

# The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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4th Sunday of Easter

Year C

8 May 2022

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – 'Good Shepherds!'



*Dear Friends*

Given the movable nature of the date of Easter, it is quite unusual for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – traditionally **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – to coincide with Mother's Day. While the title 'shepherd' has a male connotation, it should not be difficult for us to recognise the qualities of the 'shepherd' in both Mums and Dads, and in many others who show us extraordinary care.

**Gratitude for Mothers** - In our Easter readings recalling the appearances of the Risen Jesus, the women disciples who followed Jesus faithfully to the end are very prominent, especially in the accounts of the appearances of Jesus after his death. These women are the first believers in his Resurrection, the ones who told the news to the apostles – their testimony not given much credit by the men – yet the women are in fact *'the apostles to the apostles!'*

In our Society and Church, there is much discussion and debate over the role of women, yet the pivotal role of mothers remains undisputed, their special nurturing qualities, and their place in passing on the Faith and, with fathers, encouraging sons and daughters and grandchildren too to find their way in the world and follow the call in their hearts.

**Following our Call** – Today we are asked to pray to God that he *'send more workers into the harvest,'* presumably as religious sisters and brothers, deacons and priests – a very important message. However, let's remember that prayer changes us and very little will happen unless families cultivate faith and positively encourage members to embrace a religious vocation. Mums and Dads are good at that but in our time some are reticent in raising the subject, given our present struggles as Church.

Mothers are invariably models of faithfulness and perseverance in serving the family and understanding the unique, personal gifts and hopes of each child. While respecting the freedom of each, parents need to feel free to offer a 'prompt' to children to challenge them to 'dream the dream' that the Lord has for each. Pope Francis emphasises Joy in the Love that holds family life together and he offers the maternal faith of Mary Mother of Jesus as our inspiration:

*'This maternal gaze, which instils confidence and trust, helps us to grow in faith. Faith is a bond with God that engages the whole person; to be preserved, it needs the Mother of God. Her maternal gaze helps us see ourselves as beloved children in God's faithful people, and to love one another regardless of our individual limitations and approaches. Our Lady keeps us faithful in the Church, where unity counts more than diversity; she encourages us to care for one another. Mary's gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm. Tenderness: the Church of tenderness.... When faith makes a place for the Mother of God, we never lose sight of the centre: the Lord, for Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.'*



As we honour our mothers, living and deceased, we affirm the remarkable call of motherhood and the ways in which each of us has been given life and formed in the likeness of God through the love of parents and the unique role of our mothers. While this may not be the experience of all, we give thanks for the positive influences of those people who formed us.... And let us pray that each of us will continue to pray and listen to our personal call.

*Fr Dave*



### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER CARDS

As a special gesture on Mother's Day, the Parish has printed some attractive prayer cards. Mums are invited to collect a card at Mass this weekend. Special thanks to Jane Filacuridi for preparing the cards.



### PARISH YOUTH MASS – this Sunday 8 May – 6.00pm

Don't forget the *Parish Youth Mass* at St Kieran's this Sunday 8 May at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially families and youth. This is an important opportunity for all young people and their families to deepen their spiritual connection and strengthen their relationship with God. This **Youth event** is held twice a term.



**"I am inviting you to come to World Youth Day in Portugal with me, my first World Youth Day!" Bishop Anthony Randazzo**

On Friday evening, over 300 young people gathered with Bishop Anthony Randazzo at Praisefest, to officially launch Broken Bay's pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2023. Held at the Light of Christ Centre in Waitara, the evening was hosted by Catholic Youth Broken Bay, the 'Glorious' team (a Broken Bay community of creatives) and a host of volunteers. Together, they welcomed the youth and young adults over a Portuguese-style feast, selfies with Pope Francis at the photobooth and a WYD quiz.



The Glorious team performed an original skit by member Tim O'Shea, and testimonies were shared by previous World Youth Day pilgrims, Ivica Covic and Monica Reyes. Bishop Anthony prepared the youth for World Youth Day, taught them the chant, "Viva Papa Francesco!", and revealed the Broken Bay World Youth Day pilgrimage and new logo. And of course, it wouldn't be a Praisefest without Adoration and a praise party too! Pilgrimage details and next steps will be announced over the coming weeks.



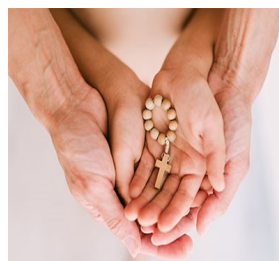
Pick up a copy of the May edition of *The Augustinian* magazine, available in the church entrances, to catch up on all the news from the Order.

We congratulate Adriana Bowyer and Anna Heath who were both recently affiliated to the Order.



## Mass Count

Commencing this weekend, and for the duration of May, rostered Readers are requested to carry out a Mass Count for all weekend Masses.



**POPE FRANCIS:  
REDISCOVER THE  
BEAUTY OF PRAYING  
THE ROSARY  
AT HOME THIS MAY>>**

<b>Readings for this week:</b>	<b>Acts 13:14, 43-52</b>	<b>Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17</b>	<b>John 10:27-30</b>
<b>Response:</b>	<i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i>		
<b>Readings for next week:</b>	<b>Acts 14:21-27</b>	<b>Apocalypse 2:1-5</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>

**NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 3):**  
**SK 5.30pm** Val, Margaret, Phil **7.30am** Andrew, Judith/Jenny **9.30am** Cathie, Dale  
**6.00pm** Jo, Rodney, Res: Christine **SC 9.00am:** Phil, Sandra, Gai

### COUNSELLING INVITATION

Fr Tuan Anh Le is currently completing a Counselling qualification and studying 2 course units this term. As part of his training, he is looking for two clients who are seeking counselling and are willing to meet with him for 5 one-hour sessions, either face-to-screen or face-to-face. Criteria for being a client include having Christian faith and experiencing common emotional issues such as anxiety, stress, depression, grief, relationship, OCD, etc. For further information, please contact Fr Tuan Anh on 0478 688 328.



### Sacramental Program News for parents of children in Year 3 and older

- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW PARENT MEETING**  
for parents new to the program (1 hour) :

Tues 10 May, 9.30am **OR** Wed 11 May, 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church. **Parents new to the program are required to attend this meeting** to gain an understanding of the program, timeline, and process.

- **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM (approx. 1 hour):** Tues 7 June, 9.30am **OR** Wed 8 June, 7.00pm both in St Kieran's Church.

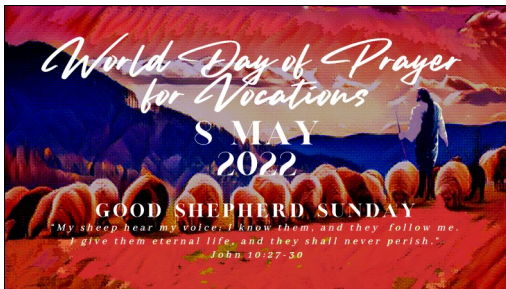
- **A copy of the program is available at the back of both Churches and will be available shortly on the new parish website.**

- **Online Enrolment from 23 May.**

Please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at [sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au) if you have any questions



### World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests

who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women to respond to God's call.

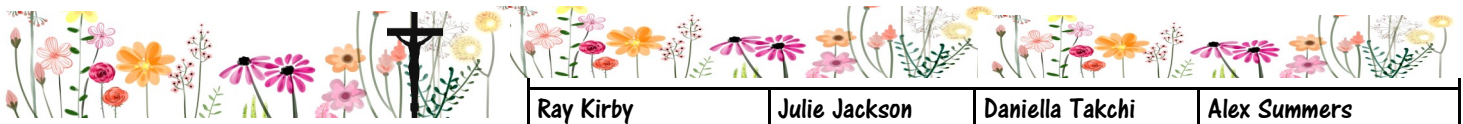


If you are interested in learning more about a vocation with the Augustinians or you know of someone who is considering the vocation to religious life, please contact Fr. Percival OSA (Mobile: 0439111932 Email: [vocations@osa.org.au](mailto:vocations@osa.org.au)).

This weekend's Homily will be by **Fr Jepsers** and available to view via the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw>

Link on Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>



ANNIVERSARIES	
Barbara Gawecka	Dot Riddington
Ilario Vozzo	Peter Keogh
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Elsa Monsour	Richard Connolly

Ray Kirby	Julie Jackson	Daniella Takchi	Alex Summers
Yvonne Taylor	Jim Rush	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Simone Young	Bob McEwan
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	Jonathan Keil
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	Zara Sapounas	Henryk Gawecki
Michael Lennon			

**COVID SAFETY** - All are reminded of our individual and joint responsibility to one another to ensure that our gatherings are as safe as possible. While masks are no longer compulsory, wearing of masks is encouraged, and the Parish Covid-Safe Plan still involves use of hand sanitiser provided at the doors and attention to social distancing, including outside the church.



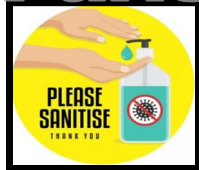
**From St Augustine**  
*Come to my aid, O God, the one eternal, true reality! In You there is no strife, no disorder, no change, no need, and no death; only supreme clarity, supreme permanence, supreme fullness, and supreme life.*



**Soliloquies 1, 1**

**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

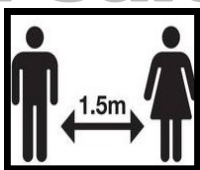
# Parish Covid-Safe Plan



**Use hand sanitiser**



**Do not attend if unwell**



**Maintain social distancing**



**Catch up outside at a safe distance**



## 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	Jacky Worthington Parish Manager 9949 4455
Fr Paul Maloney OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0439 595 723	Marianne Deveza Music Co-ordinator 9949 4455
Fr Jepsen Bermudez Assistant Priest 0410 203 601	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.*