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29 MARCH 2026 | YEAR A



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."
- Mt 21:5

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

Despite rejection, Isaiah does not abandon his call.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The Passion and death of Jesus.

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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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is subtle but important in our Catholic tradition. Chastisement in Scripture refers to God allowing events that teach, correct, or draw us back into faithful relationship with Him. As St John Paul II noted, it is a form of divine pedagogy in which mercy has the final word, helping us recognise where our hearts need conversion, renewed trust, and a deeper awareness of God's presence and guidance in our daily lives.

Punishment, as the Catechism explains, is the consequence of harmful actions and aims primarily to restore justice and protect the community. While a person may learn from punishment, its purpose is not instructional in the same way chastisement is. It focuses more on repairing the disorder caused, safeguarding the common good, and ensuring accountability for actions that have caused harm.

Ultimately, discerning whether an experience is chastisement or punishment depends on how we receive it. Any moment in life can become an occasion of grace, growth, and deeper faith if we remain open to God's Spirit at work within it, inviting us to reflect, to change, and to walk more closely with the Lord. ©LPi

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

A crowd that sang out Jesus' praises only days before suddenly is shouting for his death. He is beaten, crowned with thorns, ridiculed, and spat on. He is forced to carry his cross through the city to a hillside. Nails are pounded into his wrists and feet. The cross is lifted to a standing position, and Jesus is left there to hang until he dies.

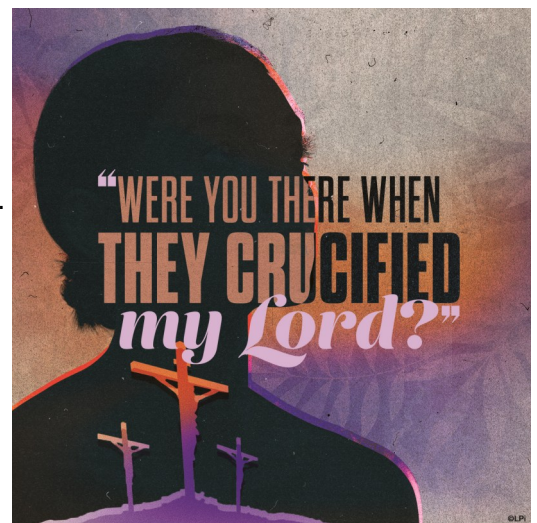
Jesus was certainly not the first or last innocent man to die for a cause or for what he believes. What was Jesus' cause? Incredibly enough, Jesus died for us: Jesus believed in us. He died so that we could be made whole and live our lives as God's extraordinarily loved and wonderfully made children. Jesus would not allow any individual or crowd, any government or religion, to contradict this truth.

Jesus was faced with the same overwhelming degree of evil we see in today's world. It never paralysed him because he knew who he was, and what he was about. He was God's son. He lived in truth and love. Jesus confronted evil and affirmed goodness wherever he saw it. He never went further than walking distance from his home and yet he managed to change the world.

We show our gratitude to this innocent man who died for us by remembering who we are and acting accordingly. The evil and apathy in today's world will not overwhelm us if we remember who we are. We are God's children and like Jesus we are called to live this truth and share his love by confronting evil and affirming goodness in our own sphere of influence.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Read the story of the Passion to your children from a children's Bible tell and re-tell the story in your own words, or read Matthew 26:14—27:66 to yourself. Put together your own Way of the Cross. You don't have to copy the 14 stations you have at church. As a family, you can decide on your own 14 events. Draw the pictures and make up your own prayers. When you're done, hang them on the wall and walk around making up a prayer for each station.



PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Your sphere of influence includes your home and your office if you work outside the home. How can you be an influence for good?

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FR TONY BANKS OSA

commencing 29th of June 2026

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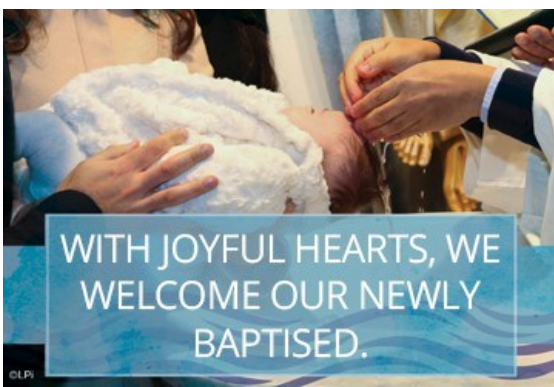
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Baptism Preparation Courses 2026

- June 7
- August 2
- October 4
- December 6

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:
Winter Dale Reyes, Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir and Charles, Fr David Taylor, Nigel Manchee, Remo Dellagiacom, Odette James, Joyce Arnold, Peter & Jan Van de Velde, Cecilia Yeung, Gemma Mangelsdorf, Rodney Arnold

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Fr John William McCall OSA, Scholastica Lakra, John Santos, Gabriel Yeung

ANNIVERSARIES:
John Moscrop, Sr Marie Gerard McGlynn SGS, Maria Polito, Antonia Maiolo

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



Holy Week 2026
at North Harbour Parish

PALM SUNDAY | 29 MARCH
Saturday Vigil 5:30PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 5:00PM:
Mass at St Kieran's Church
9:00AM: Mass at St Cecilia's Church
**blessing of palms before each mass*

HOLY WEDNESDAY | 1 APRIL
7:00PM: Seder Meal at St Kieran's Parish Centre
**Please bring a plate of salad, wine, whole hard boiled eggs*
8:00PM: Tenebrae at St Kieran's Church

HOLY THURSDAY | 2 APRIL
7:30PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Kieran's Church
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Night Prayer at 9:30PM.

GOOD FRIDAY | 3 APRIL
9:00AM: Stations of the Cross at St Augustine's College Oval
Parking outside the College; Entry via Alfred Rd
**In the event of wet weather, Stations will be held at St Kieran's Church*
2:00PM: Reconciliation at St Kieran's Church
3:00PM: Passion of the Lord at St Kieran's Church
3:00PM: Passion of the Lord at St Cecilia's Church

HOLY SATURDAY | 4 APRIL
8:30AM: Morning Prayer at St Kieran's Church
5:00PM: Reconciliation at St Kieran's Church
7:00PM: Easter Vigil at St Kieran's Church
Followed by light supper at the Parish Centre

EASTER SUNDAY | 5 APRIL
7:30AM & 9:30AM: Mass at St Kieran's Church
9:00AM: Mass at St Cecilia's Church



Holy Week Celebration
PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING NOTICE

Photographers and videographers will be present during our Holy Week celebrations:

Holy Wednesday | 1 April
Seder Meal and **Tenebrae**

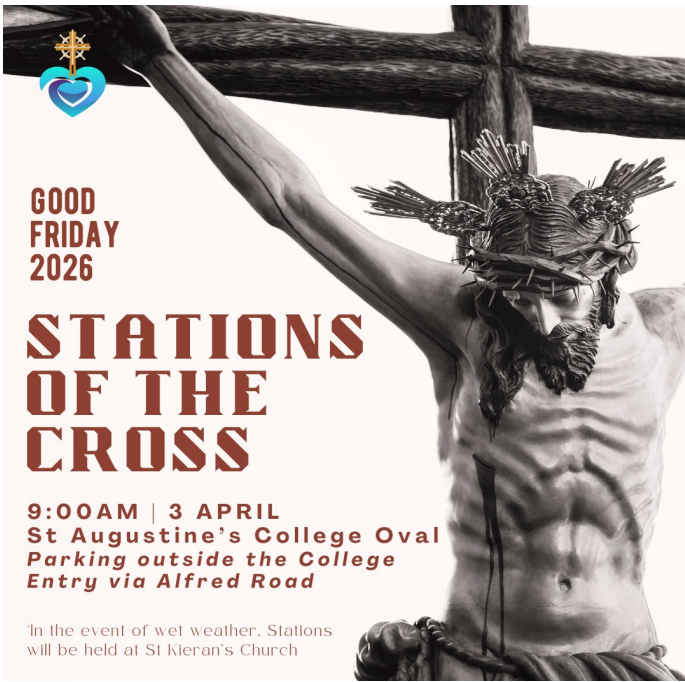
Holy Thursday | 2 April
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday | 4 April
Easter Vigil Mass

Photos and videos taken during these events may be used for parish communications, including our **website**, **social media**, and **parish bulletin**.

If you prefer **not to appear in photos or videos**, please inform one of the photographers before the liturgy.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

GOOD FRIDAY 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9:00AM | 3 APRIL
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NO 8:30AM MORNING MASS
HOLY THURSDAY
2 APRIL 2026



DAYLIGHT Savings
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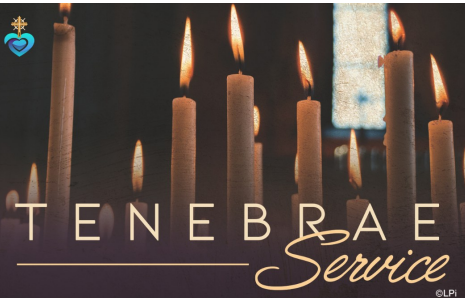
Adoration at the Altar of Repose

On Holy Thursday, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession to the altar of repose.

This quiet vigil recalls Jesus going with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, inviting them to "stay here and keep watch with me."

It is a time for stillness, gratitude, and companionship with the Lord on the night He gives Himself completely for us.

The church will remain open for silent prayer following the procession until 9:30pm. You are warmly invited to spend some time in adoration - whether for a few minutes or longer - resting in the presence of Christ and holding in prayer the needs of our families, our parish, and our world.



If you've never heard of *Tenebrae* before, you're not alone – and that's exactly why we're excited to share it with you.

Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") is an ancient and dramatic prayer of the Church.

Through Scripture, music, candlelight, and silence, we journey with Christ into the growing darkness of His Passion.

As the candles are gradually extinguished, the church is drawn into deep stillness – a powerful reminder of the world waiting for the light of Easter.

Come and experience this solemn and evocative liturgy as we prepare our hearts for the Sacred Triduum.

All are Welcome!

**1 APRIL AT 8:00PM
ST KIERAN'S CHURCH**

JOIN US FOR A



SIMPLE SEDER MEAL



**1 APRIL 7:00PM
ST KIERAN'S PARISH CENTRE**

This is a gentle, low-key experience using the basic Passover foods – the same symbols Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper.

Together, we'll taste the story of God leading His people from slavery into freedom, and reflect on how this ancient meal shapes our understanding of Holy Week.

It's relaxed, meaningful, and a beautiful way to enter the heart of the Easter story.

Please bring a plate of salad, wine, whole hard-boiled eggs

ALL ARE WELCOME!



On behalf of Bishop Anthony, we warmly invite all parishioners to attend the

CHRISM MASS

31 March | 7:30PM
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral



NOTICE CCTV IN OPERATION

For the safety and security of all parishioners and visitors, CCTV cameras have been installed in **St Kieran's Church, Parish Centre, and surrounding outdoor areas.**

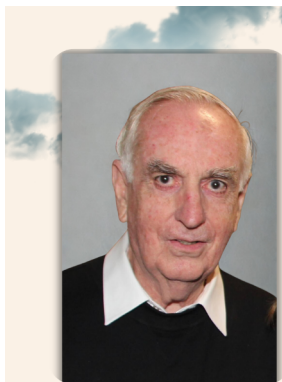
These measures have been put in place to help ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone in our community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Fr John William 'Jake' McCall OSA
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INTERMENT
Monday 30 March | 10AM
Grevillea Lawn
Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery

Thank you for the prayers and support

From: The Augustinians and Fr John's Family

Volunteers Needed FOR **EASTER VIGIL**

After the Vigil Mass, a light supper will be served at the Parish Centre. We kindly ask for **volunteers** to **assist with clean-up** afterwards.



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WORD SEARCH

Hosanna to the Son of David.

TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS

- branches
- clothes
- crowd
- disciples
- donkey
- excited
- followed
- Hosanna
- Jerusalem
- road
- shouted
- village

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Sharing the Gospel

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Saviour. He would heal the blind, he would raise the dead, and he would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Saviour they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to treat you like my king.

Mission

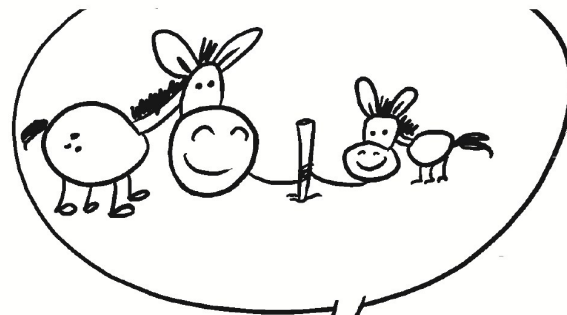
Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.






Do not despise me, O God my salvation, nor reject me as a mortal daring to seek eternity. You, O God, heal the wound of my sin!
 Commentary on Psalm 26 (1), 9
 - St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (5 APRIL 2026): EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

<p>FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37 -43 <i>Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.</i></p> <p>RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24 <i>This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.</i></p> <p>SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4 <i>Set your heart on the greater gifts.</i></p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p>GOSPEL John 20:1-9 <i>Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.</i></p>	<p>4 APR, 7PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Michael, David, Adrian</p> <p>Readers Catherine, Valda, Elsie, Elizabeth-Anne, Caterina, Sacha</p> <p>Music Parish Choir</p> <p>Communion Min Edelvine Jenny</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>5 APR, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Jo</p> <p>Readers Joseph, Paul</p> <p>Music none</p> <p>Communion Min Lea Anna</p> <p>Powerpoint Olivier</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>5 APR, 9AM ST CECILIA'S</p> <p>Senior Server Ilde</p> <p>Readers Louise Ailis Julien</p> <p>Music tba</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>5 APR, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Michael</p> <p>Readers Brian Sol</p> <p>Music Harvest</p> <p>Communion Min Titus Kaye</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>5 APR, 5PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>NO MASS</p>
	<p>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 29 MARCH</p> <p>Mon 30 Mar: Monday of the Holy Week Tue 31 Mar: Tuesday of the Holy Week Wed 1 Apr: Wednesday of the Holy Week Thu 2 Apr: Holy Thursday Fri 3 Apr: Good Friday Sat 4 Apr: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil</p>				

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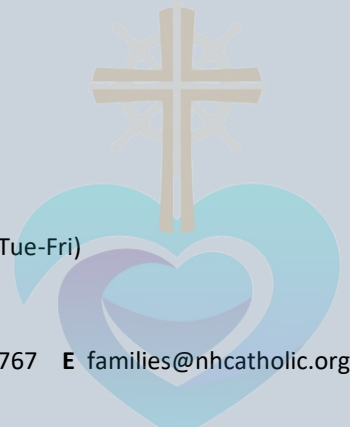
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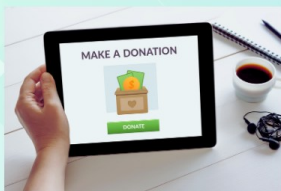
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