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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31  
*Saul joins the apostles.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26  
*I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

1 John 3:18-24  
*We are in God and God in us.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:4-5  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

John 15:1-8  
*Jesus the vine, the Father, the vinegrower.*

## 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, 5pm

*\* 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.



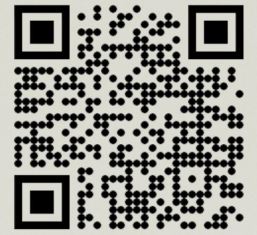
# WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

### Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonisation process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinising it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonisation, and we can call them "Saint." ©LPi

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

This reading gives us a clear picture of who we are as Christians and what is expected of us. When Jesus tells us, "I am the vine, you are the branches," he offers us a strong metaphor regarding our relationship to him. Indeed, we will know how strong that relationship is by the fruit we bear.

And what fruit do we look for in a Christian's life? Certainly not the same rewards and benefits offered in the secular world. We don't count money, possessions or position as fruit on Jesus' vine. The blossoms and fruit on Jesus' vine reflect the life force that feeds it. The product of Jesus' vine is the reproduction of his life-giving love in kind acts, healing actions and our own loving relationships.

This is an important message to hand on to our children. Christians have a different gauge to judge success. It is not how much we have that marks us as a winner; it is how much we love. We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, and as long as we stay connected to Jesus, his courage, his strength, his love will flow through us.

Like all healthy fruit, our actions and relationships will bear their own seeds and new vines will grow and the branches will multiply. Jesus wants us to know that he is our life force, and with him we are strong enough to overcome anything and accomplish everything.

### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Decide as a family who the real winners you know are using the criteria of how much a person loves us as a gauge of a person's success.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Do you find it hard to gauge your own success as a person by how much you love others and your loving actions?



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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

On May 1st we honor St. Joseph as the patron saint of workers. Did you know that May 1 is also Holocaust Remembrance Day? That might sound grim; after all, who wants to remember something so unspeakably evil? But the maxim that those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it has been proven true time and time again in human history. Remembering the holocaust is one way to ensure that we never again experience a similar event. Your challenge this week is to reflect on the holocaust which took place in Hitler's Germany. Discuss as a household what you know about it. Research why it happened, and how Hitler got so many people caught up in trying to exterminate an entire race of people. Then ask yourself what little steps of prejudice and hatred led up to the big "Final Solution" of seeking extinction for the entire Jewish people. Commit yourself and your family to confronting one of the little steps towards racism or prejudice wherever you see it. This might be as simple as standing up to people who make jokes at the expense of a particular group of people; it could mean advocating with the government to oppose regimes across the world which engage in genocide. Whatever you decide to do, hold all of the victims of the holocaust in your heart as you work to make sure that history does not repeat itself. Help the victims to not have died in vain.



## 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.

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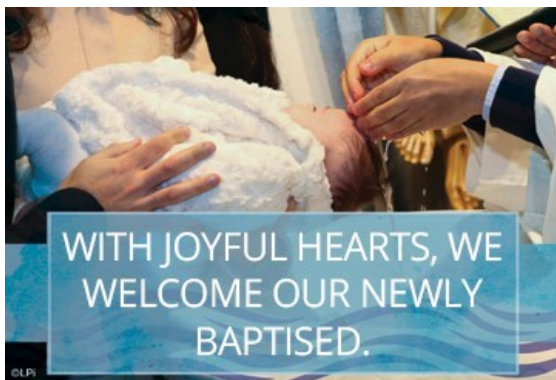
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## CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

*"Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."* -1 John 3:18. Put your care for creation into action this week. This week, replace your old lightbulbs with energy efficient ones. Replace store-bought cleaners (which contain harsh chemicals that can be destructive to the environment) with homemade and/or natural cleaners such as vinegar, lemon juice, baking soda, or biodegradable cleaners. Search online for easy-to-make recipes for common house-cleaning solutions.

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Angus & Elena  
children of Iain & Alicia

Charlotte & Harper  
children of Blake & Brunna

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

### SICK:

Greg Keogh, Paul Pearson, Greg Hyde  
Elaine Guy, Qing Tong Zhang, Yvonne Taylor

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Langhorn, Tom Greally, Maria Kogovsek,  
Jill Chapman, Janice Lowe, Lonore Girard, Keith Druery

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Moscrop, Mons Eugene Harley, Bellardo Torres,  
Jeanne McGlynn, Andrew Oh, Cosimo & Antonia Maiolo, Cecily Courtenay

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  
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# BAKERS NEEDED!

Help us prepare for our Pentecost celebration by baking dove cookies!

Recipe, cookie cutters and decorations will be provided.

To volunteer or for more information, contact the Parish Office.



## Community Forum

**All are invited as we launch into the Community Engagement phase of the Project**

11am - 12pm Saturday 4 May 2024  
OLGC Catholic Primary School Hall, 11 Currie Rd, Forestville




**Register Here**



## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*for adults*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**19 MAY 2024**  
**9:30AM**

*(candidates please arrive and be seated with their Sponsors by 9:15AM)*

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL, WAITARA**

All candidates must complete the relevant form and submit it to the Parish Office, along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.

Two weeks ago, representatives from our parish joined Briefing Circles to learn more about the Pastoral Discernment process.

We're excited to share that the Pastoral Discernment journey will launch on May 4. All are invited to come together to listen to and learn about the process and share in the conversation.

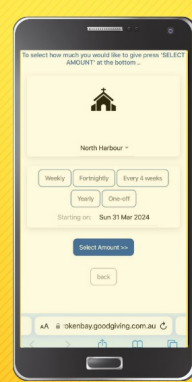

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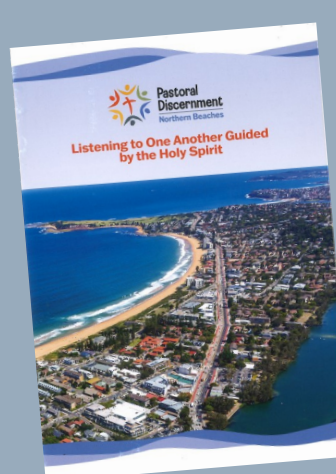



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## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

We work to promote social justice in our society. We provide opportunities for parishioners to be involved in making a difference to our society.

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EVERY FRIDAY  
AFTER THE  
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CHURCH

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Spend time in the presence of Jesus Christ and experience His love and peace.



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

**Youth  
MASS**

Sunday 12 May, 5pm

St Kieran's Catholic Church  
2 King St., Manly Vale 2093 NSW

All welcome!

followed by a sausage sizzle & light refreshments

Suitable for 2 years to Preschool Age

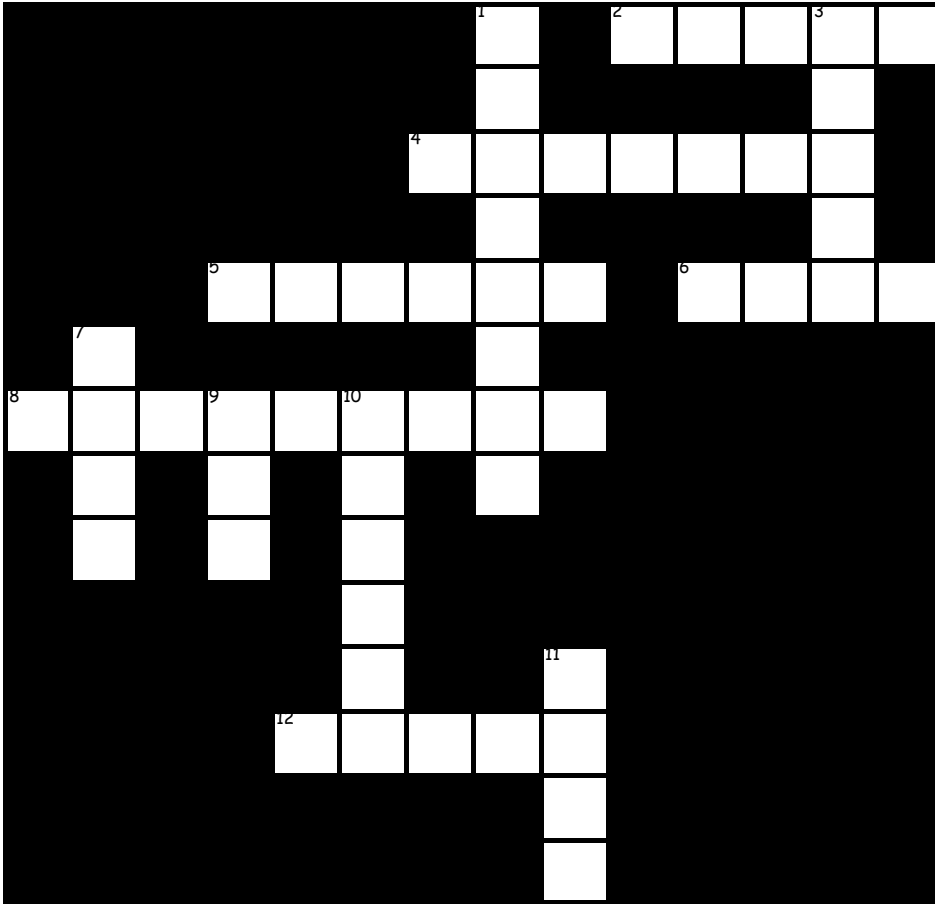
**Little Kieran's  
Playgroup**

Term 2  
10th May  
17th May  
24th May  
31st May  
7th June

**Weekly on Fridays  
9.00am- 10.15am**

- Teacher led with a school readiness approach
- Form connections with other local families
- Engaging crafts and sporting activities
- Play-based learning in an inclusive setting

St Kieran's Parish Hall- 2 King St, Manly Vale



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

*I am the vine and you are the branches.*

### ACROSS

- 2: teachers do this
- 4: Jesus explained to his disciples, 'If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will \_\_\_\_ lots of fruit.'
- 5: Jesus said, 'When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my \_\_\_\_ will be honoured.'
- 6: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am the \_\_\_\_ and you are the branches.'
- 8: Jesus' closest friends and followers were called his \_\_\_\_\_
- 12: apples and bananas are both types of \_\_\_\_

### DOWN

- 1: someone who looks after gardens
- 3: if something is not dirty it is \_\_\_\_
- 7: the opposite of yours
- 9: you do this with scissors
- 10: saying a \_\_\_\_ is a good way to speak to God
- 11: remain

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### Sharing the Gospel

When you go into a strange place, you like to stay close to your parents. You trust them to keep you safe. Jesus wants you to stay close to him every day. Jesus is your vine. You are one of his branches. Learn his teachings and obey them. When you stay close to Jesus and follow his commandments, you can pray for whatever you want, and God the Father will answer your prayers.

### Prayer

Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.

### Mission

I will love God more than anything and love my neighbours as myself.

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## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





*You are my strength, O Lord, so that I may stand firm in this world against all temptation. But if there are many who trouble me, You are my refuge.*

Commentary on Psalm 70 (1), 5

- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (5 MAY): SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48  
*The Holy Spirit descends on Jews and Gentiles alike.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2  
*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

1 John 4:7-10  
*One without love does not know God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

John 15:9-17  
*Live on in Christ.*

**4 MAY, 5.30PM**  
**ST KIERAN'S**

*Senior Server*  
David

*Readers*  
Val  
Cecilia

*Music*  
Parish Choir

*Communion Min*  
Volunteer needed

*Powerpoint*  
Volunteer needed

*Welcomers*  
Volunteers needed

**5 MAY, 7.30AM**  
**ST KIERAN'S**

*Senior Server*  
Jo

*Readers*  
Judith  
Jenny

*Music*  
None

*Communion Min*  
Volunteer needed

*Powerpoint*  
Volunteer needed

*Welcomers*  
Volunteers needed

**5 MAY, 9AM**  
**ST CECILIA'S**

*Senior Server*  
TBA

*Readers*  
Michael H  
Michael C

*Music*  
TBA

*Communion Min*  
Volunteer needed

*Powerpoint*  
Volunteer needed

*Welcomers*  
Pauline

**5 MAY, 9.30AM**  
**ST KIERAN'S**

*Senior Server*  
Michael

*Readers*  
Brian C  
Kate

*Music*  
Harvest

*Communion Min*  
Volunteer needed

*Powerpoint*  
Volunteer needed

*Welcomers*  
Volunteers needed

**5 MAY, 5PM**  
**ST KIERAN'S**

*Senior Server*  
Marisa

*Readers*  
Louise  
Catherine

*Music*  
Ben

*Communion Min*  
Volunteer needed

*Powerpoint*  
Volunteer needed

*Welcomers*  
Volunteers needed

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 28 APRIL

**Mon 29 Apr:** St Catherine of Siena, virgin, Doctor of the Church  
**Tue 30 Apr:** Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter  
**Wed 1 May:** Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter  
**Thu 2 May:** St Athanasius, bishop, Doctor of the Church  
**Fri 3 May:** Sts Philip and James, apostles  
**Sat 4 May:** Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter

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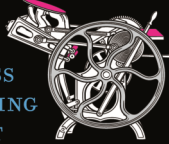
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