# The Catholic Community of North Harbour

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



Cnr White & Wanganella Sts

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2 King Street

23rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Year C—4 Sept 2022

# **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – 'The Names of our Fathers!'**



#### Dear Friends,

At times, the Church may seem to lack a sense of humour, taking things far too seriously, and needs to 'lighten up' a bit more. I find some of the Church's (perhaps unintentional) humour in the patronage of the saints, for example, St Joseph of Cupertino, Patron of Aviators, because he used to levitate during prayer! Then there is St Clare of Assisi who lay ill in bed one Christmas and had a vision of the Christ child on her wall and heard the hymns – Patron Saint of Television!

I mention these to lighten the shock of today's Gospel passage from Luke which refers to a disciple needing to *'hate his father, mother, wife, children, etc'* – all on Father's Day!! The context, Jesus invitation to the Kingdom and the supreme good in accepting Jesus' call, softens this statement.

In our day, our men need affirmation and care. The many 'models' of manhood – from the sensitive to the combative - can confuse the young seeking role models, especially among sports stars and men with high public profiles. Our Dads can offer the lead here.

Our Dads and Mums have the joy of choosing our names. In a homily last Tuesday, Fr Jepser reminded us of how we are given our names and mentioned that, among native Americans, naming of boys is sometimes delayed until the child's personality begins to emerge and a suitable name can be chosen. What a privilege for our fathers and mothers to choose the name by which God will call us for the rest of our lives!

On this Father's Day, I share with you some thoughts of Pope Francis as he reflects on the Our Father and the importance of earthly fathers. He wants to let fathers know that they're not alone and he offers the following simple advice that fathers can take to heart:

**Be present to your family** – 'The first thing needed is this, that the father be present in the family. That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joys and sorrows, hardships and hopes. A father needs to be close to the children as they grow up; when they are playing and when they are working on a task; when they are carefree and when they are troubled.' He adds that being present doesn't mean being in control, though. 'Fathers who control too much are crushing their children, they are not letting them grow up.'

**Be patient** – He mentions the story of the prodigal son, better described as the story of the merciful father. 'What dignity and tenderness there is in how the father stands at the door of the house, waiting for his son to come back! Fathers have to be patient. So many times there is nothing that can be done but wait in patience, kindness, generosity, and mercy, and pray.'

**Correct without discouraging your children -** Patience and forgiveness go hand in hand for fathers but this doesn't meant that you can't correct your children, but be aware to correct without discouragement. Pope Francis shared a story: 'One time at a conference on the topic of marriage, I heard a dad say, 'Sometimes I have to discipline my kids a little, but I never humiliate them.'' How beautiful! The father has a sense of dignity. He has to reprimand, but he does it in the right way, to correct behaviour, and then moves on.'

**Recognize the importance of fathers -** The presence of a father is an undeniable, immeasurable gift in the life of children. 'For the younger generations,' Pope Francis said, 'fathers are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in the goodness, of faith in the justice, and faith in the protection of God, like Saint Joseph.' He went on, 'Children need to find a father who is waiting for them when they return from their failures. These children will do all they can in order not to admit their mistakes, not to let their embarrassment show, but they need this security. Not finding their father at the door opens wounds inside them that are difficult to heal.'

On this Father's Day, we affirm and give thanks for our fathers, both living and deceased.

Fr Done





**NOMINATIONS PROCESS -** <u>Parishioners are invited to nominate a fellow parishioner to the PPC OR</u> to indicate their own interest. Forms to facilitate this are available with the weekly bulletin emailed to you or at the door of both our churches. Please speak to the person beforehand. PLEASE RETURN THE FORM ACCOMPANYING THIS BULLETIN TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2022.



# RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I wish to nominate the following member of our Parish community as a possible candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council, The Catholic Community of North Harbour.

## RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE:

NAME:

ADDRESS/PHONE:

I believe this person would bring the following qualities, talents, experiences, etc

RECOMMENDED BY:

Contact details (email or phone no.)

You are encouraged to tell the person the reasons for your recommendation.

## Five qualities of a parish pastoral council member

- Have the time to give: to prepare for and attend up to 10 meetings a year and attend important parish functions.
- Be able to think in terms of the whole parish rather than representing any particular interest group.
- 3. Be able to work comfortably with others in a collaborative manner.
- Have a vision for the future of the parish while conscious of its heritage and the contributions of the past.
- Be a person who is alert to the needs of the church and relates well with the wider community.



**IVFRCARIFC** 

Keith Poole	Shirley Pollock		
Rafaele Tucci			
RECENTLY DECEASED			
Anne Turner	Tom Barry		
Anthony Evans	Elizabetta Sganzweka		
Corinna Rigato	Betty Flowers		
Anne Gordon	Jonathan Keil		
Charles Bopf	Mark Lazaga		

#### For those with ILLNESS

Dave Kinder	Michaellennen	Nouislla Talashi	Maula Maaawan
Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop
Yvonne Taylor	Jenny B	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Simone Young	Bob McEwan
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	Zara Sapounas	

### **From St Augustine**

### Increase my faith, Lord, increase my hope, and increase my love! How wonderful and unmatched is Your goodness!



### Soliloquies 1, 1

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sanitiser



if unwell

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distancing



at a safe

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**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**

10.30am Sun. by appointment
9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month
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	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.