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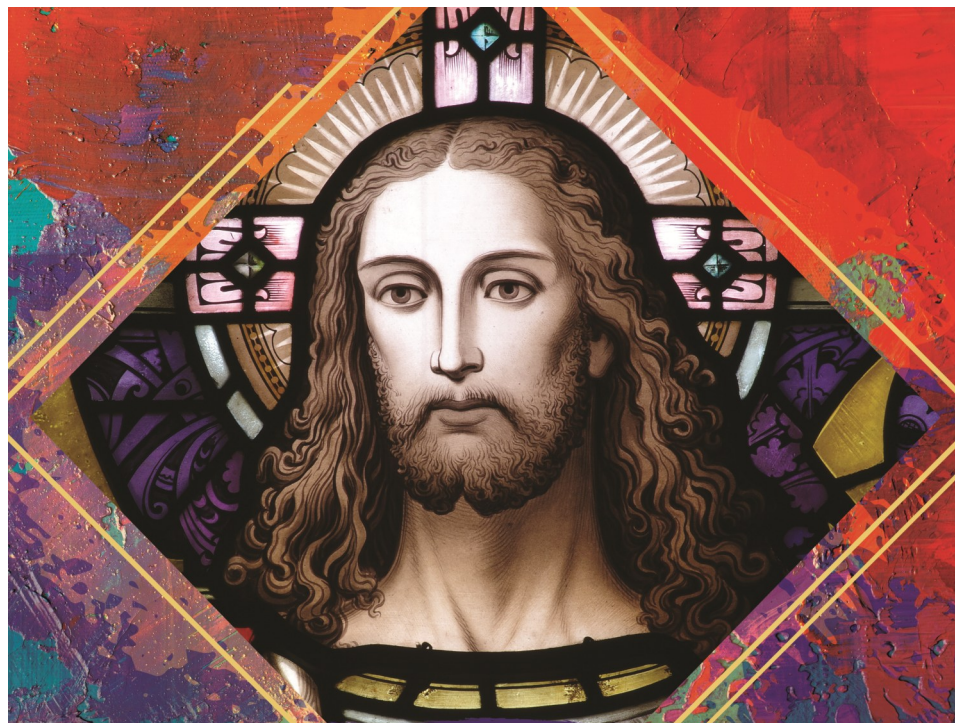


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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:30

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1ST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord will gather all people to see his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

2ND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

It is difficult to enter the kingdom of God.

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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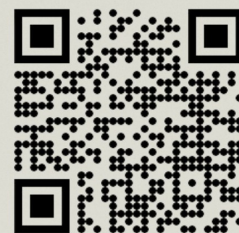


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DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:

A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese and contains the cathedra, or bishop's chair, symbolizing the bishop's teaching authority and governance. It is the central place of worship and administration for the diocese and is usually where major liturgical events, such as ordinations and Chrism Masses, are held.

A basilica, on the other hand, is a title of honour granted by the Pope to certain churches because of their antiquity, historical significance, or importance as centres of worship. Basilicas can be major (like the four in Rome) or minor, and they are not necessarily cathedrals. A basilica may or may not be the seat of a bishop.

In short, a cathedral is defined by its function, while a basilica is defined by its status. A church can be both a basilica and a cathedral, but not all basilicas are cathedrals.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Q: According to the Gospel stories, who was the first person to encounter the risen Jesus?

A: Mary Magdalene.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Peace and grace to you all.

I write to you today with a heart full of pastoral care—for each of you, for our parish community, and for the wider diocesan family we belong to. In recent days, many have expressed concern and sadness regarding the changes within our local Catholic school system. These feelings are real and deeply felt, and I want to acknowledge them with compassion and understanding.

As your parish priest, my vocation is to walk with you, especially in moments of transition. I remain committed to ensuring that our parish continues to be a place of welcome, dialogue, and faith—a community where every family feels heard and supported.

I have had ongoing and fruitful conversations with Bishop Anthony, who shares a deep pastoral concern for our parish and school families. Together, we are committed to ensuring that this transition is accompanied with care, clarity, and compassion.

As we move forward, I remain in dialogue with Catholic Schools Broken Bay and with Bishop Anthony, advocating for transparent communication and pastoral sensitivity. I am confident that, together, we can navigate this moment with faith and unity. The recent decisions surrounding our schools are part of a broader diocesan vision to strengthen Catholic education across the Diocese of Broken Bay. These efforts are rooted in the Church's mission to form young people in the love of Christ, in the richness of our Catholic tradition, and in communities that nurture both academic excellence and spiritual growth.

In the coming weeks, we will be blessed by the presence of Bishop Anthony in our parish as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to our children. I invite you all to welcome him with openness and respect. His presence among us is a gift, and together we can show him the warmth and hospitality that define our community.

Let us continue to place this time of transition in God's hands, and I ask you to keep the success of this dialogue in your prayers. May we remain united in our mission to raise children who know the love of Christ, who are shaped by the Gospel, and who grow into generous and compassionate people of faith.

With every blessing,

✠ Fr Michael



St Augustine of Hippo



WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

As winter draws to a close and Term 3 continues, some children in our local communities may be struggling. The colder months can be especially hard for families facing financial hardship, and many students may not have warm clothing, school supplies, or even enough food to get through the day.

When basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing are uncertain, it becomes much harder for children to focus on learning and thrive at school.

This week's challenge is to consider how you, your family, friends, or parish community can support children in need. Are there local organisations collecting school supplies, uniforms, lunchbox items, or winter clothing? Could your parish run a small drive or support an existing initiative?

Do some research, reach out, and find a way to make a difference.



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.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." — Hebrews 12:11

Do you get tired of the extra work of making green choices? Of hanging your laundry to dry instead of tossing it into the dryer? Of cooking from scratch instead of buying individually packaged processed foods? Of having to wash cloth napkins, handkerchiefs, rags, and dishware instead of throwing away disposable ones? Then take heart at this passage from the Hebrews today. Pat yourself on the back for the good environmental disciplines you have adopted. They are bearing fruit.

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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)
0490 898 464



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

5th October
7 December

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Leslie Rana, Odette James, Greg Hyde, Joyce Arnold,
Peter and Jan Van de Velde, Cecilia Yeung

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vanda O'Donnell, Eileen McCarthy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bartola Mandile, Bruce Richardson,
Br Daniel McEwen FMS, Maria Polito

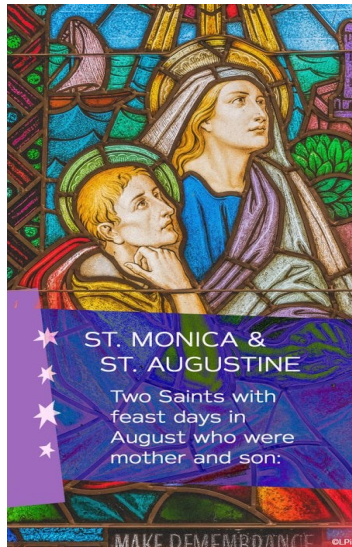
FUNERALS

Vanda O'Donnell—10.30am Tues 26 August SK
Eileen McCarthy—10am Wed 27 August SK

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

Happy Feast Days—St Augustine & St Monica

Our celebration of the Feast of St Monica & St Augustine will be on **Sunday 24th August** since their feast days are on August 27th and 28th respectively. St Monica is known as the patron saint of mothers. Her and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of St Augustine, her son. St Augustine converted to Christianity in his thirties and later became a bishop and Doctor of the Church. He described the profound impact his mother had on him in his book, 'Confessions'.



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For enquiries, please contact
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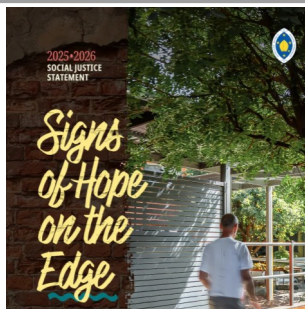
Afternoon Tea with Friends of Augustine

This year we will be celebrating twenty-five years since the first group of "Friends of Augustine" began meeting in this way. We will discover the relevance St. Augustine brings to the living out of our individual journeys through life. Come and enjoy the company of other kindred spirits who have found Augustine to be their mentor and friend. Please join us on **Sunday 24 August at 2pm, St Kieran's Parish Centre.**



Social Justice Sunday

Social Justice Sunday is on August 31, 2025. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time. The 2025-2026 Social Justice Statement focusses on serving homeless people as over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year in Australia. Let us follow Jesus' example of seeing, listening to, and caring for those on the margins of society.



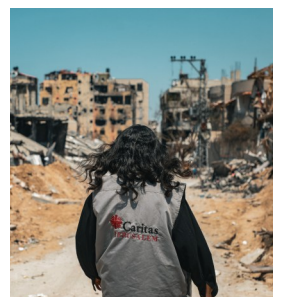
Prayer & Fasting for the People of Gaza

A time of Prayer and Fasting will begin at St. Kieran's Church on Friday 29th August 8.30 am Mass. After mass, there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12pm when prayer together will end with a quiet



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We invite those who are healthy and able to skip their

usual midday meal and make a donation of the cost of their meal to Caritas Australia for



the People of Gaza via the QR code or link below. We encourage people to have their ordinary meal with their families where possible.

Thank you for your support.


<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/gaza-crisis/>

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NORTHERN BEACHES**

YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish
message: (6 Raglan St)
Fr Marek at 0422532173
or Cam at 0432895304


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An Ignatian Reflection Series For Young Adults

Led by Fr Robin Koning SJ

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Explore Ignatius' Rules for the Discernment of Spirits: simple, grounded insights to help you notice what's going on in your heart and how God might be at work, even in the messier seasons of faith. Visit North Sydney's Instagram page for more information.

7:30pm—9pm at St Francis Xavier Church Hall,
17 MacKenzie Street, Lavender Bay NSW 2060

DATES:
September 3 & 17
October 1 & 15
November 5 & 19

 AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION APPEAL

GROWING OUR MISSION IN VIETNAM

Your generosity will support the ten young men currently in formation in Vietnam. Through your kindness, they will have the opportunities and resources to continue their discernment to the priesthood and the Augustinian Order.



FORMATION HOUSE

Help the Augustinians build a specific Formation House to accommodate young men in discernment. This is a crucial part of the Order's application for recognition by the Vietnamese government.



EDUCATION

Help cover the necessary expenses of educating our brothers and providing them with enriching opportunities for growth and discernment.



MINISTRY

Support the Order in continuing its much-needed ministry of compassion and dialogue to the Church in Vietnam.



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WORD SEARCH

The Lord corrects the people he loves.

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parents
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punishes
sisters

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Sharing the Gospel

If God is happy with you, do not worry when others are unhappy with you. Be filled with God's spirit. Do the right thing even if no one else does. Be the only one who does not hit the boy down the street. Be the only one to share your toys with your cousin. Be the only one to pick up rubbish around your neighbourhood. Doing the right thing helps God recognize you at heaven's gate.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for being happy with me.

Mission

I will choose to do the right thing, even if no one else does.

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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.





*Lord, those who are bowed down with burdens You lift up,
and they do not fall because You are their support.*

Confessions 11, 31
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (31 AUGUST 2025): 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1ST READING

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
*Be humble, find favour with
God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11
*God, in your goodness, you
have made a home for the
poor.*

2ND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
*We are drawn to the heavenly
Jerusalem.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:29
Alleluia, alleluia!
*Take my yoke upon you; learn
from me, for I am gentle and
lowly in heart. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1. 7-14
*Humble yourself and be
exalted.*

30 AUG, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Louise

Readers
Bob
Leonie

Music
Parish Choir

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

31 AUG, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Anna

Readers
Tim
Olivier

Music
none

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

31 AUG, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Antoinette/Ilde

Readers
Brian
Jeanette
Julien

Music
Conmen

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

31 AUG, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Catherine

Readers
Terry
Tanya

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

31 AUG, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Kevin

Readers
Cecilia
Linda

Music
tba

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 24 AUGUST

Mon 25 Aug: Monday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

Tue 26 Aug: Martyrs of the Monastery of Gafsa

Wed 27 Aug: St Monica

Thu 28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Fri 29 Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Sat 30 Aug: Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

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