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SUNDAY READINGS



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5 APRIL 2026 | YEAR A



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

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EASTER VIGIL

READINGS

Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

The seven days of creation

Genesis 22:1-18

God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

The Egyptian army pursues the Israelites, Moses parts the waters.

Isaiah 54:5-14

The Lord's love for the people is everlasting.

Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4

Follow the commands of the Lord and you will live in peace.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

By our baptism, we are dead to sin and alive in Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The women meet an angel at the empty tomb.

EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

CHURCH OF ST. CECILIA

Wanganella St and White St, Balgowlah 2093

MASS:

Wednesday, 9am

Sunday, 9am

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 10.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9am Mass)

Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms. Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 5.00 to 5.45pm

Church of St. Kieran

YOUTH MASS:

2nd Sundays of the month during the school term.

WEDDING:

Require six months notice and include Pre-Marriage Course as part of the preparation.

CHURCH OF ST. KIERAN

2 King Street, Manly Vale 2093

MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*, Saturday, 8.30am

Saturday (Vigil), 5.30pm

Sunday, 7.30am, 9.30am, 5pm

** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Fridays.*

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 11.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9.30am Mass)

Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms. Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



Welcome to NORTH HARBOUR

- You are invited
- Join us in our varied celebrations & activities
- Consider sharing your gifts to us

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Easter season so long?
And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You're seeing the priest in white vestments today because we've entered the Easter season. While we celebrate Christ's resurrection this Sunday, Easter actually extends fifty days—from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For much of that time, Jesus is with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. Yet Easter isn't only about his visible presence. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" when he departed. At the Ascension, he tells the disciples to await "power from on high" — the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection, while the Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church. After weeks of prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that Easter has no similar practices. Still, you can embrace the season: savour small moments of joy, offer simple acts of kindness, read the Acts of the Apostles, or pray with an Easter devotional. He is risen indeed! ©LPi

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Dear Parishioners,

Easter greets us this year in a world longing for peace. The conflict in the Middle East, and the suffering of so many innocent families, weighs heavily on our hearts. Into this fragile moment, the risen Jesus speaks the same words He offered to His disciples who were afraid and uncertain: "Peace be with you." These words remind us that God's love is stronger than violence, stronger than fear, and stronger than death itself.

The Resurrection does not ignore the world's wounds; it transforms them. Easter invites us to pray for those who suffer, to stand with the vulnerable, and to let Christ's peace shape the way we live and care for one another. My hope is that each of us may feel the quiet strength of the risen Lord — renewing our courage, deepening our hope, and reminding us that we are never alone.

This Holy Week has been a beautiful expression of faith in our parish. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who served in our liturgies — our musicians, readers, servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, hospitality ministers, and all who worked quietly behind the scenes. Your generosity helped our community pray with reverence and unity.

We also rejoice with the new members of our community who were baptised and received into the Church this Easter. Your "yes" to Christ strengthens all of us. Thank you to those who prepared and accompanied them with such care and dedication.

In this season of new beginnings, I am very pleased to welcome Lea Joris to our parish team as our Community Life and Mission Coordinator. Many of you know Lea through her leadership with Vinnies Manly Vale, her years coordinating Alpha, and her active involvement in our liturgical and social justice ministries.

In her broader role, Lea will help nurture a vibrant, welcoming, and mission-focused parish community. She will support community engagement, faith formation, pastoral planning, and the work of the Parish-in-Council. She will also help us live out the Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Program in harmony with the Mission-Vision-Goals of our Diocese and the Augustinian identity of North Harbour Parish.

May the risen Christ bless you and your families with peace, tenderness, and renewed hope. May His light guide our parish and our world.

A blessed and joyful Easter to you all.

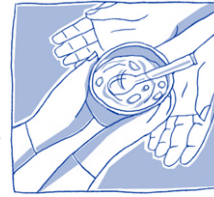
✠ Fr Myk Belonio, OSA





WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

We celebrate the core event of our faith this week, the Resurrection of Jesus. Through the Resurrection, we are brought to new life and grace. We are assured that God's love is more powerful than anything—even death—and that Jesus fulfilled his mission of redemption. Your challenge this week is to celebrate your own new life in Christ by promoting respect for life in your community. Think of a way you can promote life. You could pray for women who are considering abortion so that they have a change of heart, and pray for doctors who perform abortions, that they, too, will have a conversion and remember their oath to protect, not destroy, life. You could pray for an end to war and violence, or for an end to the death penalty in our nation. If you aren't already, consider becoming active in your local pro-life community. How can you promote the Catholic vision of life that says every human life is sacred, from womb to tomb?



CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

Celebrate new life today by planting some autumn-friendly seeds or seedlings, or by planning your winter garden as the cooler months approach. Pot up hardy herbs on a sunny windowsill, or plant a dwarf fruit tree in a container on a sheltered porch. Growing even a little of your own food reduces the carbon footprint created by long-distance transport and helps you stay connected to the seasons. For inspiration about eating locally and sustainably, Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* is a wonderful read.



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If you need a priest urgently, please phone the Parish Office during business hours:

TUESDAY–FRIDAY
9am–4pm

02 9949 4455

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Winter Dale Reyes, Donald, Xi, Susie, Vladimir and Charles, Fr David Taylor, Nigel Manchee, Remo Dellagiacomma, Odette James, Joyce Arnold, Peter & Jan Van de Velde, Cecilia Yeung, Gemma Mangelsdorf, Rodney Arnold, Sol Roxas

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John McCall OSA, Celia Cabaluna, Tomas Banayag Sr., Esmeraluna Pido

ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonio Gelonesi, Maria Polito, Santo Musumeci

Our community would love to pray for you.

If you have an intention you would like to be included in this bulletin please e-mail office@nhcatholic.org.au



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

We congratulate Yash Karia and Philip Drummond as they have been baptised at the Easter Vigil.

We also welcome Michelle Budovsky, Wendy Herringer, Nicholas David Herringer, and Juliet Jean Herringer, who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

THE AUGUSTINIANS & THE PARISH TEAM
WISH YOU

A BLESSED

Easter



The grave could not hold Him. Death has been defeated. Let us rejoice in the hope and victory of Christ.

thank you

We're so grateful to everyone who helped make our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful and meaningful! Your time, dedication, and love bring our parish community together in faith.

Your bottles and cans help us build the new **Augustinian Formation House in Vietnam** – a place where our young brothers can live, study, and grow their vocation.

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12 April 2026

We're **HIRING**

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(Media & Communications)

North Harbour Parish is seeking a friendly, organised Administration Assistant to support our parish office and help with Media & Communications (bulletins, simple digital content, parish updates). If you enjoy welcoming people, assisting with parish life, understanding our Catholic mission, and working with basic admin and communication tools, we'd love to hear from you.

APPLY NOW

Submit your resume and cover letter to:
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Our parish is committed to safeguarding all people, especially children and the vulnerable. Pre employment checks will be required.

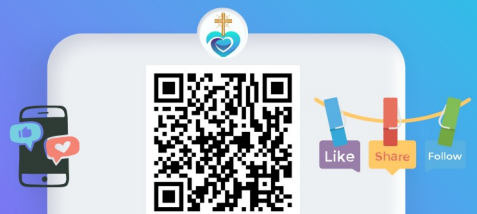


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Proverbs 3:9

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Welcome to the **PARISH TEAM**

**Lea Joris**



**Community Life and Mission COORDINATOR**

Start Date: 6 April 2026

**Come & join us for a walk with our Augustinians**

Bring a **friend** or the **whole family** or just **keep fit** for a good cause.

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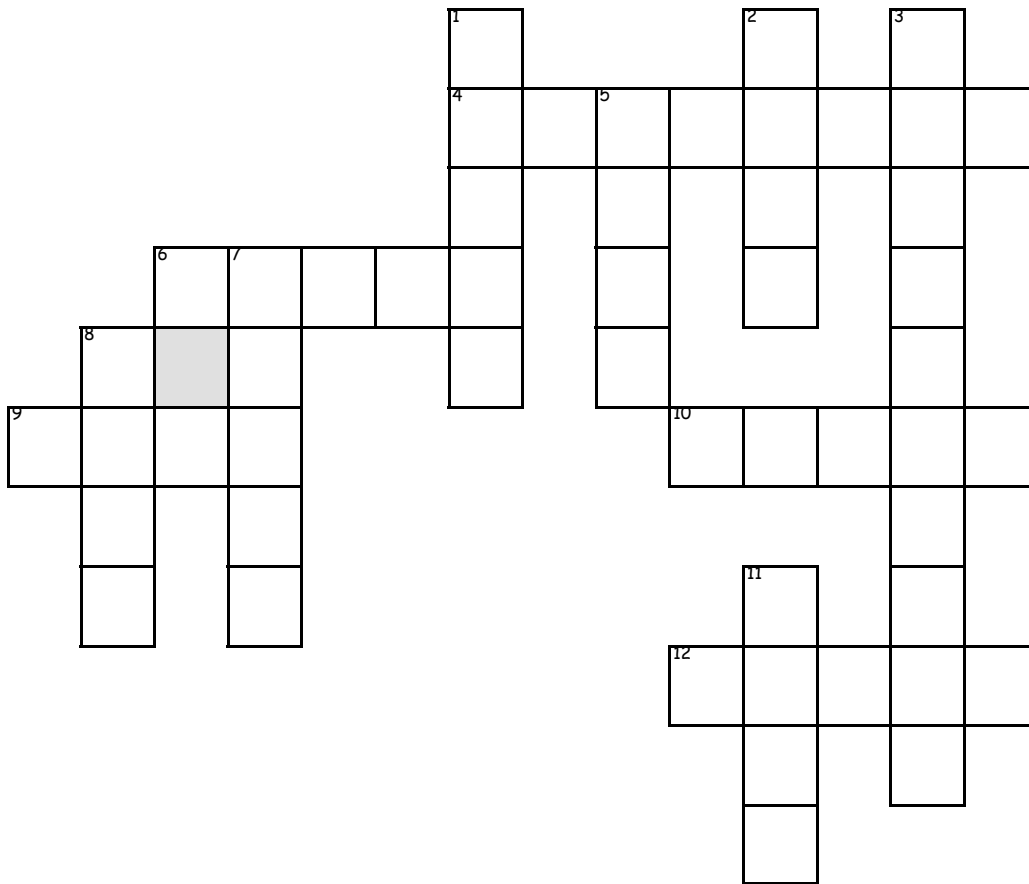
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**Registration**  
\$10 per person  
\$20 for a family

Sue Cowell **FUN Walk & Talk**  
An AFA Fundraising

**Sunday | 3 May 2026 | 8am**  
2K or 5K walk along Manly Beach Front



**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

*Jesus Christ is risen!*

**ACROSS**

- 4: the front opening of a building
- 6: this covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 9: without light
- 10: a piece of fabric
- 12: a type of cotton fabric

**DOWN**

- 1: Jesus' disciple who was also known as Simon
- 2: the front part of the head
- 3: sacred texts
- 5: burial chamber
- 7: removed
- 8: she was the first to notice that Jesus' body was missing
- 11: the opposite of death

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**Sharing the Gospel**

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

**Prayer**

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

**Mission**

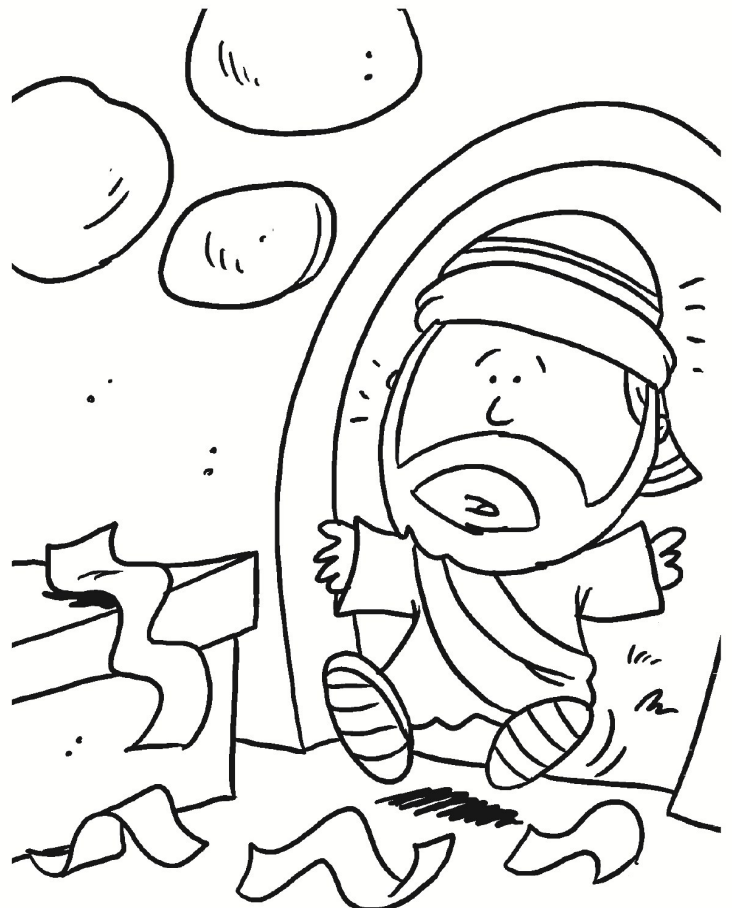
I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

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**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





*You, the Omnipotent and Good, care for each of us as if each was Your sole care, and for all as for one alone!*

Confessions 3, 11  
- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (12 APRIL 2026): 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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| <p><b>FIRST READING</b><br/>Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47<br/><i>Life of the early disciples.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b><br/>Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R.<br/>v.1<br/><i>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.</i></p> <p><b>SECOND READING</b><br/>1 Peter 1:3-9<br/><i>Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b><br/>John 20:29<br/><i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i><br/><i>You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!</i><br/><i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL</b><br/>John 20:19-31<br/><i>Doubting Thomas.</i></p> | <p><b>11 APR, 7PM</b><br/><b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b><br/>Louise</p> <p><b>Readers</b><br/>Bob<br/>John<br/>Edelvine (R)</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>Parish Choir</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b><br/>Elizabeth-Anne<br/>Jo</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b><br/>Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b><br/>Volunteers needed</p>                                                                                    | <p><b>12 APR, 7.30AM</b><br/><b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b><br/>Michael</p> <p><b>Readers</b><br/>Olivier<br/>Jenny</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>none</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b><br/>Paul<br/>Elsie</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b><br/>Lea</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b><br/>Volunteers needed</p> | <p><b>12 APR, 9AM</b><br/><b>ST CECILIA'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b><br/>Ilde/Eva</p> <p><b>Readers</b><br/>Ana<br/>Stephanie</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b><br/>Volunteer Needed<br/>Volunteer Needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b><br/>Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b><br/>Volunteers needed</p> | <p><b>12 APR, 9.30AM</b><br/><b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b><br/>Catherine</p> <p><b>Readers</b><br/>Terry<br/>Sol</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b><br/>Joseph<br/>Kathryn</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b><br/>Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b><br/>Volunteers needed</p> | <p><b>12 APR, 5PM</b><br/><b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b><br/>Stephen</p> <p><b>Readers</b><br/>Gerry<br/>Kevin<br/>Sacha</p> <p><b>Music</b><br/>tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b><br/>Carol<br/>Geraldine</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b><br/>Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b><br/>Volunteers needed</p> |
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