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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one
of the least brothers
of mine, you did for me.”
- Mt 25:38-40

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 *The Lord will rescue his sheep.* | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22:1-3, 5-6,
R. see v.1 *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.* | **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him. | **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mark 11:9-10 *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia! |
GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46 *Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.*

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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)

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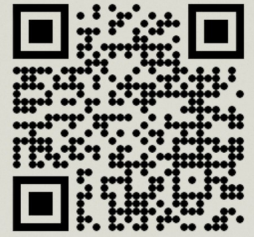
In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are some saints honoured as “patron saints”?

Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honoured as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Isn't it good to know that by providing for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare we find ourselves blessed by Jesus, seated on the right side of God?

Parents are no strangers to the corporal works of mercy. Every day we feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty (think of all those school lunches packed!) We clothe the naked (or at least pay for the clothes of those born naked). We take care of the sick and visit the imprisoned. (Think about the bars on a crib or a heartbroken teen self-imprisoned in her room.)

If we consider the spiritual works of mercy— instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead—we will discover seven more everyday opportunities for parents to be blessed.

We listen patiently to a little one as she sounds out the words in her primer. With every first-day-of-school pep talk we counsel the doubtful. We admonish the sinner when we provide Christian commentary during almost any sitcom or news report.

It's a spiritual work of mercy when we let a penitent teenager off lightly for mouthing off. And it's an opportunity to bear wrongs patiently when an “I'm sorry” from the offender isn't forthcoming. Parents comfort babies suffering from colic and adolescents afflicted with acne.

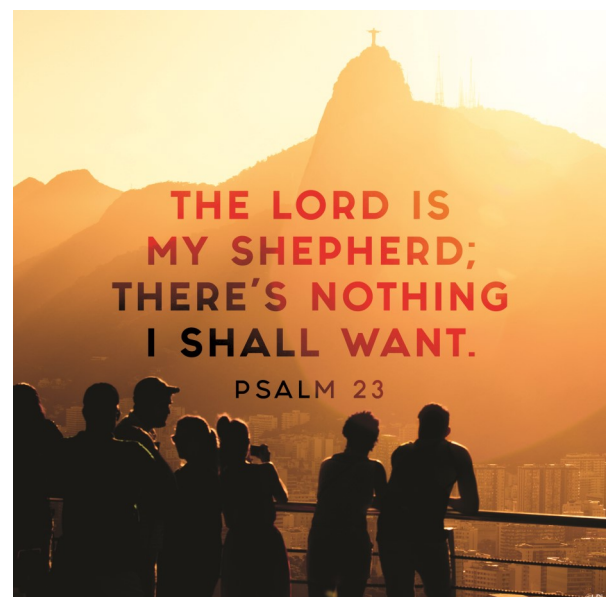
Sometimes we think in order to be a saint we have to have visions or die as a missionary. But if we listen to this Gospel reading, it is fairly clear that the path to heaven runs right through our kitchen and family room.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Plan a special meal for no particular reason except to celebrate being a family. Let everyone have a part in the preparations, decorations, and clean-up.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

List all the good things in your life. List all the good things about yourself. Ponder your goodness and blessings.



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The Gospel for Sunday proclaims the famous story Jesus told of the sheep and goats. The way we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is so important to our faith that it actually determines our eternal destiny. Your challenge this week is to go on a mini-retreat (10 minutes is fine). Read Matthew 25:31-46 slowly and prayerfully. Then close your eyes and ask God to help you identify the least of *your* brothers and sisters. Who are the people whom Jesus wants you to feed, clothe, visit, or minister to in some special way? Now hold these people in your heart as you ask God to help you discern which person or group you are called to help right now. What do they need that you can provide? Live out the Gospel call to feed or shelter or clothe or visit them.



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

With Christmas season ahead of us, remember that this is a time for feasting for some but deprivation for others. Make a conscious effort to follow Pope Francis' encouragement to give thanks to God before and after meals. It will "remind us of our dependence on God for life ... and strengthen our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation."



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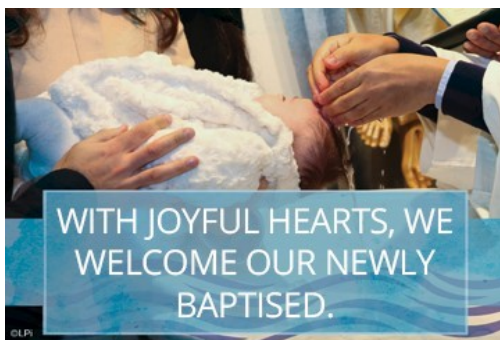
SICK CALLS

AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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AFTER HOURS:
(Evenings & Weekends)
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Charlie & Alfie Greenwood
children of Leigh & Laura

Frankie & Oscar Merillo
children of Phillip & Victoria

Kourtney Gilvizon
child of Arvin & Jamille

Charles & Lachlan
children of Christopher & Camille

Beau Dowler
Child of Rebecca & Nicholas

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Paul Pearson, Fred Jackson, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Janet Mary Cave, Audrey Murphy, Patricia Anne Thackeray

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Ennis, Joseph Heng, Libby Walsh,
Bill Lovell, Frank Hakvoort

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



AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION
AFA SPIRITUALITY DAY

**ECHOES of St Augustine's
Conversion Experience**

Fr Percival Severe OSA
Facilitator

02 December 2023
9:30 AM - 12:45 PM
MASS @ 12 NOON

AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION HOUSE
60C ALFRED ROAD BROOKVALE NSW 2100

Everyone is welcome

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**Children's
Liturgy of the
Word**

**NORTH HARBOUR
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

TERM 4 DATES

ST CECILIA'S, BALGOWLAH, 9AM
Dec 3, Dec 10

ST KIERAN'S, MANLY VALE, 9.30AM
Nov 12 (6pm), Dec 3, Dec 10



GETTING STARTED WITH AN
Advent Wreath

On 3 December we begin with the new Liturgical Year – Year B. As we enter the Season of Advent, we encourage you to reintroduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath.



Take home with you a tri-fold brochure available in the foyer that explains on how to get started with an Advent Wreath.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal



**APPEAL WEEKEND:
2-3 DECEMBER**

You may scan the QR code if you wish to donate online. Vinnies donation envelopes will be available next weekend.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the AFA Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 4 November. With everyone's help and generosity we raised **\$4,730** which is fantastic. Thank you to all those who couldn't attend but gave a donation or purchased a ticket for an Augustinian. Many thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes which was greatly appreciated. To our two major sponsors Wilson Family Funerals and Cunninghams Real Estate we thank you too for your continued support and generosity.

AFA would like to thank you all very much for your support throughout this year and we wish all our AFA members, friends and the parishioners of North Harbour Parish a very Holy Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful 2024.

God bless from Adriana & the AFA Committee Members



It's heartwarming to hear that Lea and her family are looking forward to the Advent Season next weekend to pray together as a family and light their advent candles. This is a beautiful tradition that many families follow during Advent.

If you're interested in following Lea and her family, you can check out the brochures in the foyer on how to prepare your own Advent wreath.

Feel free to share your family pictures to us with your own advent wreath.

"A family that prays together, stays together."



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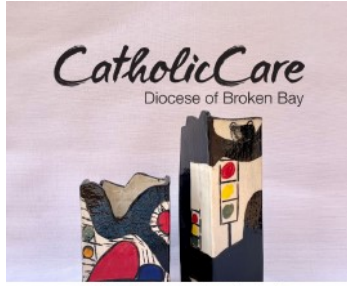
We are looking for volunteers who would like to be involved in the following Ministries:

- MUSIC MINISTRY**
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**
- WELCOMER AT MASS**
- SENIOR SERVER**
- READER AT MASS**
- ALTAR LINEN CARE**
- COLLECTORS AT MASS**
- POWERPOINT MINISTER**



TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Sign-up forms are available in the foyer. Place the completed forms in the box provided. Thank you.



BROOKVALE ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2023

SHOWCASING & CELEBRATING TAROOKI ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM MAKING

Friday 1 December 2023

3.30pm – 7.00pm

9B/44 Wattle Road Brookvale (front door entry only)

Our talented artists, photographers and film makers are holding an exhibition of their works. Unique ceramics, paintings large and small, photographs to inspire and films to enjoy!

You will have plenty of time to peruse these wonderful works.

Please note cash and card sales are both available. If you purchase a photograph or canvas a sold sticker will be placed on the item and pick up will be arranged at a later time.



Tickets available to purchase in advance or with cash on the day. Exciting prize packs to be won including sporting goods, family packs and gourmet kitchen packs. All monies generated will go towards purchasing materials for the artists for their creative adventures.

1 ticket \$2 | 3 tickets \$5 | 10 tickets \$10

Winners drawn at 7.00pm Friday 1 December. You will be contacted if you win.

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

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MINISTRY OF WELCOME (GREETER)

Our Welcome Team is comprised of volunteers who greet and assist parishioners and visitors attending Mass. Members are expected to be available for service during the Mass they attend. The Team also receives training as necessary.



FOR ENQUIRIES:

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Fr. Senan Ward had a dream to find a church dedicated to the 6th century monk, St. Senan. The search took him on a journey, over many years, which culminated in a mass, in the inaccessible historic town of Yerranderie, NSW. To hear and see how this historical story unfolded, join us in the Parish Centre.

Thursday, 30th November at 7pm



YOU CAN HELP A FAMILY AT BREAKING POINT THIS CHRISTMAS

DONATE TODAY

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all those who took with them the Christmas Hamper cards last weekend.

Hampers are due on the 10th of December at the Parish Office.

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Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Visit people who are sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given to me.

Mission

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Lord, I will not quit until You gather all the fragments of myself from my present scatteredness and deformity, and unite them and cement them for eternity into the peace of our dear homeland, my God, my Mercy.

Confessions 12, 16

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (3 DECEMBER): 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

1st Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

We know not the hour the Lord will come.

**2 DEC, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server

David

Reader 1

Bob

Reader 2

John
Cecilia

Music

Parish Choir

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

**3 DEC, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server

Jo

Reader 1

Judith

Reader 2

Jenny

Music

None

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

**3 DEC, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S**

Senior Server

Cecilia

Reader 1

Louise

Reader 2

Ailis

Music

Anushka

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Julien

**3 DEC, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server

Michael

Reader 1

Brian C

Reader 2

Kate

Music

Harvest

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

**3 DEC, 6PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server

Marisa

Reader 1

Louise

Reader 2

Catherine

Music

Ben

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 26 NOVEMBER

Mon 27 Nov: Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Tue 28 Nov: Tuesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Wed 29 Nov: Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Thu 30 Nov: St Andrew, apostle

Fri 1 Dec: Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Sat 2 Dec: Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

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Fr Abel van der Veer, OSA E vabelvanderveer@gmail.com (Retired)

Fr Senan Ward, OSA E senanward@bigpond.com (Chaplain, St. Augustine's College, Brookvale)

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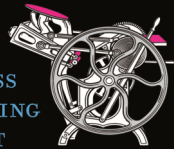
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