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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

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1ST READING
Jeremiah 33:14-16
The day is coming when the Lord will fulfil his promises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2ND READING
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Psalm 84:8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
Luke 21:25-28. 34-36
Be ready for the second coming.

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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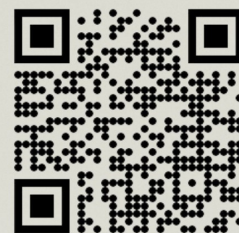


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same colour for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose colour. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the colour and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas. ©LPi

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

My generation worries, as did generations before, about how quickly the world is changing. We've watched technological development escalate. We see the global scope of poverty and the rising horrors of terrorism and genocide. We live in an age of constant alteration and altercation, and we are worried. Parents today are responsible for preparing children for a future none of us can even imagine. We have no idea what questions or decisions today's children will face. Yet somehow, in the few precious years from infancy to adulthood, parents must equip their youngsters with the tools that will help them not only survive, but also do well, while revitalizing the world they inherit.

Certainly one of the key factors in facing the uncertainties of the future is belief in a greater reality, and hope in a higher power. So much is possible and bearable when you believe in a loving God who promises not only to be with you but also in you. So much is possible and bearable when you know you are a part of something that is true and good, bigger and stronger than our chaotic world. So much is possible and bearable when you know you are not alone and can count on the support of others who will be there for you and with you. These are important truths in an uncertain world—important for grown-ups, too.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask each person to share the best thing that happened to him or her this week. What was most difficult?

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What are your hopes and concerns for the year ahead? What were the highlights from last year?

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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week marks the beginning of Advent. We are challenged by the Scriptures to be alert and vigilant, and to recognize that the Messiah the Jews prayed for would bring justice to our world. The first reading describes Jerusalem in the era of the Messiah as "The Lord Our Justice." Your challenge this week is to reflect on how you have helped bring more justice into the world, and to pay attention (being very vigilant) to an injustice that exists in your local community. Then decide as a household one specific step you can take to end the injustice and uphold the human rights of all.



CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

When we hear news these days of terrible natural disasters — floods, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, etc.—it is easy to feel fearful and worried about the future of our world. Sometimes our fear can paralyze us. When that happens, it can help to do something, anything, to combat the changes happening in our climate. Rather than feel powerless, decide on at least one thing you can do to be a better steward of creation, whether it's eating less meat, reducing your car trips, touring a recycling plant, starting a compost bin, or *anything* else you can think of that reduces your environmental impact.



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.

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 & Weekends)
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Abigail Everleigh
daughter of Patrick & Lauren

Eva Lilou Marie
daughter of Benjamin & Aurelie

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Colin Patmore, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson,
Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Pat Cooper, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bruno Scalercio, Peggy Gallagher, Joseph Heng,
Brian Parkinson, Edwin Greenup, John Grafitti, Frank Pike

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria, James Smyth, Bill Lovell

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
office@nhcatholic.org.au

Congratulations



PHILLIP COONEY

FOR 15 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AS A CATECHIST AND 25 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR HIS LATE WIFE, MARINA

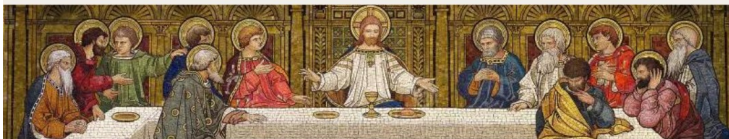
Phillip and other catechists received long-service awards from Fr David Ranson, Vicar General, during an end-of-year Mass for Catechists from Broken Bay celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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JOURNEY THROUGH THE ADVENT SEASON WITH THESE DAILY REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD.

BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYERS OF BOTH CHURCHES.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER
OF PRIESTHOOD OF

Deacon Joseph Van Tu Nguyen, o.s.a

MASS OF ORDINATION

7. 12. 2024

11:00AM, St Kieran's
Church, Manly Vale

THANKSGIVING MASS

8.12.2024

9:30AM, St Kieran's
Church, Manly Vale

Refreshments to follow both Masses.
Please bring a plate to share.



PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

On Sunday, December 29, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in Rome, officially beginning the Jubilee Year - the Year of Hope.

For resources and the official Jubilee Prayer, please scan the QR code.



BARRY AND JOYCE SMITH, PARISHIONERS AT ST KIERAN'S SINCE 1964, ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK, BOTH AGED 90. THEY WERE MARRIED AT ST LAWRENCE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FORBES IN 1954 BY REVEREND FR MAXWELL.

A VERY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FROM ALL OF US!

Advent Reflection Day

9 DECEMBER, 9:30AM - 2PM

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- Hands-on craft
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MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

WED 4 DECEMBER
10AM
ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

MORNING TEA TO FOLLOW AFTER
MASS AT THE PARISH CENTRE

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

CARDS AVAILABLE AT ST
KIERAN'S. PLEASE TAKE A
CARD AND A BOX, FILL
AND RETURN BY 15 DECEMBER.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT
AND GENEROSITY!**

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN OUR
CHURCHES, OR USE QR CODE

**St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

Christmas Volunteers Needed!

We are calling for volunteers
to assist at our Christmas
Masses as welcomers,
collectors, Communion
ministers and more.

If you can help, please put
your contact details on the
sign up sheets available in our
churches. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO Our Parish Volunteers!

YOUR SUPPORT, KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HAS BEEN SO
APPRECIATED.

ST KIERAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

Our participation in the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday November 11 at Manly Dam was a wonderful and positive experience for our students. The Civics and Citizenship Year 6 Leadership Team were great ambassadors for our school. Charlie S presented an inspiring talk on the impact that General Sir John Monash had on Australia's contribution to WW1. Maddie R and Tash M lay a wreath at the foot of the monument.

Congratulations to every single student that attended the Swimming Carnival last Friday, whether they swam or supported they were part of a very supportive school community. The sportsmanship was exceptional and it was great to see a huge amount of positive and enthusiastic supporters cheering on all those who swam.



Sharing the Gospel

When you are baptised, God gives you grace to help obey his commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.

Prayer

Lord, send me graces so I love you above everything.

Mission

I will pray every morning that my family sees and stays on God's path.

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Promoting a safer *Church*

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the LIFE of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING
is everyone's responsibility



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





*O Lord, my god, You alone do I love. You alone do I follow. You alone do I seek.
You alone am I prepared to serve, for You alone justly rule,
and under Your authority I long to be.*
Soliloquies 1, 1
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (8 DECEMBER): 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

1ST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off your robe of mourning, put on the splendour of glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2ND READING

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

He who has begun the good work in you will bring it to completion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance.

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

Senior Server
Louise

Readers

Bob
John

Music

Parish Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

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

Senior Server
Joseph

Readers

Andrew
Elsie

Music

None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

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

Senior Server
Ilde

Readers

Ana
Stephanie

Music

Love thy Nbr

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Maria

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

Senior Server
Catherine

Readers

Cathie
Dale

Music

Anushka

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

**8 DEC, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S**

Senior Server
Claire-Louise

Readers

Jo
Rodney

Music

Vicky & Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 1 DECEMBER

Mon 2 Dec: Monday of the 1st Week of Advent
Tue 3 Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest
Wed 4 Dec: Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent
Thu 5 Dec: Thursday of the 1st Week of Advent
Fri 6 Dec: Friday of the 1st Week of Advent
Sat 7 Dec: St Ambrose, Doctor of the Church

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