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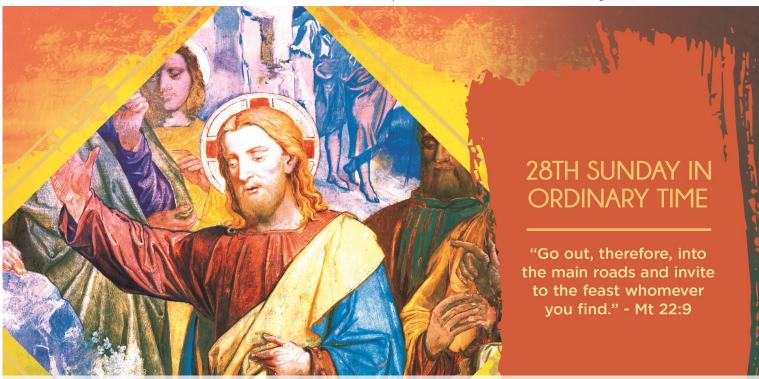
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FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10 On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast. | RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 22. R. v.6 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. | SECOND READING Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 With God, Paul has strength for everything. | GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ephesians 1:17-18 Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia! GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14 Parable of the wedding banquet.

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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, 6pm

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

As always, Jesus' parable has a message for us today. Consider the Eucharist as the wedding feast. The Eucharist is, after all, a banquet. In the Eucharist we are invited to become one with Jesus who forgives our sins, offers us new life and calls us to a closer communion with all of creation. It is a glorious celebration of Jesus' love and his sacrifice on the cross.

At the offertory we are invited to offer our own lives with Jesus' so that "through him, with him, in him through the power of the Holy Spirit" we can give glory to God. When we say or sing the great "Amen," we are saying yes to God, and yes to all that the Eucharist entails.

Sometimes we forget that attending Sunday liturgy requires more than just showing up at church. We need to actively respond to God's invitation by participating in the Mass. Even on those days when we don't have the energy to say the prayers or sing the songs, we can make an effort. We can at least lift up our weary hearts in silent prayer and offer our busy, over-extended lives in sacrifice.

Teach your children some of the prayers and simple responses we say at Mass. Say them together before meals. Say a prayer together on the way to church and suggest family members take some time to say "yes" to God's invitation. Consciously choose to put on the right disposition to participate in the great feast to which we have been invited.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have some quiet prayer time before you leave for Sunday Mass, or ask for a minute of silence in the car on the way to church. Ask everyone to remember what a special gift it is to pray together with your parish family.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

At the end of the Mass, the priest asks you to go out and share the peace of God with others. How can you do that this week?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The Sunday Gospel describes the wedding banquet to which the groom's father invited his family and friends. But the invited guests chose not to come. In frustration, the father welcomed people beyond his immediate

circle, even reaching out to people on the fringes of society. And they came! Jesus' message is clear: through him, God has given us a new understanding of who the Chosen People are. They are not only people born into the Jewish community. The chosen people include anyone who says yes to God's call. Your challenge this week is to look at someone who is not Catholic, a person you don't know very well. It might be someone you pass on the street or in the grocery store, perhaps a person whom you consider different or wrong, scary or mean. Can you view the person through God's eyes, seeing them as part of God's chosen people? Can you name one way in which the person has said yes to God? In the coming week, commit yourself to a change of attitude or heart about this person.



"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines..." —Isaiah 25:6

God wants all people to be well-fed, but sadly, even as millions of people in our world are starving, one-third of food (more than 1 billion tons) is lost or wasted globally. Such waste

contributes to eight percent of greenhouse gases emitted. This week, make an audit of your food consumption and waste. Do you buy more than you can eat before it goes bad? Do you let restaurant left-overs rot in your fridge while you make something new? Clean out your fridge and cabinets, making use of all you've bought but haven't eaten yet.

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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.

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK

Paul Pearson, Veronica Laverty, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cohen Bufton-Griggs, Ted Appleby, Hermanus (Hank) De Vries

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Meates, Peter Austin Levy, Joe Tesoriero, John Mascarenhas, Kerry Attard, Irene & Harry Hurrell, Stephen Jackson, Pat Andrews

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 parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES





In this year's Catholic Mission Appeal, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the community and Church in Timor-Leste as they look to address the gaps in care and empower the community to take control of their health through the presence of the missionary Sisters and their well-trusted health clinic.

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Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Appeal envelopes are available in the church foyer.



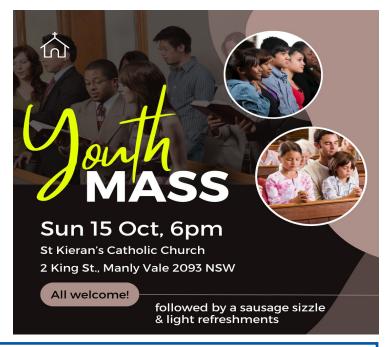
Support the young men of the Australian Province in Augustinian formation houses in Sydney, Vietnam, Philippines, and Italy who are listening to and discerning God's call to the religious life. This is only possible with your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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We are in need of volunteers to support people in our community who find themselves experiencing poverty and disadvantage.

This involves a commitment of approximately one afternoon a week(M-F) for about two hours. Also regular meetings. The meetings are for prayer, reflection and support of each other.

Blessed Frederic Ozenam who started the first conference in Paris in 1833 said:

"Without attention being given to nurturing Christian love there will be no capacity for self sacrificing love to one's neighbours, and charity will become welfare".

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact

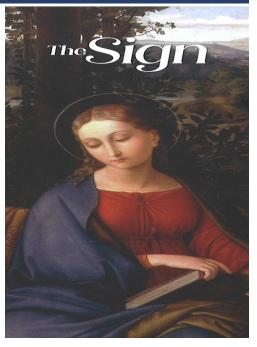
St Vincent de Paul office. Ph: 9905 0424 or email: metro.members@vinnies.org.au

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

AFA CHRISTMAS DINNER RAFFLE

Members of the AFA Committee will be selling raffle tickets after all masses on the weekends of 21/22 October and 28/29 October. Tickets are \$10 each and the first prize is \$1,000 with many other great prizes. We will only be taking cash for the sale of these tickets so make sure to bring some cash. All monies raised will go towards supporting our Augustinian seminarians.



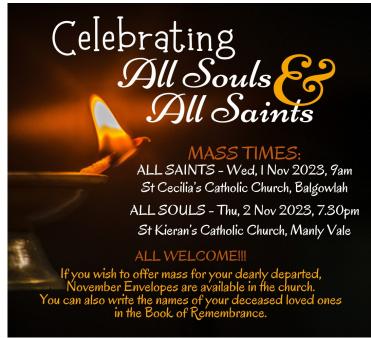


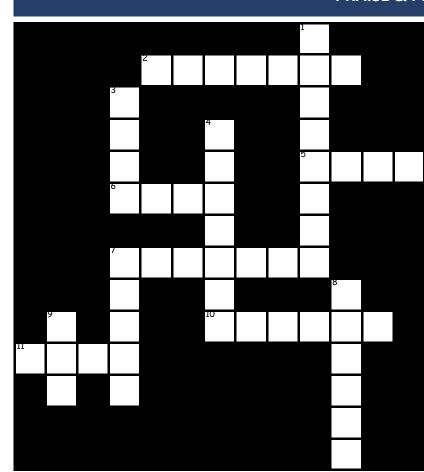
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The banquet is ready.

ACROSS:

- 2: a lavish meal given to celebrate a special occasion
- 5: a large group of soldiers
- 6: nice, kind
- 7: extremely angry, enraged
- 10: people you invite
- 11: people came from the streets and filled the banquet ____

DOWN:

- 1: people who serve
- 3: the ____ gave a wedding banquet for his son
- 4: a marriage celebration
- 7: places where people grow food and raise animals
- 8: a road that is lined with buildings
- 9: a father and mother's male child

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Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Mission

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"

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Forgive us, Lord, all these things in which we have been led astray.

Help us to resist being led away.

(Punishment and the Forgiveness of Sins, 2, 4)

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (22 OCTOBER): 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading

Isaiah 45:1.4-6
I am the Lord, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7 Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 *Paul greets the Thessalonians.*

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright
stars; you are offering it the word
of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21 Render to Caesar what is Caesar's. 21 OCT, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Louise

Reader 1Ronda

Reader 2Maria

*Music*Parish Choir *Powerpoint*

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

22 OCT, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server

Reader 1 Lea

Reader 2

Music None

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed 22 OCT, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Antoinette

Reader 1 Sacha

Reader 2 Amy

> Music None

PowerpointVolunteer needed **Welcomers**

Christine

22 OCT, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Michael

> **Reader 1** Kaye

Reader 2 Anne

Music Anoushka

PowerpointVolunteer needed

WelcomersVolunteers needed

22 OCT, 6PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Stephen

Reader 1
Leanne

Reader 2
Caroline,
Christine

Music Conmen

PowerpointVolunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 15 OCTOBER

Mon 16 Oct: Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Tue 17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Wed 18 Oct: St Luke, evangelist

Thu 19 Oct: Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1
Fri 20 Oct: Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1
Sat 21 Oct: Saturday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

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