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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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1ST READING

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
God puts Abraham to the test.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

2ND READING

Romans 8:31-34
God, sacrificing even his Son for us, will grant us victory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 17:5
*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10
Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

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.



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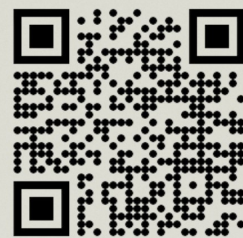


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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the world. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honouring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus often goes off to pray and sit alone in silence, and he encourages his disciples to pray in the same way. On one special day, Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him as he climbs to the top of a mountain for solitude and prayer. On the mountain, the apostles' quiet prayer is rewarded as they experience the awesomeness of God. Jesus is transformed as he converses with Moses and Elijah.

Mountaintop experiences aren't just for the disciples, and they aren't limited to the saints. Regular, everyday folks sometimes have their own experiences of the awesomeness of God. These encounters don't happen often, but the experience can carry someone through a lifetime.

Mountaintop experiences are sometimes a surprise, an unexpected, overwhelming experience of the divine. We see a sunset or watch the miracle of birth, and we are absolutely overwhelmed by a feeling of fullness and peace. We experience the sacred at our very centre and also all around us. Mountaintop experiences can also be a gift received after weeks or years of faithful waiting in silent prayer.

Introduce your children to the prayer of silence by praying with them. Find a quiet spot and sit very still, consciously relax your body. Tell your children to pay attention to their breathing. Ask them to say Jesus' name quietly with every breath they take in or let out. Thirty seconds is enough to begin this quiet prayer with children. When they are comfortable in the prayer, you can extend the time.

The peace and joy of quiet prayer leaves us open to encounter the awesomeness of God in the sacred spaces of our heart. The secret is to be faithful to this prayer, keeping a quiet watch with the Lord on a regular basis.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Practice the prayer of silence together. Follow the directions in the fourth paragraph above. Talk about the experience.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Do you think you might be able to find ten minutes a day for this quiet prayer? If so, what time of the day is best for you? Write down how you feel about making such a commitment.

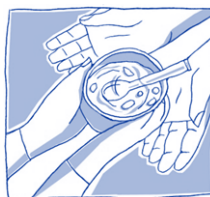
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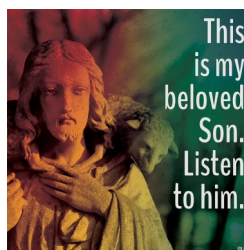
WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the Second Week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Catholic Relief Services offers a great resource to parishes and families for praying, fasting and charitable giving—all in one simple project. What is so great about this project, known as Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), is that it makes all the right connections. When you put the money you would have spent on a CD or that mocha latte you crave into your Rice Bowl box, you participate in Jesus' sacrifice. CRS provides prayers to accompany your giving. And it uses the money you would have spent on yourself to help people in need across the world. Participating in ORB is an act of solidarity—standing with your brothers and sisters as one human family. Your challenge this week is to adopt Operation Rice Bowl (go to CRSRiceBowl.org if your parish doesn't do ORB). Give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie, or trip to the mall. Put the money in your Rice Bowl, knowing it will be sent to CRS. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others.



CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

This Sunday's readings speak of sacrifice—Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac for God and God's sacrificing of his son Jesus for our sake. In this time of Lent, consider making a sacrifice that is ultimately helpful to others and the rest of creation. Giving up sugary treats may help you lose weight, but does it help anyone else? Whatever you sacrifice, see if you can turn it into a blessing for someone else; for example, if you give up eating out at a restaurant, give away the money you saved to someone who needs it more than you do.



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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:

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PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

AFTER HOURS:
(Evenings & Weekends)
0490 898 464



NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 11AM

Bookings are essential

Please call the Parish Office
9949 4455

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Paul Pearson, Greg Hyde, Brian Geraghty

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rose Natoli, Sue Gunn, Neil Duncan, Carol Price, Pasquale Vaccaro

ANNIVERSARIES:

Corrine Jackson, Joan McNamara, Jessamine Wilson

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

Enjoy Your Retirement

Congratulations on your retirement. You've left an indelible mark on all of us, and we are forever grateful for the difference you've made in the community. THANK YOU!

Janette Davidson

Family & Sacramental Ministry Coordinator

Join us on Sunday 25 February
9.30am Mass @ St Kieran's
followed by Morning Tea

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Newly-Appointed Parish Staff



URSULA HALLOWAY
Family, Catechists &
Sacraments Coordinator
(commencing 1 March)



SOPHIE BOFFA
Media & Communications
Coordinator
(commencing 21 March)

We ask you to keep them both in your prayers
as they transition to their new roles.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
OF NORTH HARBOUR

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Open to parishioners of North Harbour in Year 4 through high school and have made their First Holy Communion.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 PALESTINE



Seaforth Anglican Church
3 French's Forest Rd, Seaforth
10 am on Friday 1st March

This year the service theme "Bear with one another in love" has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.

You're Invited

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Time & Location

Friday 6.45pm

Parish Centre 2 King Street Manly Vale

Commencing Friday 1st March

Contact Details

Email: Parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Phone: (02) 9949 4455

Find us on Facebook at Catholic Community of North Harbour ALPHA
Fill out the registration form available at the back of the church.

Or Register using the QR code



Find out more
alpha.org.au

FAMILIES COME GATHER

SATURDAY 2 MARCH
5PM MASS
ST CECILIA'S CHURCH



ALPHA FOOD DONATIONS

There is a box in the church foyer if you would like to donate some food items for the upcoming Alpha course. Here are some ideas: sweet or savoury biscuits, chips, corn chips.

If you would like to donate a meal or a dessert, please text Maria Dunn on 0402 202 135.



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School
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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 6th March 2024

9.15am - 11.00am



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 frightened
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 Moses
 mountain
 Peter
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 Son
 teacher
 three

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Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John saw Jesus with dazzling white light shining from all parts of his clothes. They saw Moses and Elijah talking with him. Jesus asked the apostles not to tell anyone yet. They wanted to tell very much. This secret was hard for them to keep. After Jesus was raised from the dead, they told everyone they knew. Jesus can make your soul dazzling white with forgiveness. It is not a secret. You can tell everyone.

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell others about you.

Mission

I will tell my family and friends about God's love and forgiveness.

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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.





*You, Lord, are the unseen power
that brings decline upon the proud*

Confessions 1, 4
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (3 MARCH): 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord delivers the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Understand the power of Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

*God loved the world so much, he
gave us his only Son, that all
who believe in him might have
eternal life.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Gospel

John 2:13-25

*Jesus drives the money-changers
from the temple.*

2 MAR, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
David B

Readers
Val M
Cecilia W

Music
Parish Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

3 MAR, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Jo O

Readers
Judith D
Jenny S

Music
None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

3 MAR, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Cecilia Y

Readers
Michael H
Michael C

Music
Anushka

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Pauline B

3 MAR, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael M

Readers
Brian C
Kate L

Music
Harvest

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

3 MAR, 6PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Marisa N

Readers
Louise W
Catherine O

Music
Ben M

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteer needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 25 FEBRUARY

Mon 26 Feb: Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent

Tue 27 Feb: Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent

Wed 28 Feb: Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Lent

Thu 29 Feb: Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent

Fri 1 Mar: Friday of the 2nd Week of Lent

Sat 2 Mar: Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent

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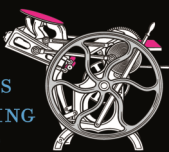
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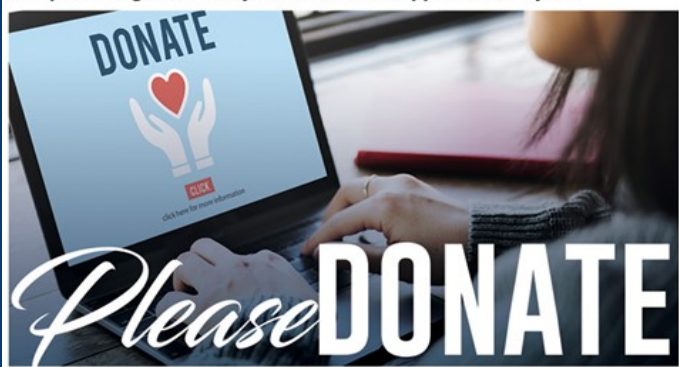
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