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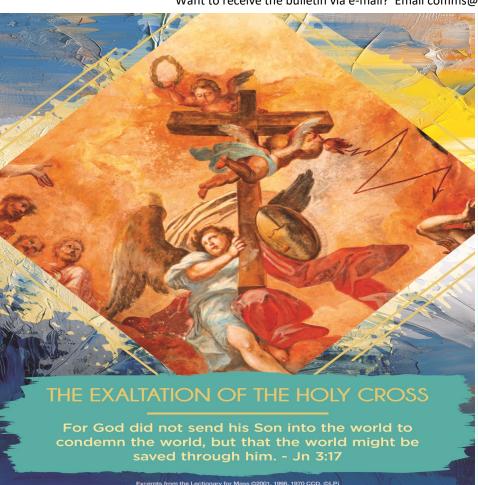
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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#### First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9 The Israelites are delivered from the fiery serpents.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7 (R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

#### **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:6-11 Paul acknowledges Jesus as Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

John 3:13-17 The Son of Man must be lifted up to gain eternal life.

#### **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. Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

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.



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

#### Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right.

Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed.

The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him.

Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

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### WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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#### **BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL**

#### Living in the Light

In this reading we hear the famous quote from John 3:16 that we see so often cited by Christian fans at football games: Jesus came, "so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life." It is important to note that the eternal life Jesus offers us is not just a heavenly kingdom after we die—eternal life means much more.

The life we were born with is limited and finite.

We know that every breath we take brings us closer to our physical deaths. The years and gravity take their toll on us, but what Jesus offers us is life out side of time and gravity. It is beyond the wounds and handicaps of our physical world, but it is also very much here and now.

Jesus offers us his life—life with, and in the Triune God in whom we believe. We come to this di vine life by fully embracing our human life, just as Jesus did. We accept the limitedness of our humanity with all the pain and joy that entails. We do not suppress our human nature but engage in it fully, always drawn to the light that is Jesus.

We are asked to live each day in the truth of our eternal life so that "...it may be clearly seen that [our] deeds have been done in God" (John 3:21). There is no dichotomy—no spiritual above physical life. Teach your children to value the finite world, especially themselves, body, mind and spirit—one package—loved by God with all its blemishes.

#### **FAMILY RESPONSE:**

Take turns telling what you like about each other. Talk about each person's physical as well as spiritual qualities.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

It is so important to always tell our children the truth. Their trust in us, and sometimes their trust in others later in life, is dependent on it. How good are you at always telling the truth? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?



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#### **WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES**

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15. The Hispanic culture is deeply woven into the fabric and history of our world. We have received many gifts of faith from this culture, including a deep devotion to Our Blessed Mother through her appearances to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady told Juan Diego that he had dignity and reminded him that he was made in God's image. Your challenge this week is to learn about a faith practice of a culture in your community (other than your own culture). It might be a particular prayer, or a spiritual practice, or devotion to a particular saint. As a family, celebrate this gift of culture by trying the prayer or practice in your home. Then offer a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of the culture from which you learned the practice.

#### **CARE FOR CREATION TIPS**

Despite all the grave news of how our earth's environment is suffering, there are still reasons to celebrate. With changes in legislation and communities coming together for a good causes, there are stories of restoration and new life. Some bodies of water that used to be terribly polluted have been restored so that fish and other water life have returned and humans can safely swim in them again. Some abandoned lots formerly full of trash are thriving as vegetable gardens. Some endangered animals are making a comeback. This week, treat yourself to some good news of the earth coming back to life. You might check out good news articles from YES! magazine, The Nature Conservancy, or the Sierra Club to name just a few.



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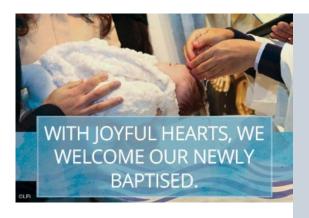
Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the Eucharist, sacraments of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to receiving arrange the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

# 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) 0490 898 464



#### **Andie Louise Clare Raffen**

Daughter of Jake & Holly

#### 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:**

Salvatore Calvi, Rosina Benvenuto, Evelyn Collins, Santo Musumeci

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ross Miller, Barry Wyatt, Philip Taranto

#### **FUNERAL:**

Rosina Benvenuto 10.30am SK Tuesday 15/9

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

#### A Mass of Anointing for the Sick and the Seniors

Everyone is invited for a mass of anointing for the sick and the seniors on Wednesday, 24 September, at 10:00 AM at St Kieran's church. This is a



beautiful opportunity to come together in prayer, receive the Sacrament of Anointing, and experience God's healing grace. Following the Mass, we'll share morning tea—a chance to connect and enjoy fellowship with one another. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Online Webinar on Parish Renewal

Everyone is invited to an online webinar, "The Age of Authenticity: A New Path to Renewal," on Thursday, September 18, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Join Bishop Mark Edwards and Sr. Kathryn Kingsley, MGL, as they explore how today's culture influences the Church's mission and how we can respond with authenticity and renewal. All are welcome, especially members of our leadership and ministry teams. Don't miss this inspiring opportunity! Follow the link, registration is FREE.

https://divinerenovation.org/calendar/the-age-ofauthenticity-a-new-path-to-renewal/

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For enquiries, please contact Fr Michael Belonio, OSA at ppenhcatholic.org.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 19 September 2025

#### Father's Day Celebration

Last weekend we celebrated Father's Day where our fathers received a special blessing at mass. Thank you to all who served at mass and helped with the sausage sizzle afterwards. It was such a wonderful day enjoying the sunshine as we celebrated fathers and their impact on our lives.

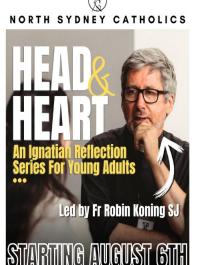












#### **Ignatian Reflection Series**

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

#### YOUTH MASS

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

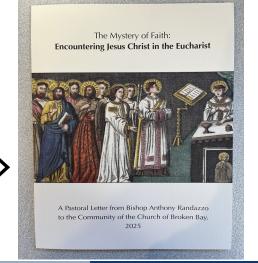
Youth Mass is on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month during the school term at 5pm in St Kieran's Church.





#### Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist

We encourage everyone to share and reflect upon Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist. Bishop Anthony urges us to not let it simply remain a document to be read once and shelved, but for it to be a living invitation to growth and renewal in our parish. Please share your ideas and suggestions from our local contexts here in North Harbour. Copies are available at the foyer.



### Join Our Parish Social Justice Group!

Share Your Voice. Make a Difference.

Are you passionate about justice and eager to answer the call of Pope Leo and Jesus to build a fairer world? Our Parish Social Justice Group has been gathering over recent months, and we need more voices, hands, and hearts to join us!

- Bring your ideas and commitment to our welcoming community
- Help us shape meaningful action for our parish and beyond
- Sign up easily using the QR code below or contact the Parish Office
- Come to our next meeting: Monday 15th September 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Let's work together for justice, compassion, and lasting change. We can't wait to meet you!



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The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage.

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IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025** 

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH
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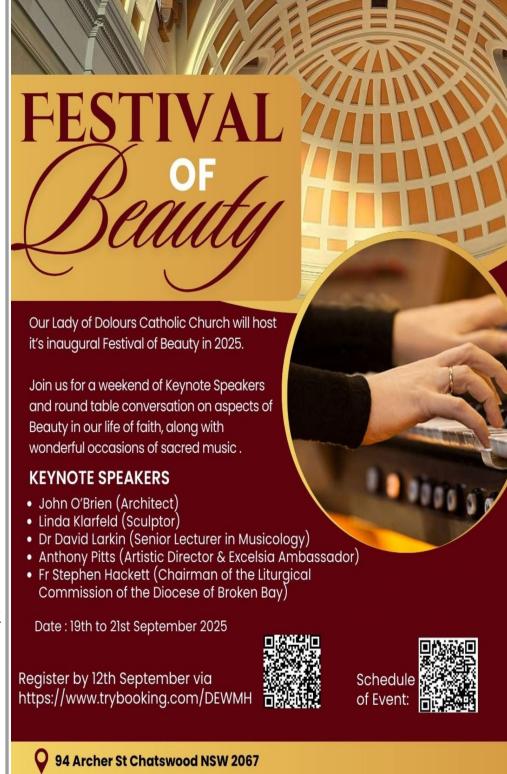
COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 6.30 PM

OUR MASS CELEBRANT WILL BE OUR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DIRECTOR FATHER JOEY FREZ. AFTER DINNER FATHER WILL PROVIDE A VOCATIONS UPDATE AND SHARE HIS VOCATION JOURNEY.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email <a href="mailto:annayytleung@yahoo.com.au">annayytleung@yahoo.com.au</a> or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry\_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

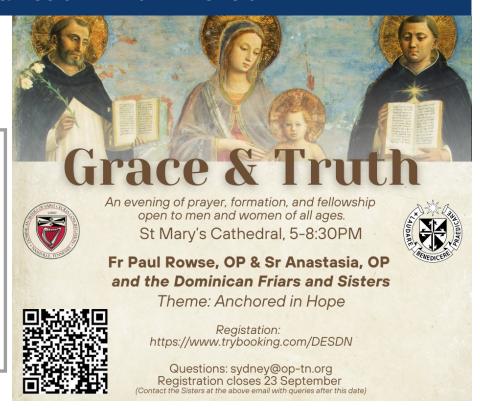


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#### **Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates**

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





#### **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.

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#### **EDUCATION**

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







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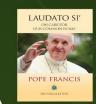
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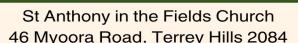
# FESTIVAL OF CREATION IN THE FOREST



We look forward to celebrating the beauty of creation with you as we gather for a special Festival of Creation event! Together, we will rejoice in God's gift of the Earth through the celebration of Mass, followed by engaging activities that deepen our understanding of how to care for our common home. Join us in prayer, learning, and community as we respond to Pope Francis' call to ecological conversion and stewardship of creation. As part of our time together, we will also share a meal in community. We invite you to bring a plate of food to share as we continue our celebration in fellowship.











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#### **PRAISE & PLAY**

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#### **Sharing the Gospel**

The Hebrew people were being bitten by serpents in the desert. God told Moses to make a serpent out of bronze and put it on a pole. Everyone who looked at it would be healed. God put an end to the serpents and helped the Hebrew people. Many years later, Jesus was lifted up on the cross. We look at him and know that Jesus is our strength, our hope, and our healing. Look at the cross and say, "Jesus, I believe in you."

#### **Prayer**

God, you are my power and my strength.

#### **Mission**

Every morning, I will remember to tell Jesus that I believe in him.

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Lord, You help those who turn to You. Redeem us so that we may come to You.

Commentary on Psalm 17, 15
- St. Augustine of Hippo

#### **NEXT WEEKEND (21 SEP 2025): 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7 The Lord will forget nothing that the wicked do.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7 (R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. OR (R.) Alleluia!

**Second Reading** 

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Pray often, free of anger and dissension.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

2 Corinthians 8:9
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he
became poor,
to make you rich out of his
povertv. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13 Parable of the wise manager OR Luke 16:10-13 You cannot serve God and

money.

13 SEP, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Stephen

**Readers**Terry
Rick

Elizabeth-Anne (R)

*Music* Parish choir

**Communion Min**Volunteer needed

**Powerpoint** Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

14 SEP, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Michael

Readers
Jenny
Seamus
Elsie (R)

Music none

**Communion Min**Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Joseph

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

14 SEP, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server

**Readers** Kerry Sandra

*Music*The Conmen

Hilde

**Communion Min**Volunteer needed

**Powerpoint** Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

14 SEP, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Adrian

Readers
Fatima
Cathie
Dale (R)

*Music* tba

**Communion Min**Volunteer needed

**Powerpoint** Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed 14 SEP, 5PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Edelvine

Readers
Jo
Rodney
Christine (R)

*Music* Amelia & Youth

**Communion Min**Volunteer needed

**Powerpoint** Volunteer needed

**Welcomers**Volunteers needed

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 14 SEP**

**Mon 15 Sep:** Our Lady of Sorrows **Tue 16 Sep:** Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

**Wed 17 Sep:** St Hildegard of Bingen & St Robert Bellarmine **Thu 18 Sep:** Thursday of the 2th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

Fri 19 Sep: St Januarius & St Alonso de Orozco

Sat 20 Sep: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions

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