

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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My Peace I Leave with you.

6th Sunday of Easter

Year C

22 May 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE - EASTER - 'Thoughtful Hospitality!'



Dear Friends,

The Gospel readings during the Easter Season focus on relationships – the relationship between Jesus, the disciples and the women at the tomb; Jesus' showing himself to the disciples on the shore of the lake; shepherd and sheep; the community of the Trinity; love as the essence of discipleship; and today our being drawn into the hospitality of God's own life – the remarkable promise that God will come to us and *make his home with us*.

Each of us knows well the need to feel at home. Much as I have enjoyed my periods of overseas study in the US and Ireland and participation in conferences in Rome and the Philippines, returning home brings a sense of relief - even boarding a Qantas flight with its familiar décor and Aussie crew. In our time as we offer a new home to those from overseas, we should not underestimate the effects of dislocation on migrants and refugees, especially those from the Ukraine escaping the trauma of the war, and the demands on us to extend *'thoughtful hospitality'*.

Our sense of *'being at home'* suffered a jolt during the pandemic, particularly the separation from family members and community. The impact on various groups is currently being documented, particularly school children. While efforts to help people remain connected have been very important, we are now in the process of rebuilding our families and communities, including our Parish Community.

Thankfully, year groups from St Kieran's School and St Cecilia's School are able to gather once more for Family Masses in each of our churches. Last Sunday, Year 1 families gathered in St Kieran's while St Cecilia's welcomes Year 1 families this weekend. Our celebrations always have plenty of energy and a strong sense of being *'at home'* as we strengthen relationships and celebrate our Faith.

The New Testament writers are very conscious that not all of Jesus' teachings and miracles are recorded in the Gospels but what is there helps us believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. We are blessed to have so many accounts of Jesus' appearances after his Resurrection. So many occur in a *'homely'* setting – with the disciples in the upper room, walking with the 2 followers heading back to Emmaus, and cooking breakfast by the lake. The original prophecy of Jesus' coming was as Emmanuel - *'God-with-us'* – a strong focus at Christmas but perhaps not so much in this Easter Season. Yet the Risen Jesus is more than ever *God-with-us*, Jesus' message in John 14:23, how Jesus' Father will love us and they shall come to us and *'make their home'* with us.



The *Hospitality of God* is a strong theme in Luke's Gospel but no less strong in Jesus' lengthy discourses in today's excerpt from the Gospel of John. This invitation is not just about the hereafter but about what happens now in our awareness of Jesus' inner presence, in how we pray. God *'at home within each of us'* is offered as a very rich prayer focus for each of us!

Fr Dave



MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
WARRIEWOOD

Applications for Year 7, 2025 are now open. There are waiting lists for Year 7, 2023 and Year 7, 2024. For more information about enrolling at our Mater Maria Catholic College please visit <https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/>.

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

Contact : Eleanor 0417 368 341

Oct 28

June 24

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

Nov 25

Sept 30

Dec 16



27 May—3 June

BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022
27 MAY – 3 JUNE #NRW2022



The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

Last year Reconciliation Australia encouraged all Australians to take action; not just in National Reconciliation Week but every week of the year.

We saw unprecedented response to our suggested actions for everyday and for braver action.

This year we are asking everyone to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives – where they live, work, play and socialise.

National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

[Find out more about National Reconciliation Week](#) #NRW2022 #BeBraveMakeChange

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

Readings for this week: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 **Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23** **John 14:23-29**
Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!
Readings for next week: Acts 1:1-11 **Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23** **Luke 24:46-53**
NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 5):
SK 5.30pm Bob, Maria **7.30am** Tim, John **9.30am** Terry, Brian **6.00pm** Cecilia, Celestine
SC 9.00am: Lyla, Julien

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



Euthanasia legalised in NSW – Important Information



The Diocese of Broken Bay has provided information and comment from Bishop Anthony Randazzo on the Assisted Dying Legislation passed by the NSW Parliament. Please see the bulletin insert.

'Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering, never giving up but caring and loving to restore hope.' – **Pope Francis**

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DIOCESAN MASS AND PASTORAL MISSION LAUNCH

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting all Parish Priests along with six (6) representatives from their parish, to join him for a Diocesan Mass celebrating the Patroness of the Diocese, Mary Star of the Sea, on Tuesday 31 May 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 5.30pm. The Mass will be followed by a Cocktail Dinner at The Light of Christ Centre and the launch of the Evangelisation Pastoral Mission between 6.30pm and 9.00pm. There are still a few vacancies for parishioners wishing to attend. Please contact the Parish asap.

PARISH YOUTH MASS - Sunday 12 June - 6.00pm

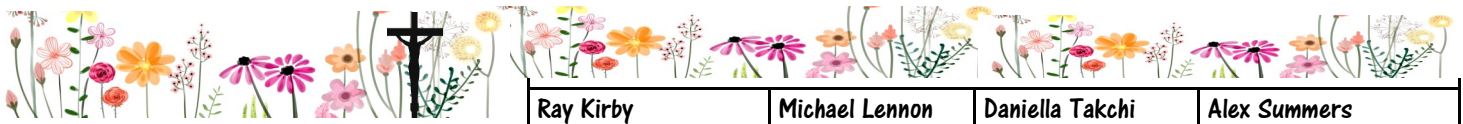
Please note the date of the next Parish Youth Mass at St Kieran's on Sunday 12 June at 6pm. All parishioners are welcome, especially families and youth. This is an important opportunity for all young people and their families to deepen their spiritual connection and strengthen their relationship with God. This **Youth event** is held twice a term.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION REVIEW – LOWER NORTHERN BEACHES AREA

At present the Diocese of Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office is conducting a review of Catholic Education in the Lower Northern Beaches area. This review is focused on North Harbour and Manly-Freshwater Parishes and will involve consultation with parents, school personnel, parishioners and priests in the parishes and diocesan primary and

secondary schools in the area. Already, CSO consultants have met with Fr Dave and the Principals of St Kieran's, St Cecilia's and St Paul's. Strategy Lead Brenton Gurney met with the North Harbour PPC last Monday evening to inform them about the project and what they hope to achieve in the promotion of Catholic Education.



ANNIVERSARIES	
Helen Richardson	Stephen Davidson
Barry Koorey	
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Elsa Monsour	Richard Connolly
Jeanette Reid	Julie Jackson
Giulia Politano	

Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	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

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

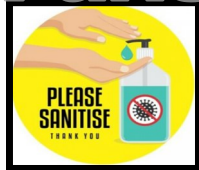
Lord, let me walk along the path of sublimity with the feet of humility.

Holy Virginity, 52, 53



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

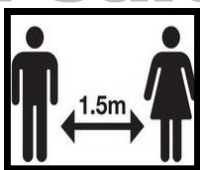
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



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 Hallaway 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.

Euthanasia legalised in NSW



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Church leaders, religious healthcare providers and pro-life groups are profoundly disappointed following a marathon debate in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament which now all but legalises voluntary assisted dying in this state.

Debate began on Wednesday in The Legislative Council that lasted until midnight before resuming Thursday morning when the amended bill was agreed to by a majority.

Already approved in The Legislative Assembly or Lower House, the bill now returns there largely unchanged, meaning its legalisation is all but guaranteed. Voluntary Assisted Dying, or as opponents refer to the legislation, State Assisted Suicide, will become legal.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay said it is an extremely disappointing situation when we accept the sanction of the State to determine who lives and who dies.

"Assisted suicide is a completely unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering," Bishop Randazzo said. "A genuinely human society is not how we decide to eliminate those who suffer, but how we care for them. While deeply moved by many comments aired during the years of this debate, it is clear the social mood and the narrative has evolved in a way that the language of personal rights now dominates over our concern for the common good. We should be considering and caring for the rights of all citizens to be well, to have the care they need, and not lost to the margins. We now have to consider what this means to our health care and aged care, the vulnerable and confused."

A majority of tabled amendments were voted down during Wednesday night's debate, including a push to give aged and residential homes the power to block voluntary assisted dying taking place in their facilities.

Religious health care providers had expressed concern the bill would force them to facilitate assisted dying. *"While the legalisation of euthanasia is a disappointing development, legislative change does not alter the good news of Jesus Christ that every life is sacred,"* said Emma Baker, team leader for Life, Marriage & Family at Evangelisation Broken Bay. *"Fear, economics and access to healthcare should not determine how we respond to the end-of-life process. "As we transition to a society in which assisted suicide is an option, we give thanks for the religious healthcare providers who continue to oppose this process and invest in the highest quality medical care for patients who are terminally ill,"* said Ms Baker. *"Let's ensure members of our family, friends, those who are alone, the vulnerable in our community know and understand that they are loved, that we will be with them in their journey, and that they are not a burden."*

New South Wales will become the last state to allow voluntary assisted dying although it is not legal in Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory due to a Federal law banning the practice in both territories. The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 bill was introduced into the NSW lower house by Independent MP Alex Greenwich in October last year. The bill was co-sponsored by 28 MPs from across the political spectrum, the highest number of co-sponsors for any bill in an Australian parliament.

Politicians from both major parties were given a conscience vote on the bill. Labour MLC Greg Donnelly, independent MLC Fred Nile and Liberal MLC Damien Tudehope were the main opponents to the bill's passage in the upper house.

**WE CAN AND MUST REJECT THE TEMPTATION
- ALSO INDUCED BY LEGISLATIVE CHANGE
TO USE MEDICINE TO SUPPORT A POSSIBLE
WILLINGNESS TO DIE OF THE PATIENT,
PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SUICIDE
OR DIRECTLY CAUSING DEATH
BY EUTHANASIA.**

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