

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



Cnr White & Wanganelia Sts

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C—11 Sept 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – 'Reflection on the Christian Funeral'



Dear Friends,

Our personal response to death involves many emotions, such as grief, shock and fear, and is affected by the circumstances, including whether it is expected, whether the person is young or old, whether it is particularly tragic, and whether it is someone close to us. In recent months, you may have noticed that the list of recently deceased in the bulletin and the intercessions at Sunday Mass have been longer than usual. To some extent, this reflects an ageing community, but there have been younger parishioners as well, some in tragic circumstances.

Most of us don't experience the death of someone close on a regular basis but some losses have a lasting impact on us personally and on our families. Funeral rites vary in different faith traditions and settings but the Scripture readings are often familiar, emphasising God's love and closeness, and affirming the goodness of a life well-lived. Good qualities are extolled and shortcomings rarely mentioned – because they don't need to be. Those familiar with a person's life already know the full picture, and those who do not, don't need to know. Preparing the farewell liturgy can be a tremendous help to a family as they deal with their grief, and thankfully, the Catholic Rite of Christian Funerals provides a variety of prayers, readings and reflections.

Death and farewell are on our minds, given the public response to Queen Elizabeth's passing and her long life and years as monarch – from people in the street to political leaders, past and present, here and overseas. Many have acknowledged her faith. Pope Francis referred to her 'steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ', and Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe recalled how the Queen's 'annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service'. Fr Peter Jones OSA, President of Catholic Religious Australia, described her as a 'profoundly committed servant of her people and conscientious faith leader.' Even amidst the pomp and ceremony of the Queen's forthcoming funeral, her Christian faith will be celebrated.



The Christian Funeral is a graced moment where we celebrate the Paschal Mystery and give praise and thanks for Christ's victory over sin and death, a time to commend the person to God's tender mercy and compassion and bid farewell, as well as to seek strength from our Easter faith. This is the context in which we celebrate the person's life and the way in which they have lived the Christian Life. Even where someone has struggled with their faith, signs of grace are evident in their love for family, generous service to others, and concern for those on the margins – all signs of God's wonderful presence in each of us.

At a Catholic Funeral, the wonder of our human life becomes clearer in the religious symbols which are part of the rite, symbols of Baptism – the Paschal Candle, holy water, white pall, crucifix. Placing of appropriate, personal symbols helps complete the picture of the person's life – photographs, rosary beads, missal, medals, favourite hat, even the footy jumper! Some symbols are more exotic but our human lives are lived 'on the ground' and are multi-dimensional, so we need to adopt a sensible, pastoral approach to people experiencing deep loss. In the final analysis, Jesus made the human holy and it's people that matter!

Fr Dave



This weekend's Homily will be by Fr Paul and available to view via the following link
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uct8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw>

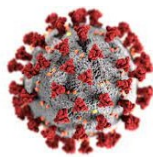
Link on Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.



COVID SAFETY

As COVID protocols change, all are asked to remain vigilant and observe appropriate hygiene in relation to use of hand sanitiser and other safety precautions. Stickers have been removed from the seats in both churches. Please provide your own mask if needed. The Parish will provide spare masks until the end of September, including for ministers of Holy Communion if and when required.



SAFEGUARDING MONTH

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (Diocese) recognises Australia's obligations as a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Religious leaders and faith-based organisations such as those associated with the Diocese are in a unique position to champion children's rights, asserting their moral authority to make a difference in children's lives. The Framework incorporates the following Rights of the Child. They have been adopted and modified from the child friendly version of the Children's Rights Report 2019 which states that children living in Australia have the right to:

1. Be treated fairly and equally.
2. Voice their thoughts when decisions are being made about them.
3. Live and grow in a healthy and clean environment.
4. Find out information and express themselves.
5. Be protected, no matter their ability, language, belief or who they are with.
6. A safe and loving home with clothes to wear and food to eat.
7. Privacy to enjoy and protect their life story.
8. Go to school and receive an education.
9. Know who they are and where they come from.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our PFC needs a couple of new members in preparation for the coming year. Helpful skills include experience in finance, project management, small business, etc. Please contact Fr Dave for more details.



It is the responsibility of all adults to let children know and make possible their right to be happy, healthy, safe online and in real-life interaction, have access to information, to play, to learn, to have a voice, a home, a faith and to be treated with dignity. This is achieved by a community that advocates the best interest for the child and promotes children as active agents of their families and communities.

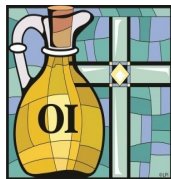
'PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS 2022-2024 – FINAL CALL!!

Thank you!! – Thank you to those parishioners who have submitted nominations for membership of our PPC. We still need more nominations from the area around St Cecilia's so that we have a broad representation from across the Parish.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS - Parishioners are invited to nominate a fellow parishioner to the PPC **OR** to indicate their own interest. Forms to facilitate this are available with the weekly bulletin emailed to you or at the door of both our churches. Please speak to the person beforehand. **PLEASE RETURN THE FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2022.**

Readings for this week: Amos 8:4-7 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
Readings for next week: Amos 6:1, 4-7 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31
NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 4):
SK 5.30pm Ronda, Maria **7.30am** Tim, John **9.30am** Kaye, Anne
6.00pm Leanne, Caroline, Christine **SC 9.00am** Amy & Sacha, Christine

Anointing Mass 10am @
SK Wednesday Sept 28 followed by
morning tea in parish centre



PARISH YOUTH MASS – Thank you!
 Thank you to all who made last Sunday's Youth Mass so special, especially Christine McCabe and her team who provided refreshments afterwards. Next Youth Mass will be on **Sunday 13 November at 6pm.**

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

Our Parish Annual Report will be available next weekend and a short video containing highlights and information on the past year's activities will be shown at each Mass. The Report will be emailed to parishioners, along with the video link, and some hard copies will be available in our churches. Feedback on the different reports is most welcome. Please direct your comments to the Parish Office.



Our Baptism of Young Children Program

(for children aged 7 – 11 years) will commence on Sunday 16 October 2022 after the 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's.



Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au for program details, dates and further information.



SEPTEMBER EDITION AVAILABLE NOW IN CHURCHES



Catholic Weekly \$2.00
 Catholic news from Australia and the world

Parishioners in the Diocese of Broken Bay along with people of all faiths are invited to attend a special Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II this Sunday 18 September at 4.30pm at Hornsby RSL Club. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be offering a prayer during the service for the Queen who died last week.



Organised by the Federal Member for Berowra and Shadow Attorney General, Julian Leeser MP, families, students, community leaders and those who want to pay their respects to the world's longest-reigning monarch and the United Kingdom's figurehead for seven decades are all welcome.

WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING RESCHEDULED

Due to the declared public holiday our Wine and Cheese has been rescheduled to Thursday 13 October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

*Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?
 Have you been away, and want to come back to the church and not sure how?
 Do you have a family member or friend who would like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

Were you baptized but did not receive First Communion or Confirmation?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members and those interested in the Catholic faith and practice.



Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Barry Wyatt

RECENTLY DECEASED

Queen Elizabeth II

Marjorie Kelly

Terry Brennan

Elizabetta Sganzweka

Anthony Evans

Betty Flowers

Charles Bopf

Anne Turner

Krystyna Bojko

Ray Kirby

Vanja Basic

For those with ILLNESS

Zara Sapounas

Michael Lennon

Daniella Takchi

Mark Moscrop

Yvonne Taylor

Jenny B

Muireann Casey

Vince Jewell

Ed Burchard

Joan Killick

Simone Young

Bob McEwan

Christopher Newman

Maria Kogovsek

Yvonne Hickey

Henryk Gawecki

Richard Paul Reynolds

Margaret Appleby

Joan Kelly

Peter Van de Velde

Chloe Zarb

Andrew Scotland

Bridie Lennon

Jan Van de Velde

Shirley Barker

Angie Olic

Arthur Fairall

UPCOMING FUNERAL

RAY KIRBY

Monday 19th September

12noon St Kieran's Church

Burial at Frenchs Forest Cemetery



From St Augustine

Lord, You are the light of my heart and the bread in the mouth of my soul. You are the virtue dwelling in my mind and the hiding place of my thoughts.

Confessions 1, 13

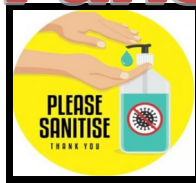


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

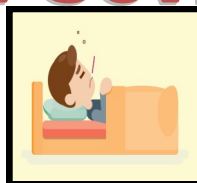
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

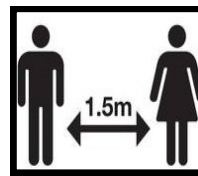
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



Use hand sanitiser



Do not attend if unwell



Maintain social distancing



Catch up outside at a safe distance



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's, Balgowlah

SUNDAY 9.00AM

WEDNESDAY 9.00AM

St Kieran's, Manly Vale

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30pm

SUNDAY 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Weekdays 8.30am except Wednesdays

St Augustine's Chapel, Brookvale

Wednesdays 8.10am during term time

RECONCILIATION

St Kieran 5 – 5.45pm Saturday or by appointment.



BAPTISMS

St Cecilia 10.30am Sun. by appointment
9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

St Kieran 11.30am Sun. by appointment
9.30am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

Baptism preparation is required for 1st baptisms.
Contact parish office 9949 4455

MARRIAGES

Require 6 months notice and include Pre-marriage

Fr David Austin OSA Parish Priest 0419 265 317

Fr Paul Maloney OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0439 595 723

Fr John Sullivan OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0423 634 029

Fr Jepser Bermudez Assistant Priest 0410 203 601

Fr Senan Ward OSA Chaplain – St Augustine's College

Fr Abel van der Veer OSA Retired 0409 368 449

Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence

Jacky Worthington

Parish Manager

9949 4455

Marianne Deveza

Music Co-ordinator

9949 4455

Ursula Halloway

Catechist Coordinator

9949 4455

Janette Davidson

Sacramental Coordinator

0408 866 521

Anne Ross

Parish Secretary

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Jane Filacuridi

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We acknowledge the Gayamagal and Canalgal people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.