

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Lk 3:4*

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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.*

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)

*Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms.
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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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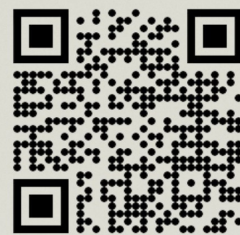


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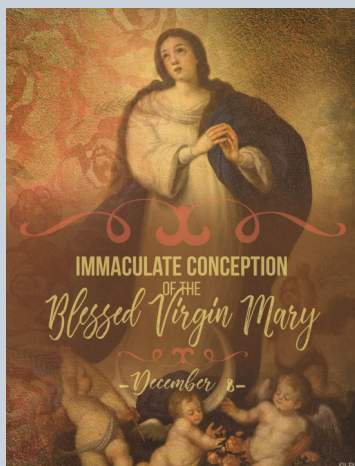
WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What's the feast of the Immaculate Conception?

Answer:

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady! ©LPI



BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

God calls each of us to a close, intimate relationship. Toddlers and teens, grown-ups and elders are all invited to share in God's love. The invitation is extended in all sorts of ways: through Scripture and study; through friends, relatives and acquaintances; in quiet spaces and noisy places.

But God especially counts on parents to issue the invitation to children, to introduce them to a loving God and to nurture their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our church baptizes infants because we trust that children will be nourished by their parents' faith until they are old enough to claim their own.

Like John the Baptist, parents are expected to prepare the way so their children will be open to accepting God's personal invitation.

This can be done in subtle ways, such as creating a Christian environment at home with crucifixes and Bibles or beginning family rituals, such as nightly prayer or seasonal devotions (such as praying together around an Advent wreath).

But the most effective way for children to know who God is and what God asks of them is by listening to and watching the people who are most important to them. If God is going to be a reality in their lives, children must see in actions and hear in words that God is a reality in the lives of their mothers and fathers. For children, God's invitation to a forever relationship is best delivered personally through the words and example of their parents.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask each family member to find something in the house that makes him or her think about God or faith. Talk about what each person finds.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Are you comfortable talking about your faith with your family? Why or why not?

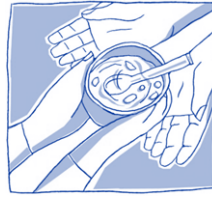
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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week we celebrate two important feasts of Mary—the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Even though she was conceived without sin and became the Mother of God, Mary never ceased to be an advocate for the poor. In her Magnificat, she praised God for lifting up the meek and the lowly. And she told Juan Diego, a poor indigenous Mexican man, that he had dignity and that she loved him. This week's challenge is to pray in solidarity with those of Mexican descent who have a special devotion to Our Lady. If your parish doesn't have a special celebration the morning of December 12, find one that does and join in serenading this special woman.



CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"The tree was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches." —Ezekiel 31:7

What kind of Christmas tree should you buy: artificial or natural? If you plan to keep the same artificial tree for at least 15 years, then having a reusable one can be a good idea. Otherwise, a cultivated natural tree offers the benefit of having absorbed CO₂ during its lifetime and has not been removed from a forest, disturbing its ecological niche. Many cities will pick up these trees in early January and turn them into mulch. An even more environmentally-friendly solution is to buy a small potted evergreen, dig up a volunteer tree in your yard that's in the "wrong" space, or trim a branch from a tree on your property instead. All can provide some greenery inside during the winter and potted evergreens can be transplanted outside in the spring for reforestation.



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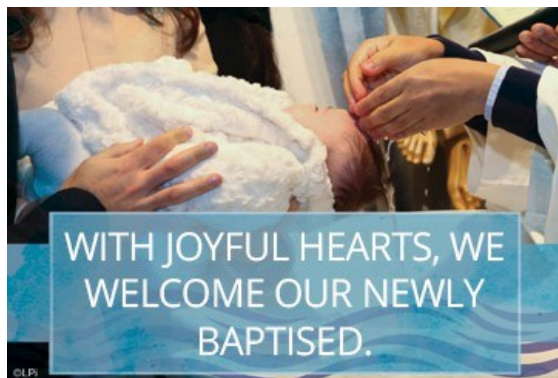
Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

BUSINESS HOURS:
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(Evenings & Weekends)
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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:

Maria Jakusic, Antonio Coniglio, Peggy Gallagher, Joseph Heng, Brian Parkinson, Edwin Greenup

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Nguyen, Jack Dellagiacoma, John Ardill, Peter McCarthy, Cecile Hakvoort

Matteo Momodu
Son of Ruhollah & Tayla

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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Christmas MASS TIMES
@ North Harbour

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
St Kieran's Manly Vale
5:00PM | 7:30PM
St Cecilia's Balgowlah
5:00PM | 7:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
St Kieran's Manly Vale
7:30AM | 9:30AM
St Cecilia's Balgowlah
9:00AM

Congratulations



FR TU NGUYEN, OSA

ON YOUR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD!

We wish you every blessing as you begin your journey as a priest. Thank you for your presence in our community! May God bless and support you in your continued faithful ministry to His people.

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!



JOIN US

Christmas Eve Family Mass

5:00PM | ST KIERAN'S



Kids can dress as an angel or a shepherd!




Amazing Christmas music!



Help during the Nativity, or as a Eucharistic minister or collector!



Live baby Jesus!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

HAPPENING NEXT WEEKEND
in our Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word
15 December, 9:30AM at St Kieran's

Children are invited to participate in hearing the Gospel, singing, and doing activities together.

Parish Christmas Closure Dates

The office will close at 4:30PM on Friday, December 20. It will reopen at 9AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.



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.



You're invited To CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

St Mary's Catholic Church
Enter from Denison St, School Entrance
11am - 1pm

This year we will be providing a Take Away Picnic Lunch and gift.

There will be some tables set up under the big tree if you wish to enjoy your Picnic with some other guests.

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are **always welcome** to come along!!

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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

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN OUR CHURCHES, OR USE QR CODE



St Vincent de Paul Society NSW *good works*

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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

BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYERS OF BOTH CHURCHES.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Make a straight path for the Lord.

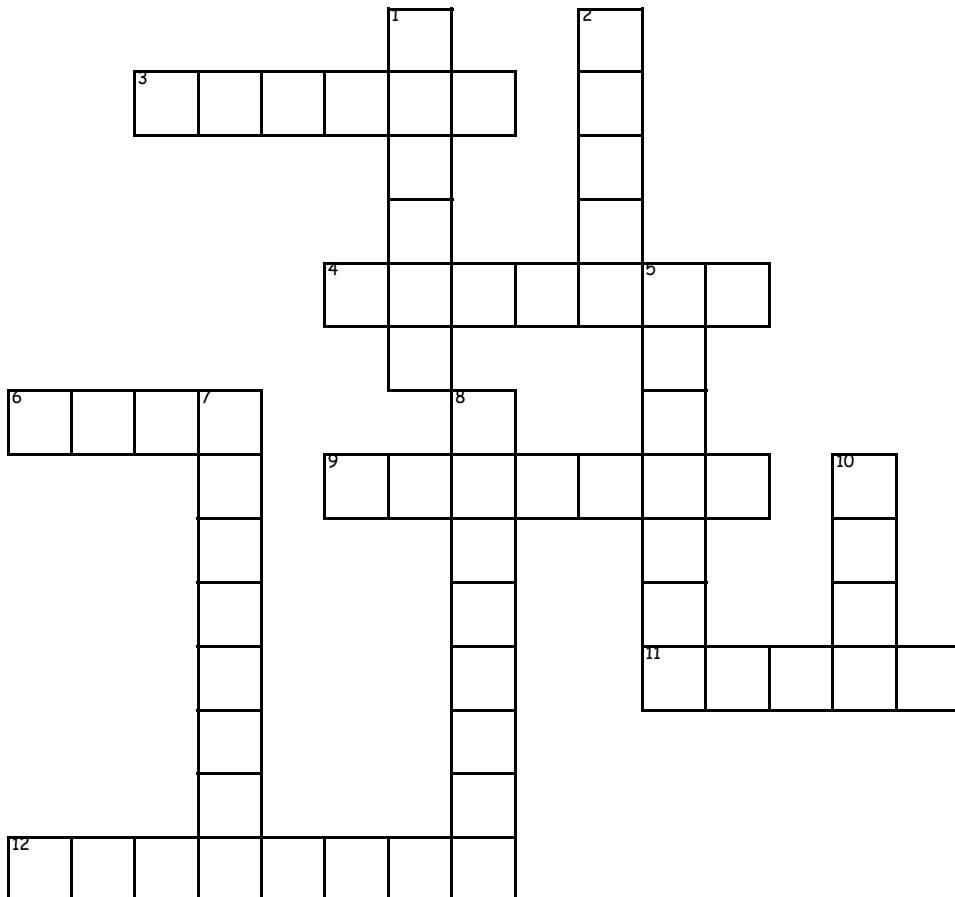
ACROSS

- 3: the low land between hills
 4: someone who speaks on behalf of God
 6: bad deeds
 9: something that is not straight
 11: to be prepared
 12: Jesus lets our sins be _____

DOWN

- 1: a barren land
 2: not smooth
 5: the ruler of an empire
 7: speaking in a loud voice
 8: a very high land mass
 10: a passage for travelling

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Sharing the Gospel

At a river close to your church, John the Baptist says, "Turn back to God and be baptized." After your baptism, he gives you a backpack that says, "I Am a Forgiven Child of God." Inside it are wisdom, love, and forgiveness. Wisdom shows the difference between good and evil roads. Love makes you strong enough to say, "Yes" to good, and "No" to evil ways. Be happy. God's love and forgiveness will welcome you into heaven.

Prayer

Father, thank you for wisdom love, and forgiveness of baptism.

Mission

If I hurt others, I will say, "I am sorry. Please forgive me."

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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.





Let our beautiful God, the Word with God, come to us
that we may gaze upon Him with the eyes of our minds.
Commentary on Psalm 44, 3
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (15 DECEMBER): 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

1ST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Shout for joy, sing joyfully.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6
*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel.*

2ND READING

Philippians 4:4-7
Rejoice, the Lord is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)
Alleluia, alleluia!
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon
me; he sent me to bring Good
News to the poor. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:10-18
*John announces the coming of
the Messiah.*

14 DEC, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Stephen

Readers
Val
John
Phillip

Music
Filipino Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

15 DEC, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Andrew
Elsie

Music
None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

15 DEC, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Ian

Readers
Phil
Sandra

Music
The Conmen

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Gai

15 DEC, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Adrian

Readers
Cathie
Dale

Music
Emmanuel

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

15 DEC, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Edelvine

Readers
Jo
Rodney

Music
Sam

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 8 DECEMBER

Mon 9 Dec: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 10 Dec: Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Advent
Wed 11 Dec: Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Advent
Thu 12 Dec: Thursday of the 2nd Week of Advent
Fri 13 Dec: St Lucy, virgin and martyr
Sat 14 Dec: St John of the Cross, priest and Doctor of the Church

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Manly Vale 13 Jan - 17 Jan
St Thomas Church St Kieran's Church

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