

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



Cnr White & Wanganella Sts

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS

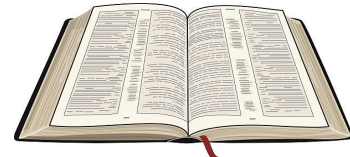


2 King Street



**2nd Sunday of Easter
Yr A
16 April 2023**

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



Our Gospel for this Sunday is remembered as the story of doubting Thomas — this in spite of the fact that Thomas makes the most resounding of all acts of faith in Jesus to be found in the whole Gospel of John. It should actually be remembered as a story of the faith of ‘*believing* Thomas’. That we identify more readily with him as the figure of doubt indicates he is just that bit nearer to our own experience!

St. Augustine tells us we should not feel deprived because we have missed out encountering Jesus in the way Thomas did. We can still meet Christ by living together in unity and harmony in the same ways described by the early Church experience of him whenever they came together for the breaking of the bread, of listening to the Word contained in the Apostles written account, and by sharing their material goods as an outward expression of the spiritual grace and peace they wished to bring to everyone in the world.

We can take comfort in the way Christ enters through the locked doors of our hearts and tells us “*Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive will be forgiven*”. Jesus then puts his hand into our sides to heal our human hearts so that time and again the peace and joy, the healing and the reconciliation that his Spirit brings enables us to be “*already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described*”.

The many other signs of the Lord’s Resurrection which were not included in John’s account are being carried out by the ongoing ministry of the Christian community in every age, bringing hope and reconciliation to a world that is wounded, starving, alienated and in need of God’s healing touch - “*so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing this you may have life through his name*”.



Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy) is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.



CONGRATULATIONS to our RCIA candidates, and thanks to the RCIA Team for all their work and encouragement along the way.

ALPHA

Please keep in your prayers the Participants and Team of Alpha as we all prepare to spend Saturday 22 and Sunday morning 23 together.

This special time is spent learning about the Holy Spirit.

“Who is the Holy Spirit”

“What does the Holy Spirit Do”

“How can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit”

We will watch and discuss the videos, pray together, eat together and talk and laugh with each other.

Pray especially for the Participants to receive the Holy Spirit

Alpha



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

If anyone is able to offer a lift to a lady in BUPA Seaforth for 9.30am Mass on Sunday's, please contact the parish office. Margaret is able to get around with no assistance, and she requires no care during Mass—just the transport.

Catalyst For Renewal courteously allowed *SJ Around the Bay* to record a presentation by Fr Frank Brennan, SJ OA on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. He did so with the aim of enabling those interested to make a more informed choice in regard to the upcoming referendum. It is available for viewing via the following link. https://sjaroundthebay.org/?page_id=123

A voice recording has also been provided by Catalyst For Renewal on their website <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au/news/large-turnout-hears-frank-brennan-on-the-voice/>.



Readings for this week: Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting*
Readings for next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35
Readers rostered for next week 4th Sunday
SK 5.30pm Ronda, Maria **7.30am** Lea, Tim **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Caroline, Christine
SC 9.00am Sacha & Amy



Did you know that one in four Australians (25.1%) are finding it difficult to get by on their current income? At CatholicCare we provide free, independent, and confidential financial counselling to anyone having difficulties managing money. Our Financial Counsellors can help you prepare a budget or money plan, manage your debts, set realistic financial goals, understand your rights, and if needed negotiate with creditors. It's always best to seek help early before your problems get out of control. Financial counselling can help you relieve stress, resolve immediate problems and plan for the future. To find out more call us today on 1800 324 924 or visit



www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/financialcounselling/

LAST CHANCE TO RETURN YOUR DONATIONS!



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE:

Our celebrations of the Easter Vigil was the beginning of the season of Easter, a feast of rebirth and new beginnings.

While the Vigil marked the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared us all, it is now a time of joy and thanksgiving.

The Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends right through to Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, this Sunday, 16 April, the Ascension of Our Lord on 21 May and then Pentecost on Sunday 28 May when we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on the Apostles and followers of Jesus who had gathered in the Upper Room, and the beginning of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday, this Sunday, is based on the private revelations of Sr Faustina Kowalska and focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

Sr Faustina, who became known as the Apostle of Mercy, was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy who received the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy through visions and conversations with Jesus.





Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| John White | |
| RECENTLY DECEASED | |
| Reg Treston | John Trevor Austin |
| Michael Coleman | John Kenneth Turner |
| Joseph Cameron | Barbara Smythe |
| Ruth Cooney | Richard Fellows |
| Robert Newton | David Vernon |

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 | Jan Van de Velde | Peter Van de Velde |
| Chloe Zarb | Andrew Scotland | Angie Olic | Fr Laurie Mooney OSA |

Upcoming Funerals

St Cecilia's Church

John Kenneth Turner
Monday 17 April 10.30am

St Kieran's Church

Maria Polito
Tuesday 18 April 10.30am



FROM ST AUGUSTINE

*O death, when you seized my Lord,
you then lost your grip on me.*

Sermon 233, 5



Visiting sick at home -

If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass and would like a home visit please contact the parish office to organise for Communion or Anointing.

LEARNING EXPLORING ACTIVE PLAY

FRIDAY 5 MAY

@ ST CECILIA'S

FROM 9.15 AM - 10.15 AM



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.



SUE COLWELL FUN WALK & TALK

AFA Fundraising

2km OR  5km Walk

8.30am on Sunday, 30 April 2023

Come and Join Us!

Bring a **FRIEND**  or the whole **FAMILY** or
just KEEP FIT for a good cause!

Start and Finish - Queenscliff Lagoon Park, Cameron Ave (near playground)

2km WALK - From Queenscliff Lagoon Park along the beachfront up to the play equipment just a bit past the Surf Club at Nth Steyne and back.

5km WALK - From Queenscliff Lagoon Park along the beachfront up to Shelley Beach & back.

AFA Supports the training/formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses

SPONSOR an Augustinian Seminarian

AND/OR

WALK & Talk raising your **OWN Sponsorship \$\$** for **AFA**

Seminarrians who are walking with us:



Tu Jayvee Bernard

REGISTER to WALK by texting - AFA Walk and your name to
Honourine (0416) 042 316 or Call

REGISTRATION \$10 a Person OR Family **\$20** on the day-Registration Desk

SPONSORSHIP monies to be paid into the AFA Account

BSB:032190 Account No:105386 Ref:AFA Walk

OR at St Kieran's Parish Office by 15 May 2023



SUE COLWELL FUN WALK & TALK



SPONSORSHIP 2km OR 5km Walk AFA Fundraising 8am-Sunday, 30 April 2023

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| YOUR NAME: | | YOUR REGISTRATION NO: | |
| <p>SPONSORSHIP monies to be paid into the AFA Account BSB:032190 Account No:105386 Ref: AFA Walk OR at St Kieran's Parish Office by 27 April 2023</p> | | | |
| | SPONSOR'S NAME | SPONSOR'S PHONE NUMBER | \$ AMOUNT |
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | | | |
| 7 | | | |
| 8 | | | |
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | | | |