collect one!

Copies of the special Anniversary Prayer Card, containing an adapted version of our Parish Prayer, photos of the original and new churches and the Parish Vision Statement are still available. Please collect a card from our churches or the Parish Centre.



PARISH PIETY SHOP

Keeping Jesus in Christmas !



**PASTORAL
WORKS** Broken Bay

The Broken Bay Pastoral Works collection will be over the next two weekends - November 26/27 and December 3/4 .



Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Gawecka
Catena Cirillo

Joseph Rattos

RECENTLY DECEASED

Clare Tam

William Greentree

Bob McEwan

Barbara Brown

For those with ILLNESS

Zara Sapounas

Michael Lennon

Daniella Takchi

Mark Moscrop

Yvonne Taylor

Jenny B

Muireann Casey

Vince Jewell

Ed Burchard

Joan Killick

Simone Young

Yvonne Richardson

Christopher Newman

Maria Kogovsek

Yvonne Hickey

Henryk Gawecki

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

From St Augustine

Lord, while I move and bear this body, I pray that I may be pure, generous, just, and prudent. May I be a perfect lover and knower of Your Wisdom. Finally, may I be worthy of Your Dwelling Place and live in Your most blessed Kingdom. *Soliloquies 1, 1*

..... **SPECIAL FAREWELL MASS and MORNING TEA**

All are warmly invited to join in a Farewell Mass and Morning Tea for Fr Dave, Fr John and Fr Jepser on **SUNDAY December 4 at St Kieran's 9.30am Mass**. If you could kindly bring along a "sweet plate" and leave in the kitchen before Mass - *Thank you*



It would be wonderful if we could have a few volunteers to help serve & tidy up after !!

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

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 Jepser 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

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Jane Filacuridi

Parish Secretary

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We acknowledge the Gayamagal and Canagal people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.