

# The Catholic Community of North Harbour



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IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



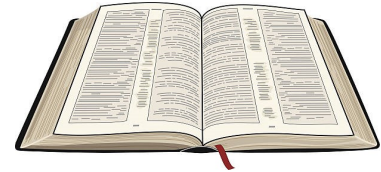
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**Ascension of the Lord**  
**Yr A**  
**May 21 2023**

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



The Readings today give us a whole new way of thinking about how Jesus is present with us in a way beyond any other we might experience. Matthew's Gospel begins by introducing Jesus as "Emmanuel – God with us" and ends with the promise of Jesus to be with his disciples until the end of time. This Feast reminds us of the ways in which the presence of Jesus is with you on life's journey.

The New Testament and the church tradition suggest a rich array of such "presences." Christ is present in the neighbour in need; in beautiful and awe-inspiring creation; when two or three are gathered; whenever the Word is proclaimed, and the Eucharist is celebrated; and the movement indwelling within us of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we do not always feel this presence, but the words of Jesus are a guarantee that no matter what is going on in my life or my community or my church, he is with us, our Emmanuel.

A reassuring hint of the way Jesus is present to us comes from the words of an early Greek Father of the Church, St. John Chrysostom, who had this to say about loved relatives and friends of ours who have died: "*They are no longer where they were, they are now wherever we are*". It is this experience of them being wherever we are that tells me in what way Jesus wants to be with us but in an even more dynamic fashion than only in our memories. He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The union between heaven and earth is reaffirmed, and raised to a new level by his presence among us. Our journey now is to prepare for that union being completed within us while recognising it has already begun. St. Augustine tells us: "For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies".

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** AFA's next Fundraiser will be the **Christmas in July Dinner** on **Saturday, 29 July 2023** which will be held in the parish centre at Manly Vale. So put this date in the diary & more details shortly.

*You're Invited to*  
**Augustinian National Lay Congress**  
**- Walking Together -**  
**7-9 July 2023 - Brisbane - Inperson or via Zoom**

We are thrilled to invite you to participate in this unique and transformative event. The Congress will take place over the weekend and will feature two outstanding speakers, roundtable discussions and interactive sessions. The focus is on how we, as a Church, can embrace Pope Francis' call for solidarity, fraternity, and welcome.

**Keynote speakers**



**Fr Joseph Farrell OSA**  
*Fr Joe is an American Augustinian and member of the General Council of the Order.*



**Patricia Gemmell**  
*Patricia's work as a facilitator on the Plenary Council led her to develop an ongoing interest in synodality.*



Bookings can be made on Trybooking via the QR code or <https://www.trybooking.com/CGTNB>  
Or contact the Parish Office

\$175 per person (lunches & evening meals included) - \$60 per person for Zoom

Venue: Villanova College 24 Sixth Avenue Coorparoo, Brisbane

For more information or accommodation info email: [laycongress2023@gmail.com](mailto:laycongress2023@gmail.com)



**National Families Week 2023** is held each year from the 15th-21st May to coincide with the United Nations [International Day of Families](#), the Week is a time to celebrate and reflect on the strengths and significance of families, make contact with extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life – no matter what form your family takes.

Resources available through the National Families Week [website](#) and at the back of both Churches.

## Sacramental Program News

### Confirmation Parents

**The Information session for Parents** will be held on Tuesday 30 May at 9.30am OR Wednesday 31 May at 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.

The link for **Online Enrolment** (and further information) for the 2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program is available via the Parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/north-harbour/sacraments/sacramental-program-enrolment>

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) for further information.

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Children's Liturgy will be held on the following Sundays this term.

St Cecilia's - June 4

St Kieran's - June 11

Thank you to all our wonderful Children's Liturgy volunteers

**Pentecost Sunday 28th MAY** will be the Parish **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**



# *Pentecost Sunday 28 May - The Birth of the Church*

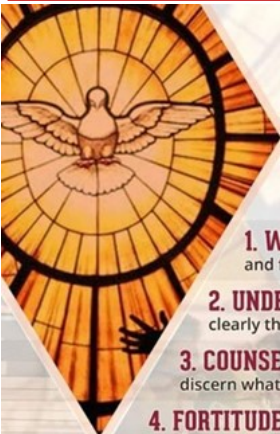
*The Feast of Pentecost brings the season of Easter to a glorious close*

*Let us celebrate - wear something red. A splash of colour or something subtle. There are many shades of red from pink to crimson to scarlet and then on to burgundy. Chose the colour that you feel reflects the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit that are yours.*

*Those welcoming you to each Mass at Pentecost will have name tags for you to wear so that we can all get to know each other by name - bring your own if you wish.*

*Please pray for everyone for this special Feast Day.*


*'We are called to be the voice of hope'*



## The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- 1. WISDOM:** helps us see the world differently and from God's point of view.
- 2. UNDERSTANDING:** enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.
- 3. COUNSEL [also known as Right Judgment]:** helps us to discern what is right and what is wrong.
- 4. FORTITUDE [also known as Courage]:** strengthens our will so that we can actually accomplish what is true, good and beautiful.
- 5. KNOWLEDGE:** enables us to discover God's will in all things.
- 6. PIETY:** helps us to love God, our merciful Father, and to obey his precepts out of love for him.
- 7. FEAR OF THE LORD [also known as Wonder and Awe]:** helps us to understand how we must depend on God for everything. In other words, he is God, we are not.

## The Fruit of the Spirit



- LOVE**  
Seeks the highest good of others.
- JOY**  
Gladness that is not based on circumstances.
- PEACE**  
Contentment, unity between people.
- PATIENCE**  
Slow to speak and slow to anger.
- KINDNESS**  
Merciful, sweet, and tender.
- GOODNESS**  
Generous and open hearted.
- FAITHFULNESS**  
Dependable, loyal, and full of trust.
- GENTLENESS**  
Humble, calm, non-threatening.
- SELF-CONTROL**  
Behaving well.



St Kieran's

# PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICE

**28TH MAY  
6:00PM**

Followed by a sausage  
sizzle & light refreshments

2 KING STREET, MANLYVALE 2096

*Youth Mass  
Next Sunday 28th May  
6pm  
St Kieran's Church*

*Everyone is invited to the Parish Youth Mass next Sunday at the 6pm Mass in celebration of Pentecost. Great music is planned and so there will be a sausage sizzle afterwards.*

*Spread the word and join the youth from our local community and schools*

***Wear something red for Pentecost***

**Readings for this week:** Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Matthew 28: 16-20  
**Responsorial Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord  
**Readings for next Sunday 28th** Acts 2:1-11 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 John 20: 19-23  
**Readers rostered for next week - Pentecost Sunday - 28th May**  
**SK 5.30pm** Rhonda, Maria **7.30am** Lea, Tim **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Caroline, Christine  
**SC 9.00am** St Cecilia's School



Rest in Peace



## ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Keogh	Bill O'Sullivan
Helen Richardson	Barry Koorey

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Laurence (Laurie) Mooney OSA	Annette Roper
Anne Hayson	Olga Buggy



## 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	Audrey Sparkes

## From ST AUGUSTINE

*“When we are harassed by poverty, saddened by bereavement, ill, or in pain, let good friends visit us. Let them be persons who not only can rejoice with those who rejoice but can weep with those who weep.” Letter 130, 2*

## Upcoming Funerals

Olga Buggy— 11am Tues 23 May  
St Cecilia's Church

PLEASE NOTE - During the month of May - the parish office shall be  
**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

## 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.*