

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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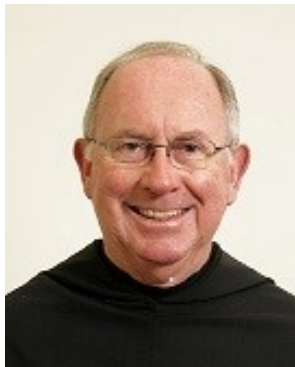
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**Third Sunday of
ADVENT**
Year A - 11 Dec 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – Joyfully Advent! – ‘Rejoice in the Lord!’



Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate **Gaudete Sunday** and light the third, rose-coloured candle in our Advent wreath. Latin for ‘Rejoice’, *Gaudete* reminds us of the foundation of the Christian journey, the joy that must be evident in the Church. Joy is not the same as happiness, though they do sit well together, but we know that, even when happiness escapes us, we can experience an underlying sense of Joy.

Pope Francis quotes St Paul’s invitation: ‘*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.... The Lord is at hand*’ (Phil 4:4-5), and reminds us that this Joy, ‘...is not a superficial or purely emotional cheerfulness that the Apostle exhorts, nor is it the cheerfulness of worldliness or of consumerism.’ The taste of true joy, ‘...is a joy that touches our innermost being, as we await Jesus, who has already come to bring salvation to the world, the promised Messiah, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary.’

True joy is meant to be universal, touching all men and women. Occasionally, we connect with this reality. During a visit to Vietnam in 2010, we attended Mass in St Joseph’s Cathedral, Hanoi on the Feast of Christ the King, a very graced event even though I understood only 3 words in the liturgy - *Jesus, Amen* and *Alleluia*!! These were enough, however, as I realised how our faith binds us together wherever we are. A week later, we concelebrated Sunday Mass in the Parish of Cam Ranh, the Parish where Fr Tan lived as a child. Fr Tony Banks preached the homily and Fr Tan translated for those present.

I was struck by the number of young people at Mass, especially children who sang with great gusto. Each Sunday in Cam Ranh Parish, 30 catechists teach children the Faith. The liturgy incorporated elements of traditional culture with incense sticks burning in front of the altar during Mass. Even in this country that carries the aftermath of a long war, Christian Joy was evident.

Many of us carry the burdens of illness, grief and personal loss, fear and anxiety, family disruption, and financial worries too, but my hope for each of you and your families is that you can grasp the freedom that Jesus offers us at Christmas. As Church, we wait together, companions in prayer across the cultures of the world. Amid the commercial and cultural scream of ‘Christmas!’ we Christians attend to the Advent call to a time of stillness and waiting, silence and reflection. Pope Francis again:

‘We are called to let ourselves be drawn in by the feeling of exultation... this exultation, this joy. But a Christian who isn’t joyful is a Christian who is lacking something... It is heartfelt joy, the joy within which leads us forth and gives us courage... The Lord comes, he comes into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing.’

Gaudete! Rejoice! Let’s trust this gift of Joy that the Lord shares with us!

There will be no homily this weekend but please check the Parish website or Facebook page for other items of interest: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>



FAREWELL MORNING TEA – THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who brought food to share at last Sunday's Farewell Morning Tea, especially the beautiful celebration cake. So many helped with the setup, clean-up and general organisation, including Parish staff and those who volunteered. Special thanks from Frs Dave, Jepser and John for your gifts and good wishes.



Children's Liturgy will be held during the 9.30 Mass at St Kieran's this Sunday. Preschool and primary schoolers are all welcome. Parents - please feel free to come with your child if they would be more comfortable with you there.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run Children's Liturgy in 2023. It will be running monthly at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's, during school term.

We need two leaders for each session, and would love it if you were available a couple of times a year. Training and resources will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kate on 0430524316 or Janette at the parish office on 02 99494455.



ANNOUNCEMENT - NORTHERN BEACHES CATHOLIC SCHOOL REVIEW

Bishop Anthony has announced decisions relating to Catholic schools in the Parishes of Manly-Freshwater and North Harbour. A key decision is that St Paul's College will become a co-educational secondary school commencing in 2025 with Years 7 and 11. More detailed planning to provide additional resources and support to our Parish schools will be announced in due course. A letter from CSBB Director, Danny Casey, is being emailed with this bulletin, and copies are on the noticeboards in both churches.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL – Thank you to all who have made generous donations to Vinnies Christmas Appeal and have prepared hampers. The response has been overwhelming. Appeal envelopes are available in our churches. Hampers need to be returned asap.



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

The Augustinians in Australia invite young adults (aged 18 to 35) to join their pilgrimage group to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in mid-2023. The group will visit significant Augustinian sites in Italy and then join the Augustinian Youth Encounter in Lisbon, followed by World Youth Day. Dates are 19 July to 7 August. Printed information is available in the foyer of each church. Registration deadline is in December. Please contact Fr Dave asap if you are interested.



WHAT'S ON in OUR PARISH

Thursday Dec 15

7.30pm

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

St Kieran's

Readings for this week: **Isaiah 35:1-6, 10** **St James 5:7-10** **Matthew 11:2-11**

Response: Lord, come and save us

Readings for next week: **Isaiah 7:10-14** **Romans 1:1-7** **Matthew 1:18-24**

NEXT WEEK'S READERS Roster Week 3

SK 5.30pm Val, Margaret, Phillip **7.30am** Andrew, Jenny **9.30am** Cathie, Dale **6pm** Jo, Rodney

SC 9.00am Phil, Sandra, Gai

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Mass and Reconciliation times for Christmas are printed below. Please note that there will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Reconciliation (First Rite) – Saturday 24 December

* St Kieran's – 4-5 pm - St Cecilia's – 4-5 pm

Christmas Mass Times – Saturday 24 December

* St Kieran's – 6.00pm (Family Mass) - 8.00pm – Midnight

* St Cecilia's – 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Christmas Mass Times – Sunday 25 December

* St Kieran's – 7.30am - 9.30am - No 6.00pm Mass

* St Cecilia's – 9.00am



COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION – Thurs 15 December at 7.30pm

A special opportunity to prepare for Christmas is the Communal Rite of Reconciliation (Second Rite) which will be celebrated in St Kieran's Church on Thursday 15 December at 7.30pm. We need to come together as a Faith Community to reflect on our shared weakness and sinfulness and to seek forgiveness.

THANK YOU TO THE HOSPITALITY TEAM

A big Thank You to all the Hospitality Volunteers who helped with getting the parish community back together with the morning teas after the 9.30am mass at St Kieran's Church. Your help and time are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful ministry for 2023, I will be putting together the Roster for 2023 and would welcome more people to join the existing team. It is entirely up to you regarding how many times a year you would like to volunteer. You can commit to 2-3 times per year, once a term or more if you like.

The parish would be responsible for providing the morning tea and the volunteers are simply required to set up, serve and pack away.

So, if you feel like this is something you can help with in 2023, and you would like to become a part of the hospitality team or would simply like more information please email or give me a call.

Best wishes to all for a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful & Joyful 2023.

Adriana Bowyer 0402 099 746 albowyer@bigpond.com



angels and shepherds needed!
NO REHEARSALS REQUIRED
Christmas Eve Nativity Play

5:30pm St Cecilia's & 6:00pm St Kieran's
no rehearsals required



If you'd like to be involved in any way at **Christmas Eve St Kieran's 6.00pm Mass**, please contact Janette on 0408 866 521

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass @ St Cecilia's

- St Cecilia's Church
- Saturday 24 December 2022 at 5:30pm
- Angels and shepherds: no rehearsal required!
- Singers for choir: rehearsal 24 December at 9:30am in the church

Please nominate your child via Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AAAE2CA6F94-christmas>

Any queries, please contact Christine Boys: caboys01@gmail.com





9 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Announcement – Southern Peninsula of the Northern Beaches School Review

We are excited to provide an update on the status of the Southern Peninsula of the Northern Beaches School Review project.

This is a transformative, future focused initiative for Catholic education, and our families on the Northern Beaches, and with your input we are reimagining the way that Catholic education meets the needs of our community.

Your insights, feedback and ideas have directly informed the recommendations put forward to Bishop Anthony Randazzo by the Strategic Working Party and will be crucial to the long-term detailed plan that will be finalised next year.

These recommendations have received strong endorsement by Bishop Anthony and the CSBB Advisory Committee, and we are pleased to announce a summary of the outcomes of the review.

To strengthen and shape the future of our schools, Catholic Schools Broken Bay will:

- Progress a detailed education and business plan for the Northern Beaches
- Enhance opportunities for greater collaboration and learning across our system of schools
- Create a clear pathway from Preschool to Year 12 including:
 - exploration of additional preschool opportunities
 - creation of a K-12 co-educational precinct in Manly (K-6 St Mary's site and 7-12 at the current St Paul's site)
 - co-educational secondary school commencing in 2025 with Years 7 and 11, accepting enrolments from 2023
- Provide a Stage 3 (year 5 and 6) Learning Hub for Manly, giving our students greater access to specialist teachers and resources in preparation for high school.
- Commit significant investment in our schools and facilities to provide contemporary and innovative indoor and outdoor spaces for learning and sport.

In addition, the strategic working party will consider greater opportunities for student representative sports for CSBB schools. This will include the provision of improved sporting facilities for CSBB schools.

We are very grateful for your continued support and partnership in the future of Catholic Schools Broken Bay, as we inspire hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

We look forward to progressing and delivering these recommendations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny Casey', with a stylized, cursive script.

Danny Casey
Director of Schools



ANNIVERSARIES

John Ardill	Peter McCarthy
Maria Demasi	Brian Sligar
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Jack Dellagiacomma	Cecile Hakvoort
Bob McEwan	Rosa Filocamo
Bill Greentree	Liz Rush
Franciszek Smigowski	Irene Martin

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	Yvonne Richardson
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		

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Jack Dellagiacomma Tues 13 Dec 10.30am SK
Rosa Filocamo Wed 14 Dec 10.30am SK
 (Rosary 10am)

From St Augustine

Good Father, You loved us so much that
 You did not spare Your only Son, but
 handed Him over for the sake of us
 sinners. How great was Your
 love for us!

Confessions, 10, 43

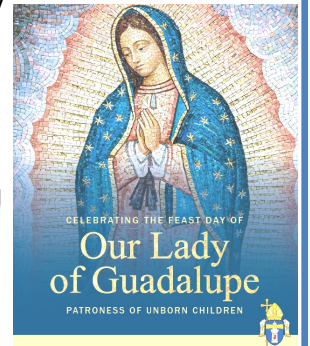


All are invited to celebrate the Feast Day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of unborn children, at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

The Mass will include a special blessing for expectant mothers and those wishing to conceive a child.

Date: Monday 12 December 2022
 Time: 7:00pm Mass
 Venue: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St Chatswood

Following Mass, refreshments and entertainment will be offered in the church forecourt.



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

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 Course as part of the preparation

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 Holloway Catechist Coordinator 9949 4455
 Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator 0408 866 521
 Anne Ross Parish Secretary 9949 4455
 Jane Filacuridi Parish Secretary 9949 4455

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