

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



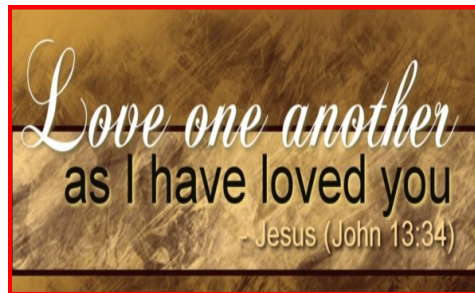
IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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5th Sunday of Easter

Year C
15 May 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – 'Coping with Sadness and Joy!'



Dear Friends

In the last few years, I have had the privilege of participating in staff presentations at both of our Augustinian Colleges on the Augustinian Charism and core values – *Community, Truth, Love and Interiority*. Other values connected with these hold them together and bring them to life as a way of following Jesus and living the Gospel. One of these is our identity as the Body of Christ and that emerges from our celebration of the Eucharist and reception of Jesus in Holy Communion – what it means for us to be Church.

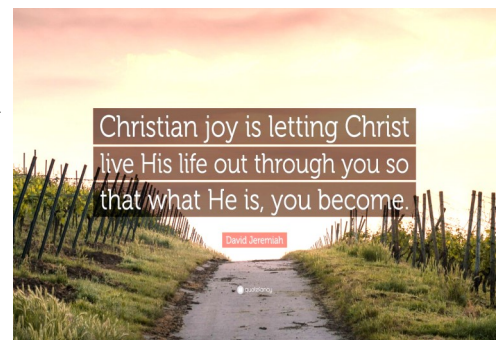
We need to constantly refresh and deepen our understanding of the Church. One of Pope Francis' most important contributions to our understanding of the Faith is a fresh paradigm or model of 'church' – particularly significant in our time when many struggle with their experience of the Church – to quote one source, *'The glass in our window is dirty, obscuring our view, discouraging some from even bothering to look!'*

Francis has been working hard to meet people where they are at, very much a 'hands-on' Pope, who from the start has shown true pastoral sensitivity. He demonstrates a remarkable earthiness and directness in speech and is open, inclusive and non-judgemental towards people in all sorts of circumstances, responding with compassion as any genuine pastor should.

The key to this, I believe, is Francis' preoccupation with the theme of JOY – not a new teaching of the Church but one often overlooked. His Apostolic Letters include: *The Joy of the Gospel, The Joy of Love – Love in the Family, Rejoice and Be Glad, Praise be To You* and *Christ is Alive!* Here we have the seeds of an expanded understanding of the Church:

'The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... With Christ joy is constantly born anew... pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come.' (*The Joy of the Gospel* 1)

I have written about and preached on Joy many times but I am prompted to reflect on Joy at this time after reading a short article in *The Tablet* (16 April 2022) by Joy Marie Clarkson, *'Is it OK to be happy when the world is falling apart?'* Perhaps you, like me, sometimes find it difficult to turn on the radio or watch the news when so many images of a ravaged Ukraine haunt our minds, not to mention numerous other tragic situations in our world. What right have we to be happy in these circumstances? Must we suspend happiness?



Joy Clarkson suggests that, *'denying joy cedes ground to injustice and those who perpetuate it.'* Injustice must never be the fundamental reality of life. Certainly, sadness is a reality and reflects a sensitive heart that responds with love for others, just as happiness does. In all of this, the truth is paramount. In its own strange way, grief ultimately brings some healing because grief and love belong together.

Sadness is not our primary call but rather a life of joy that nourishes others in the goodness joy evokes in us. Anger and violence destroy the beauty God seeks in each of us, but the grace of unselfish joy and happiness allows that beauty to shine forth and inspire – friendship, family life, generosity, and ultimately love and peace.

Fr Dave



CATECHIST SUNDAY

Your love for children and willingness to share your time and gifts is greatly appreciated by us all.



Thank you

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest;

may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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.



ST KIERAN'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUP



THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: 8.45-10.30am
@ St Kieran's Parish Hall - 2 King St, Manly Vale

May 27
June 24
Sept 30

Contact : Eleanor 0417 368 341

Families are invited to join us for
craft activities, toys, stories and more!

Oct 28
Nov 25
Dec 16



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.



Morning Tea served by the ALPHA Team.
ALPHA—Thursdays at 7pm Parish Centre

Readings for this week: Acts 14:21-27 **Apocalypse 2:1-5** **John 13:31-35**
Response: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God*
Readings for next week: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 **Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23** **John 14:23-29**
NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 4):
SK 5.30pm Maria, Ronda **7.30am** John, Tim **9.30am** Kaye, Anne **6.00pm** Leanne, Christine
SC 9.00am: school parent/student

This weekend's Homily will be by **Fr Senan** 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>

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

- **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 if you have any questions



NEWS FROM THE BROKEN BAY DIOCESE

26 June 2pm - SAVE THE DATE!!! - 10th World Meeting of Families

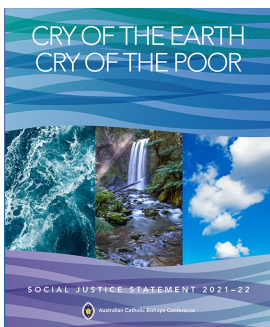
After being postponed for a year due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to celebrate the **10th World Meeting of Families** locally, making it possible for every family to participate. While Rome will be the main venue for the event, each diocese will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme:

"Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness."

All families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on **Sunday 26 June 2022** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm. This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids.



More details to come!"



Tri - Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

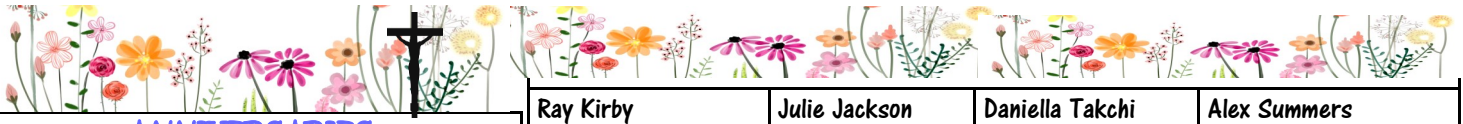
The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement *"Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor"*, and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22.

SAVE THE DATE: Wed 20 July 6:00pm – 9:00pm – more details will follow in June

The People of God are invited to participate in a prayer pilgrimage that began on Easter Sunday, and continues until the **second assembly of the Plenary Council in July**. The pilgrimage is entitled ***Walking in the Spirit***, and follows the "Fan the Flame" campaign last year.

Prayer resources with a range of uses have been created, as well as a logo for use with the pilgrimage. These resources have been [uploaded to the Plenary Council website](#). Please follow this link for the [official media release](#)





ANNIVERSARIES	
Fr Daniel Ormonde OSA	Fr Maurice O'Connor OSA
James Hannon	
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Elsa Monsour	Richard Connolly
Jeanette Reid	Katie Golden
Bernard Brennan	

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
*O God my Father, I am seeking You, not making statements about You.
 Help me and guide me.*

Confessions 9, 17

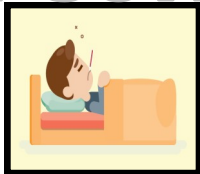


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:
 Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

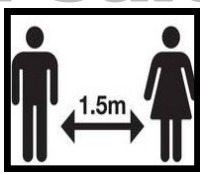
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



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
 Fr Paul Maloney OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0439 595 723
 Fr Jepsen 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 Hallaway 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.