



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

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SUNDAY READINGS



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12 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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### FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47  
*Life of the early disciples.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1  
*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9  
*Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!*  
*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

John 20:19-31  
*Doubting Thomas.*

## 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:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

#### Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.” ©LPi

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

It is true. All we have to do is confess our sins, be truly sorry, and our sins are forgiven. This is true, of course, as long as we understand what being truly sorry means. There are more than words involved. Consider these three elements.

First, we say we are sorry. Our God is a God of love who calls all things to wholeness and harmony. When we act against love, we act against God, and we need to say the words that express our sorrow.

Second, we focus on change. If we say we are sorry and have no intention of changing our behaviour, we can't be forgiven. Even God cannot free us from sin if we insist on holding onto it. Sometimes we are really sorry for our actions but can't muster the courage to change. In that case, we need to ask God for the desire to change. Even this small inclination to mend our ways is enough to loosen sin's grip and allow the Holy Spirit to slip in.

Third, we admit we are human. We humbly acknowledge that we need the Spirit's help to love the way God wants us to love. We face our limitations and our powerlessness and allow the Spirit's strength to fill us. We trust that, with God's help, we can overcome the most compelling sins or bad habits and become the person God calls us to be.

Teach your children what it means to say “I am sorry,” and help them understand the three essential elements of forgiveness. Explain each element. Make sure they know the importance of asking for God's help to be strong throughout their day. And when they are not ready to forgive or to give up their anger, teach them to ask for God's help to let go.

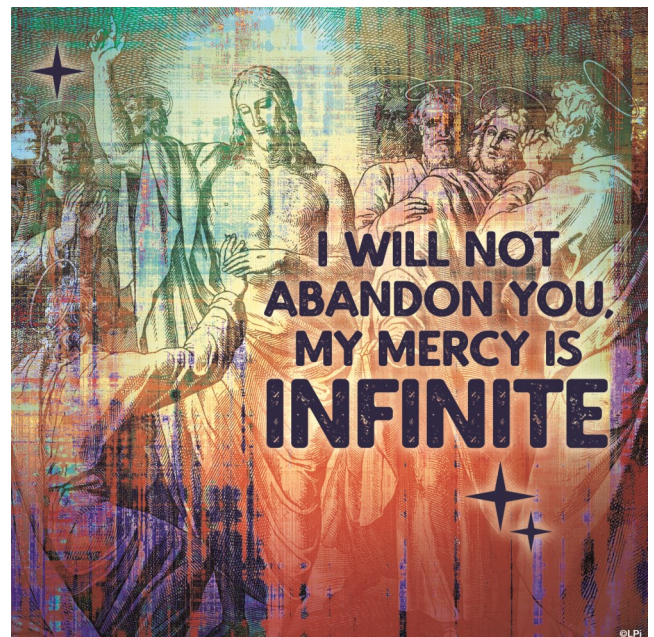
#### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Adult family members may want to practice a simple Act of Contrition themselves, and then pray it together with their children as part of their bedtime prayers.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What bad habit, inclination, or attitude do you find difficult to break?

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**Actions for March/April**

**Long Walk for Water:** Thank you to those who sponsored or joined us in Caritas fundraiser to help provide clean water to vulnerable communities. This initiative helped raise over \$2000.

**Parish Social Justice Group**

Faith in action – living the Gospel through justice and love

**Next SJ meeting**

**Monday | 13<sup>th</sup> April | 7:00PM**  
**St Kieran's Parish Centre**  
 2 King Street, Manly Vale

*All are welcome!*

**PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND & URGENT SICK CALLS**

If you or someone you know is unable to come to Mass because of illness, frailty, or age, our clergy and pastoral care ministers are here to support you. We can bring Holy Communion, offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and provide Anointing of the Sick in your home or place of care. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the Parish Office.

If you need a priest urgently, please phone the Parish Office during business hours:

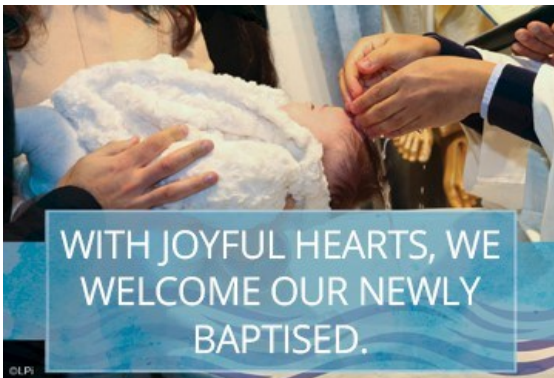
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**9am–4pm**  
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**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

**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, Sol Roxas

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Madela Duero, Fr John McCall osa, Diane Lowe, Madela Duero, Celia Cabaluna, Tomas Banayag Sr, Esmeraluna Pido

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Maria Polito, John & Gina Grupelli

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](mailto:office@nhcatholic.org.au)



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**Baptism of SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**

Preparation Session: 9 August 2026 Sunday 2-4pm at North Harbour Parish Centre

Sacrament of Baptism: 23 August 2026 Sunday  
10:30am at St Cecilia's Church  
11:30am at St Kieran's Church

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026-2027

ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR THE

*Sacrament of Confirmation*

\*CHILDREN MUST BE BAPTISED AND IN YEAR 3 OR ABOVE

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PARENT INFORMATION MEETING  
\*CHOOSE ONE SESSION ONLY

**15 SEPTEMBER 9:30AM**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 7:00PM**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION  
**28 NOVEMBER 3:00PM**

The Treacy Centre, 1 Dreadnought Rd, Oxford Falls

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** *for Adults*

PENTECOST SUNDAY | 24 MAY 2026  
9:30AM MASS  
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

**TO ENROL**  
Please e-mail Ursula at [families@nhcatholic.org.au](mailto:families@nhcatholic.org.au) and include your baptismal certificate and name of sponsor  
Enrolment Deadline: **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> of May**

**PREPARATION SESSION**  
North Harbour Parish Centre  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 6:30PM

Application close: 12 April 2026

*We're*  
**HIRING**

**Administrative Assistant (Media & Communications)**

North Harbour Parish is seeking a friendly, organised Administration Assistant to support our parish office and help with Media & Communications (bulletins, simple digital content, parish updates). If you enjoy welcoming people, assisting with parish life, understanding our Catholic mission, and working with basic admin and communication tools, we'd love to hear from you.

**APPLY NOW**  
Submit your resume and cover letter to:  
[pp@nhcatholic.org.au](mailto:pp@nhcatholic.org.au)

Our parish is committed to safeguarding all people, especially children and the vulnerable. Pre employment checks will be required.

*"This Easter invites us to hold onto hope. Even in difficult times, new life and new possibilities can emerge. Mercy and hope can disarm rage."*  
-Archbishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

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**Archbishop's Easter Message 2026**



HAPPY RETIREMENT  
*Anne Ross*

After many years of faithful service, Anne will be retiring from her role in our parish. We thank her for her generosity and commitment, and wish her every blessing in this new chapter. Her last day will be 17 April.

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25 APRIL 2026  
**ANZAC DAY**  
MASS

8.30 AM AT ST KIERAN'S CHURCH  
BBQ AFTER THE MASS

*All are Welcome!*



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." ISAIAH 54:13

Every Sunday at  
**ST KIERAN'S 9:30AM**



Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at  
**ST CECILIA'S 9AM**  
followed by morning tea

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at  
**ST KIERAN'S 5:00PM**  
followed by supper

**Come & join us for a walk with our Augustinians**

Bring a **friend** or the **whole family** or just **keep fit** for a good cause. Sponsor an Augustinian Priest and/or raise your own sponsorship and walk with us!

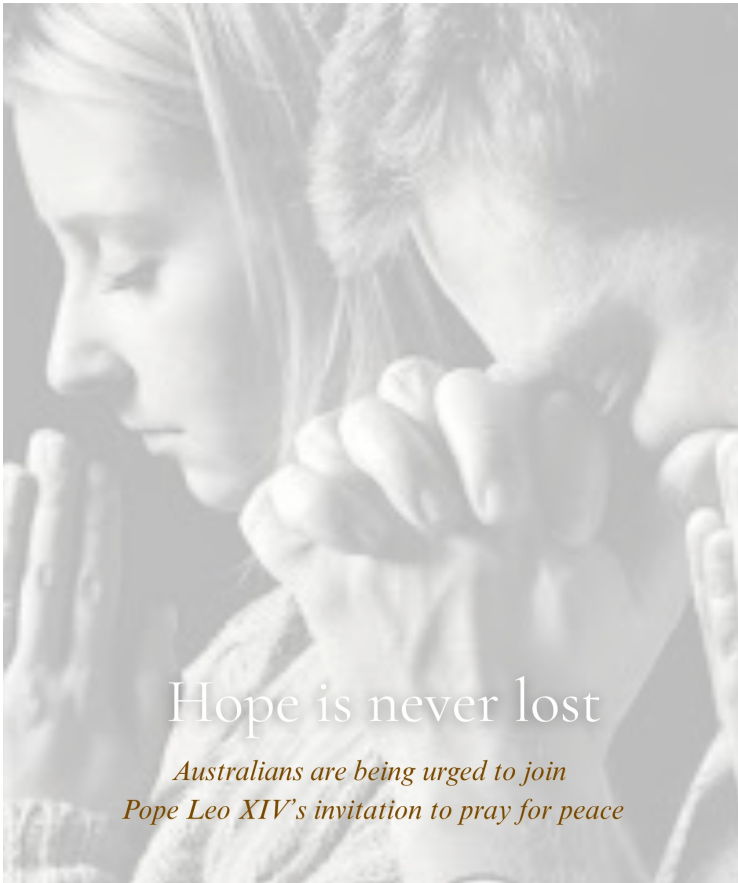
*AFA Supports the training/formation of Augustinian Priests in the Australian Province through prayer, community and fundraising for all their expenses!*

*See details on posters*



*Sue Cowell*  
**FUN Walk & Talk**  
An AFA Fundraising

**Sunday | 3 May 2026 | 8am**  
2K or 5K walk along  
Manly Beach Front



Hope is never lost

*Australians are being urged to join Pope Leo XIV's invitation to pray for peace*

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the Prince of Peace,  
Look with mercy upon our troubled world.  
Bring peace to places torn by war,  
Comfort those who suffer,  
Protect the innocent,  
And turn the hearts of all people from hatred and violence.  
Grant wisdom to leaders and courage to those who work for justice.  
May your peace reign in every heart, every home, and every nation.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave the power to forgive sins through his apostles. Today the priests are his apostles. They remind us of how God forgives our sins. You have the power to forgive those who hurt you. It is your choice to forgive as Jesus has forgiven you. It is healthy for you to forgive. Anger makes your body tense and your muscles ache. When you forgive others, God sends his love to fill your body and soul with peace.

### Prayer

Lord, help me forgive those who hurt me.

### Mission

I will pray for those who hurt me and forgive them.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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is everyone's responsibility



*I call upon You, God, the fountain of blessings, in Whom and by Whom and through Whom all things are blessed that are blessed, in Your gracious way.*

*Come to us.*

Soliloquies, 1, 2

- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (19 APRIL 2026): 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

<p><b>FIRST READING</b> Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 <i>Peter addresses the people on the day of Pentecost.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11 <i>Lord, you will show us the path of life.</i></p> <p><b>SECOND READING</b> 1 Peter 1:17-21 <i>We are delivered through the blood of the lamb.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> See Luke 24:32 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 24:13-35 <i>Jesus greets disciples on the road to Emmaus.</i></p>	<p><b>18 APR, 5.30PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Stephen</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Rick Elizabeth-Anne Terry (R)</p> <p><b>Music</b> Filipino Choir</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 APR, 7.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Michael</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Elsie Jenny Paul (R)</p> <p><b>Music</b> none</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Lea Olivier</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 APR, 9AM</b> <b>ST CECILIA'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Ian</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Phil Sandra</p> <p><b>Music</b> Love Thy Ngbr</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 APR, 9.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Adrian</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Cathie Dale Fatima (R)</p> <p><b>Music</b> Caroline</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Titus Adriana</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 APR, 5PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Edelvine</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Jo Rodney Christine (R)</p> <p><b>Music</b> tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Catherine Geraldine</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>
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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 APRIL

- Mon 13 Apr:** Monday of the 2nd week of Easter
- Tue 14 Apr:** Tuesday of the 2nd week of Easter
- Wed 15 Apr:** Wednesday of the 2nd week of Easter
- Thu 16 Apr:** Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter
- Fri 17 Apr:** Friday of the 2nd week of Easter
- Sat 18 Apr:** Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter

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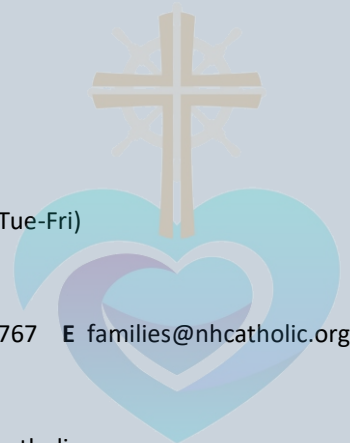
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