

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



Cnr White & Wanganella Sts

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



2 King Street

Administrator: Fr Paul Maloney osa

Parish Office: 9949 4455

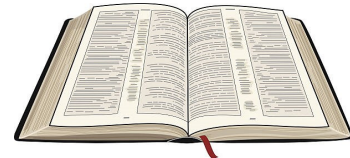
parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/northharbour>



4th Sunday
of LENT Yr A
19 March 2023

Crumbs from the Table of the Word: to sustain us for the week to come.



The Book of Samuel is all about the difficult task given this particular prophet who has to walk the fine line between trying not to upset King Saul but at the same time surreptitiously following God's instructions to find a new king. The fact that he represents the king causes the people to fear him; but knowing he represents God fills them with wonder and awe. We see this being played out in the story of the youngest son, David, coming in from the fields and the prophet being *told "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one - and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward"*.

The same Spirit is given to us from the moment we are anointed at our baptism. St Paul tells us "You were darkness once, but now the light of Christ will shine on you bringing about all that is good and true and right". Just as the Spirit never left David no matter how devious he became in his old age, so the Spirit never leaves us no matter how often we may blunder off the path and lose our way.

The man born blind resists persecution and even grows stronger as a result of all the grilling he undergoes. Part of his energy comes from his experience of '*the Spirit of the Lord coming mightily upon him from that day forward*'. No matter what others may say about Jesus, he knows in himself that he once was blind and, after the anointing of his eyes by Jesus, now he sees! His courageous insistence comes from what he knows from his personal encounter with Jesus and this leads eventually to a full act of faith. He stands by his experience, no matter what the pressure.

Let us find reason on this *Laetare* Sunday to find joy in the midst of sadness, light in the midst of darkness, and new sight in the midst of our blindness so that we too may have the courage to grow in our faith and give courage to others by our witness.



The Solemnity of St Joseph will be celebrated this Lenten season on Monday, 20 March.





Thank you! Fr Senan wishes to express his gratitude to the many parishioners and friends who surrounded him with congratulations and good wishes last weekend on his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, and for cards, gifts and expressions of appreciation. Mass will be offered for all your intentions. *Fr Senan*

St Cecilia's Playgroup for pre-schoolers

NEXT SESSION

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

FROM 9.15—10.15AM

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

NEXT PARISH ANOINTING MASS
ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 10.00am

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on **Tuesday, 4 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year.



Visiting sick at home -

If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office to organise for Communion or Anointing.




FROM ST AUGUSTINE

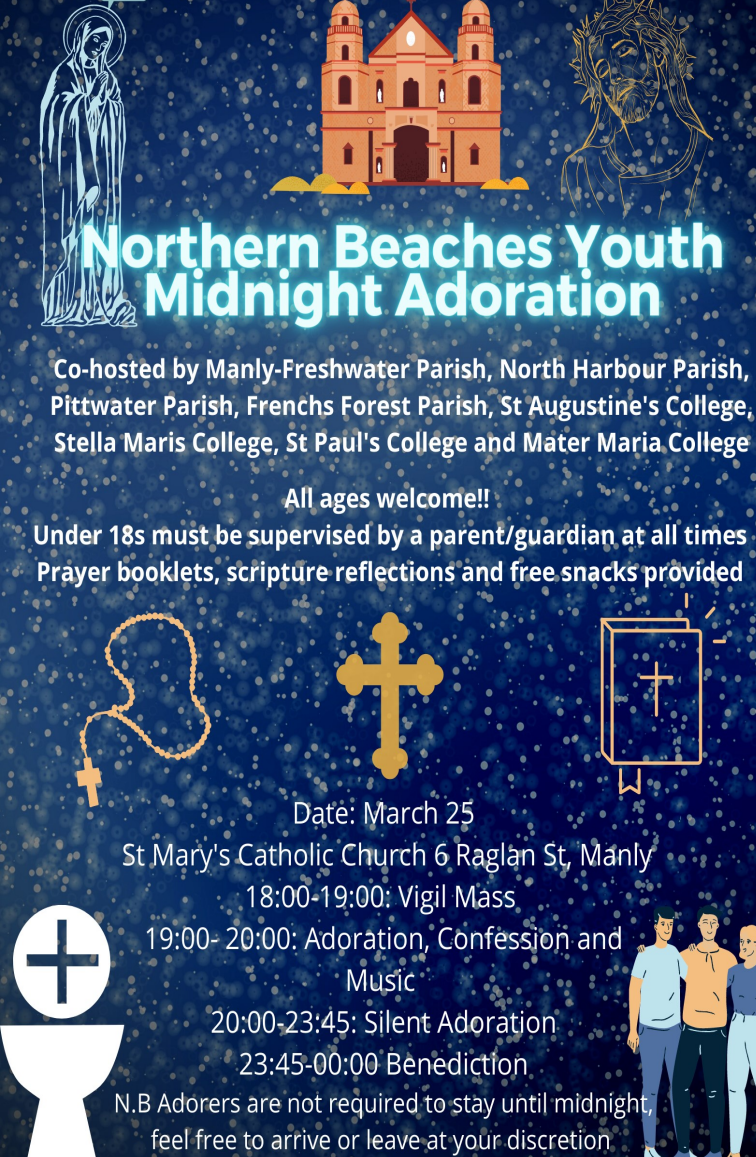
Let me not be my own life. I have lived badly on my own account and been death to myself, but in You I live again. Speak to me, O Lord.

Confessions 12, 10



Readings for this week: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1. 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Readings for next week: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
Readers rostered for next week 4th Sunday
SK 5.30pm Ronda, Maria **7.30am** Lea, Tim **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Caroline, Christine
SC 9.00am TBA




 Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth
  manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth
 manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com





**Northern Beaches Youth
Midnight Adoration**

Co-hosted by Manly-Freshwater Parish, North Harbour Parish, Pittwater Parish, Frenchs Forest Parish, St Augustine's College, Stella Maris College, St Paul's College and Mater Maria College

All ages welcome!!
 Under 18s must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times
 Prayer booklets, scripture reflections and free snacks provided

Date: March 25
 St Mary's Catholic Church 6 Raglan St, Manly
 18:00-19:00: Vigil Mass
 19:00- 20:00: Adoration, Confession and Music
 20:00-23:45: Silent Adoration
 23:45-00:00 Benediction
 N.B Adorers are not required to stay until midnight, feel free to arrive or leave at your discretion

Divine Renovation Australasian Conference Called to More"

On the weekend of February 10-12 Fr Paul and ten parishioners attended this conference along with approx 500 Catholics from Australia and New Zealand and Canada.

The focus of Divine Renovation is to provide a support network for Parish Priests and Lay Leaders, giving them skills to work together to help renew and reignite the life of the Parish.

The keynote speakers Fr James Mallon and Fr Simon Lobo from Canada and Fr Chris Ryan from Penshurst Sydney were inspiring as was the wonderful music and Celebration of the Eucharist each day with such a large group.

We attended workshops and heard many ways to foster a more hospitable and lively Parish.

We came away from this special weekend feeling inspired and reflecting on how we could incorporate these ideas within the Parish. We met again on March 6 to discuss what we had 'heard' and consolidate what ideas/ recommendations could be included in our parish life.

We prepared a summary of our experience for the Parish Pastoral Council together with recommendations for their consideration which they will review later this month.

Please pray for the Parish and for the Pastoral Council.

For more in formation see the website:

<https://divinerenovation.org>



Sacramental Program News

The **2023/2024 Children's Sacramental Program** information is available at the back of both Churches and can be downloaded from the parish website <https://bbcatholic.org.au/northharbour>



Our Baptism of Young Children Program (for children aged 7 – 11 years) will commence on Sunday 14 May 2023 after the 9.30am Mass at St Kieran's. The meetings will be held in the parish centre.

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



Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Rosa De Florio | Abigail Connell |
| John & Gina Grupelli | Silvio Tracogna |
| RECENTLY DECEASED | |
| Anne Woodbury | Gloria Omodei |
| Peter Mohr | John Kalsino |
| Maureen Mitchell | |

For those with ILLNESS

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Zara Sapounas | Michael Lennon | Daniella Takchi | Mark Moscrop |
| Yvonne Taylor | Jenny B | Muireann Casey | Bridie Lennon |
| Ed Burchard | Joan Killick | Mary Hulme | Shirley Barker |
| Christopher Newman | Maria Kogovsek | Yvonne Hickey | Henryk Gawecki |
| Richard Paul Reynolds | Margaret Appleby | Angie Olic | Peter Van de Velde |
| Chloe Zarb | Andrew Scotland | Jan Van de Velde | Trevor Austin |

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Maureen Mitchell (Millett)
Monday 27 March 10.30am
RSL Anzac Village Chapel,
Narrabeen



PROJECT COMPASSION



**DONATION BOXES ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH FOYERS.**
Please return the boxes by Easter,
and thank you for your generosity.



STATIONS of the CROSS

**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
ST KIERAN'S CHURCH 7.30PM
or online resource from DBB:**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/evangelisation/stations-of-the-cross>

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

ST KIERAN'S
TUESDAY 28 MARCH 5.30—6.30PM
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 9.15 —11AM
ST CECILIA'S:
WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 9.30—11.00AM

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



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

RECONCILIATION

St Kieran 5 – 5.45pm Saturday or by appointment.

NORTH HARBOUR PARISH TEAM

| | | |
|--|--|--------------|
| Fr Michael Belonio OSA—Parish Priest (on sabbatical) | Jacky Worthington Parish Manager | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Paul Maloney OSA—Administrator & Prior 0439 595 723 | Marianne Deveza Music Co-ordinator | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Jumbim Torres OSA—Assistant Priest 0450 109 880 | Ursula Halloway Catechist Coordinator | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Senan Ward OSA Chaplain—St Augustine's College | Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator | 0408 866 521 |
| Fr Abel van der Veer OSA—Retired 0409 368 449 | Anne Ross Parish Secretary | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence | 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.