The Catholic Community of North Harbour

IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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5th Sunday of LENT Yr A 26 March 2023

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



The message in today's Gospel is expanded upon by St. Paul when he announces to us that "The Spirit of God has made his home in you" - in such a way that our whole being (bodies as well as soul) has been rejuvenated by the supreme gesture of God's Spirit residing in us. In Jesus, God reaches out to ease the loss we experience in the face of death. The "tender mercy" of our God is revealed by our sharing not only in the death but astoundingly, the resurrection of his Son. In a word, the gift of new life transcending death becomes the measure of the love of God for humanity and for each of us.

We can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people who have given up on life and regard themselves as physically or emotionally dead. At one particular moment Jesus stands outside the tomb they may have dug for themselves and commands, "Take the stone away". He then calls them to 'come out' and stand in the light of day. If we have the courage we can choose, like Lazarus, to obey, or else we can stay dormant in the tomb of our own making.

Our trust is in this person. One step towards Jesus and he does the rest - 'unbind them and let them go free' - 'take the cloths from their eyes' and bring each one into the sunlight of a new relationship with the world around us, with God and with one another.

Today's message is impossible to ignore. The call Jesus makes to us requires a brave and generous response - to stand with him (as Lazarus and his sisters did), so that his Spirit, living in us, can 'unbind us and let us go free' to choose anew to love God, the world and one another.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

St Kieran's

Holy Thursday Good Friday

* Stations of the Cross * Reconciliation

* The Lord's Passion

Easter Saturday

* Reconciliation 1st Rite

* Vigil

7.30pm

10am

11am

3pm

5pm 7pm **Easter Sunday** 7.30am 9.30am

NO EVENING MASS



St Cecilia's

Good Friday

* Stations of the Cross 10.30am

* Reconciliation 11.30am

* The Lord's Passion 3pm **Easter Sunday** 9am





We need help during Holy Week—please see the sign up sheets in the church foyers and add your name if you'd like to assist at any of our Masses.





PALMS NEEDED!

PALM SUNDAY—next week

If you have palm branches or fronds that you can donate for Palm Sunday, please bring them to the parish office during the coming week. If they are precut, that will be a great help!

Thank you.



NEXT PARISH ANOINTING MASS ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

ANOINTING MASS

WEDNESDAY
29 MARCH 10.00am



Catalyst for Renewal Reflection Morning

A Time to be Still

This group gathers monthly in the parish hall of Holy Name of Mary Church, 3 Mary Street Hunters Hill. The next meeting is April 1st 9.30 - 12.30pm.

Sister Michele Connolly RSJ will lead the reflection. Sr Michelle is a gifted speaker and teacher. No need to book. They do ask for a donation. Tea & Coffee provided. Enquiries Carole Wilson 9869 1036.

For more information see the website https://catalystforrenewal.org.au

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@northharbourc atholic.org.au for program details, dates, and further information.



Readings for this week: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Readings for next week: Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 27:11-54

Readers rostered for next week 1st Sunday

SK 5.30pm Bob, John, Cecilia **7.30am** Judith, Jenny **9.30am** Brian C, Kate **6.00pm** Louise, Catherine

SC 9.00am Louise, Ailis, Julien





The **Alpha** series is just about to commence the fifth week. The participants are in their groups and are getting to know each other with lots of talking and laughter.

The videos continue to inform and provoke thought and lively discussion. The series commenced with the question "is there more to life than this".

Last week we discussed "how can I have faith" and this coming Wednesday the topic is "why and how do I pray".

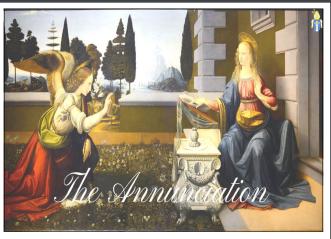
Please continue your prayers for the participants and for the team.

FROM ST AUGUSTINE

Lord, You are my helper that I may dwell in Your love, my redeemer that You may deliver me from my wrongdoing.

Commentary of Psalm 18 (2), 16





FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

On Saturday, we celebrated The Annunciation of the Lord. The story of the Annunciation is found in Luke's Gospel (1:26-38). The angel Gabriel tells Mary she would bear the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and her acceptance of God's will. It is a story infused with surprise, doubt and belief; joy, sorrow, comfort and hope. And it is generative – a story for everyone, whomever we are and wherever we are in life.

When we are looking for the courage in saying "yes" to God, we can look to Mary as our best example.

We warmly welcome the Augustinian English Speaking Provincials who have arrived in Sydney from around the globe for meetings over the next week. They will be concelebrating and joining us for Mass this Sunday at 6pm.





ANNIVER	RSARIES	
Antonio Gelonesi	Francesca Gelonesi	
Tania Tucci	Kathy Osborne	
Sr Marie Gerard	John Moscrop	
McGlynn SGS		
RECENTLY	DECEASED	
Peter Goodall	Michael Coleman	
Anne Woodbury	Maureen Millett	
Gloria Omodei	Pauline Caulfield	

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

PROJECT COMPASS



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

STATIONS of the CROSS

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ evangelisation/stations-of-thecross

UPCOMING FUNERALS

St Kieran's

Peter Goodall Thursday 30 March 10am

Michael Coleman Friday 31 March 11am

Visiting sick at home

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

DONATION BOXES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS.

Please return the boxes by Easter, and thank you for your generosity.

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

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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

NORTH HARBOUR PARISH TEAM

Fr Michael Belonio OSA—Parish Priest (on sabbatical) Fr Paul Maloney OSA—Administrator & Prior 0439 595 723 Fr Jumbim Torres OSA—Assistant Priest 0450 109 880 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 **Catechist Coordinator** Ursula Halloway 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.