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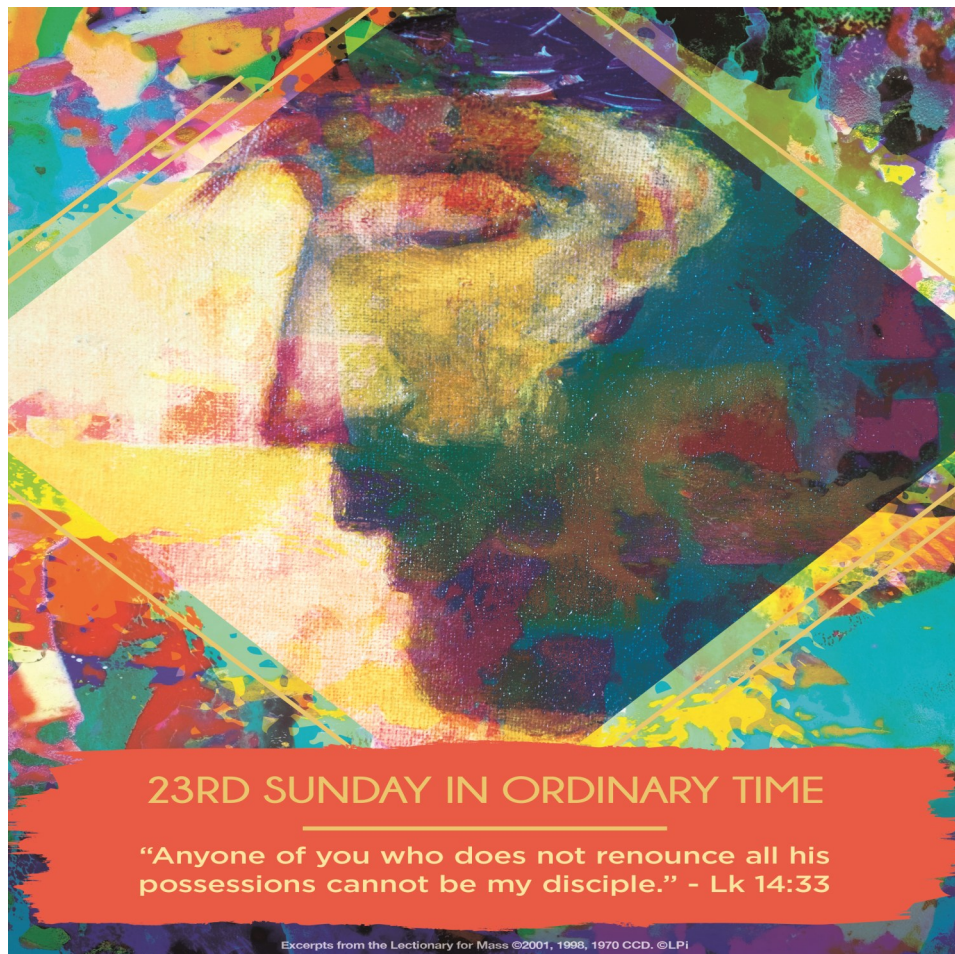


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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33

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First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can know the will of God?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17: Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Paul sends Onesimus, formerly a slave, back to Philemon as a brother.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Disciples must renounce all possessions.

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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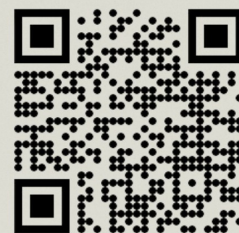


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DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organisations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does the word "dalmatic" mean?

Answer: A dalmatic is the outer vestment worn by a deacon.

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus tells the crowds following him that being his disciple can be costly. They have to be ready to accept the crosses of their lives, and perhaps even the scorn of their closest friends and relatives. They have to be ready to give up everything, if necessary, to follow him and his teachings. "...[N]one of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions" (v. 33)

Jesus is not suggesting that having possessions is wrong or that we should give up everything we own. He is saying that nothing of this world should be valued more highly than our relationship with him and with those we love.

I learned what this meant when my daughter was fourteen. One of my most precious possessions at that time was a beautiful porcelain statue from Spain that my husband had given me on a special anniversary. One day, while dusting the living room, my daughter dropped the statue and it broke.

The scene that followed is indelibly recorded in my head. I went into a rage and my wonderful only daughter ended up literally backed into a corner. In a graced moment, the fear in her eyes got through to me, and I stopped yelling. I realised that nothing was worth hurting this precious child the way I was hurting her. My initial reaction to the broken Lladro startled me. It was as though I valued that piece of porcelain more than my own child. I knew that wasn't true, but my response to its loss frightened me. From that day on, I decided I would never own anything that I wasn't ready to let go of in the blink of an eye. My Life has been a lot happier since then. I know I'm entitled to own nice things (and I have some beautiful keepsakes in my home), but my things are not entitled to own me. How sad it is when our happiness depends on what we have or don't have. I think that is what Jesus meant when he said, "Happy are those who are poor in Spirit."

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have everyone in the household name two things in the house that are most important to them (no more than two things, and people or pets don't count). You may be surprised at what they choose.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Are you attached to some things? What possession is most precious to you? Are brand names important when you shop? Why?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 14:25-33) challenges us to take up our cross and follow Jesus. In this same passage, we are called to renounce our possessions. That may seem a bit harsh—and really hard to do. But if we put the two messages together, we understand that taking up our cross does require sacrifice. We can live up to this challenge by becoming less attached to things and more attached to people. Just as Jesus gave up everything—prestige, power, life itself—to redeem us, we are called to make sacrifices and give up things to help those in need. We do this because, we Catholics believe that people are more important than things. Your challenge this week is to choose one possession you have which takes up a lot of your time. It may be an electronic gadget, your television or your phone. Take the time you would have spent playing one game, listening to music, or watching a program, and spend the time instead being present to someone who needs companionship, listening to someone who never gets heard, or helping someone in need.



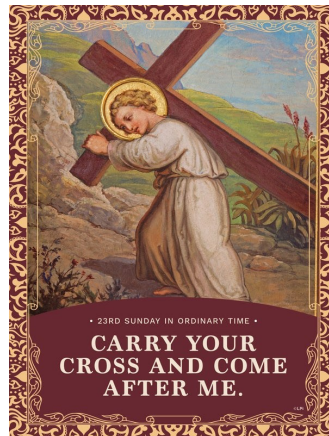
PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

When travelling places like to work or school, let's consider the ideal method of transportation: walking, biking, scooting, or carpooling. We can ask ourselves: are there people going in the same direction? You could organise an informal "walking school bus" among neighbors or publicise it at your child's school, with an agreement to take turns leading a group of younger children from a designated meeting point at the same time each day. If you're traveling further, you could publicise your wish to form a carpool and share the cost of gas. Everyone wins by saving money, plus fewer cars on the road, less pollution, and less consumption of fossil fuels.

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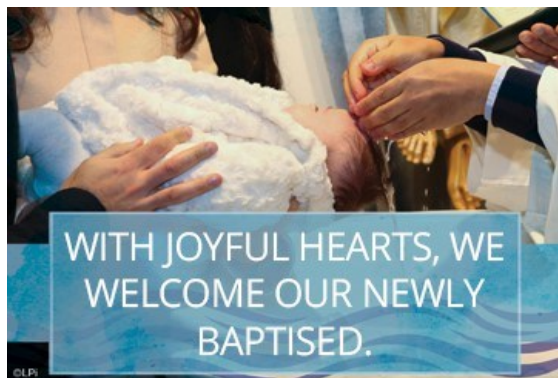


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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(Evenings & Weekends)
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Mason Lee Butcher
Son of Matthew & Faye

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Santo Musumeci, Vanda O'Donnell, Eileen McCarthy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edward O'Brien, Ray Kirby, Frank Crott, Ross Miller, Greg Homan

Funerals:

Santo Musumeci 11.30am Tuesday 9/9 St Kieran's

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 Father's Day

Join us for a special blessing for fathers and father figures this Father's Day on 6-7 Sep masses. We will celebrate with a sausage sizzle after the 9.30am St Kieran's mass on Sunday 7 Sep. **If you can volunteer** with the sausage sizzle, please contact Adriana on 0402 099 746 or email albowyer@bigpond.com.



Anointing of the Sick Mass

All are welcome to an anointing of the sick mass on Wednesday 24 September 10am at St Kieran's.



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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 19 September 2025



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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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or Cam at 0432895304


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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

YOUTH MASS

Join us for our Youth Mass on
Sunday 14 September 5pm at St Kieran's
Church, Manly Vale.

Youth Mass is on every 2nd Sunday of the
month during the school term at 5pm in
St Kieran's Church.



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

Congratulation to our
confirmation candidates confirmed
on Thursday 4 September. Thank
you to all who were praying for our
candidates.




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St Kieran's School News

Science Fair

Congratulations to all the students who took part in our school Science Fair! We were thrilled to see such creative and engaging displays exploring science, technology, engineering, and maths. These hands-on projects not only showcased impressive curiosity and innovation, but also helped our students grow as thinkers, creators, and future changemakers. Well done, everyone! (Turn the page to read more).

St Kieran's School News (continued)

School Disco

The children had an absolute blast at last Friday's school disco! They danced the afternoon away with their friends, enjoying music, laughter, and lots of fun. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing P&F and all the parent volunteers who helped make the event such a success — we couldn't have done it without you!



Playgroup

We have enjoyed meeting new friends at our Little Kieran's Playgroup in Term 3. We look forward to welcoming new families in Term 4: Please see details and dates on the right.

Suitable for
2 years to
Preschool
Age

Little Kieran's
Playgroup

Weekly on Fridays
9.00am- 10.15am

- **Form connections** with other local families
- **Engaging crafts** and sporting activities
- **Play-based learning** in an inclusive setting

Term 4

24 Oct
31 Oct
7 Nov
14 Nov

St Kieran's School - 63 Gordon St, Manly Vale

Sharing the Gospel

Love God more than yourself. This means you will give up something you dearly love for him. When you have only one candy bar, God wants you to share it with your sister. When you have two pencils and two notebooks, God wants you to share with a student who has none. If your grandmother and grandfather play games and read to you, God wants you to share them with children who have no grandparents.

Prayer

Lord, help me share the things I prize most.

Mission

I will share part of the money I have with the poor.

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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.



*Give me Yourself, O my God. Surrender Yourself to me, for I love You.
And if that is not enough, let me love You more ardently.
Confessions 13, 8
- St. Augustine of Hippo*

NEXT WEEKEND (14 SEP 2025): The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

<p>First Reading Numbers 21:4-9 <i>The Israelites are delivered from the fiery serpents.</i></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7 (R.) <i>Do not forget the works of the Lord!</i></p> <p>Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11 <i>Paul acknowledges Jesus as Lord.</i></p> <p>Gospel Acclamation <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel John 3:13-17 <i>The Son of Man must be lifted up to gain eternal life.</i></p>	<p>13 SEP, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Louise</p> <p>Readers Edelvine Bob John (R)</p> <p>Music Parish Choir</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>14 SEP, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Michael</p> <p>Readers Pauline Olivier Jenny</p> <p>Music none</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Lea</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>14 SEP, 9AM ST CECILIA'S</p> <p>Senior Server Eva</p> <p>Readers Maria Larissa Gabrielle</p> <p>Music The Conmen</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>14 SEP, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Catherine</p> <p>Readers Sol Terry Tania (R)</p> <p>Music tba</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>14 SEP, 5PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Claire-Louise</p> <p>Readers Youth Amy, Sacha (R)</p> <p>Music Amelia & Youth</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 7 SEP

Mon 8 Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 9 Sep: St Peter Claver
Wed 10 Sep: St Nicholas of Tolentino
Thu 11 Sep: Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Fri 12 Sep: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Sat 13 Sep: St John Chrysostom

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