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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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FIRST READING

Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

Kindness and respect for parents is urged.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

What is expected of the chosen of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

An angel tells Joseph to take Mary and the baby and flee to Egypt.

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)






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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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Dear friends in Christ,

As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our hearts are filled with gratitude for each one of you. In Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus, we see a family who lived with trust, tenderness, and quiet courage — qualities that continue to inspire us in our own homes and in our parish family.

As this year draws to a close, we want to thank you for the countless ways you have shared faith, hope, and love in our community. Every smile at the church door, every whispered prayer, every act of service — seen or unseen — has helped make our parish a place of welcome and belonging. You remind us daily that holiness is found not only in grand gestures, but in the simple, faithful ways we care for one another.

As we step into a new year, may the Holy Family accompany you and your loved ones. May your homes be places of peace, forgiveness, and joy. May God bless your hopes, strengthen you in your challenges, and surprise you with moments of grace.

Thank you for being part of this beautiful parish family. We, the Parish Team, look forward to walking with you in faith in the year ahead.

With our prayers and warmest wishes for a blessed New Year,

 The Parish Team

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Imagine the terror of fleeing for your child's life. You receive word of danger and you are up and moving. You grab a few precious things, but only what you can carry. Your heart is beating faster than your legs can move. It's a matter of life or death, and there is no time to look back.

Perhaps you have felt some of that terror on hospital runs with a sick or injured child. Those were probably some of the worst minutes and hours of my life, seeking emergency help—a ruptured spleen, broken arms, head injuries, loss of vision.

As terrible as those experiences were, I always feel guilty for complaining when I think about the thousands of refugee families who flee for their lives. I can't even comprehend their terror—the agony of leaving everything, including family, behind, the uncertainty of any sort of future, the misery of their living conditions. What if one of those families were the Holy Family? What would I do? What can I do? I guess the answer is to do something, anything, and not allow the depressing immensity of the situation overwhelm and paralyze me. Call my representative. Send a check to Catholic Charities or another well-reputed aid agency. Get some friends together and do some brainstorming. The fact is that Jesus and his family were refugees at one time, fleeing for safety, and every one of those refugee families today is the Holy Family. My faith calls me to do something.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Discuss the refugee situation in a way appropriate to your child's age level. Decide as a family what you can do for those in need.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Have you ever had to run away from a bad situation? When have you felt like a refugee?

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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Mary and Joseph and Jesus were refugees when they fled to Egypt to escape the persecution by Herod. They know what it is like to be strangers in another land. Your challenge this week is to honour those who migrate by educating yourself on the reality and reasons for migration. Go to the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office's website (<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/>) and learn about migration through the lens of faith. Then choose one concrete action recommended on the website which you can do to stand with refugees in today's world. Or, if you have migrants or refugees in your own community, determine one thing you as a family can do to support them.



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

As the time for making New Year's resolutions approaches, resolve to grow something yourself that will feed you and your loved ones this year (or to grow at least a little more than you have in the past). It might be as basic as growing herbs on your windowsill or experimenting with your first tomato plant. It might be something more ambitious like setting aside an area for creating a garden bed or planting some fruit trees or bushes. If you don't have land of your own, you can grow plants in pots on a patio or look into joining a community garden where you can tend to your own plot. Eating food you've grown yourself eliminates the carbon impact of transporting food grown hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

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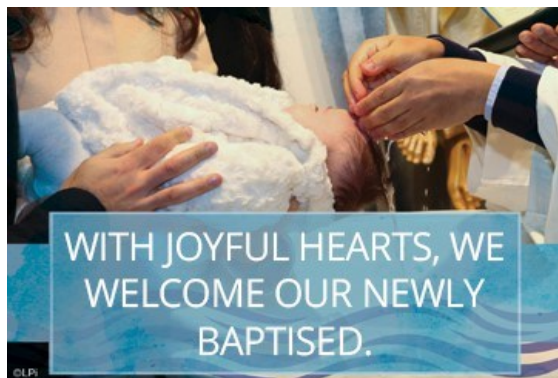


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

BUSINESS HOURS:
PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

AFTER HOURS:
(Evenings & Weekends)
0490 898 464



Ashlyn Rae McDaid
daughter of Liam & Emma

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Fr David Taylor, Keiren Marquillero, and all those injured in the Bondi massacre, Nigel Manchee, Remo Dellagiacoma, Odette James, Joyce Arnold, Peter & Jan Van de Velde, Cecilia Yeung, Gemma Mangelsdorf, Rodney Arnold

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Regino Agapito, Armando Ianni, Yvonne Di Mauro

ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa McEwen, Eric McKinnon, Virginia Mendoza, Zenaida Sinohin, Maria Polito, Antonio Gelonesi, Francesca Gelonesi

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



January 1

Solemnity of
MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD

You are welcome to join us for a
Mass at **St Kieran's Church** at
8:30am

Thank You

for the generous donations of Christmas Hampers and the
volunteers from our parish community including
St Kieran's Primary School, St Augustine's College,
parishioners from the **North Harbour Catholic Community.**
Your generosity of food, money and time is most appreciated.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be
the peace of thy children." ISAIAH 54:13

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ST CECILIA'S 9:00AM

ST KIERAN'S 9:30AM

and

ST KIERAN'S 5:00PM

Children's Liturgy will also run **every week at the**
9:30am mass when volunteers are available.



St Kieran's Church
Parish Family Mass

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**BISHOP'S
CHRISTMAS
MESSAGE**

2025



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www.bbcatholic.org.au/

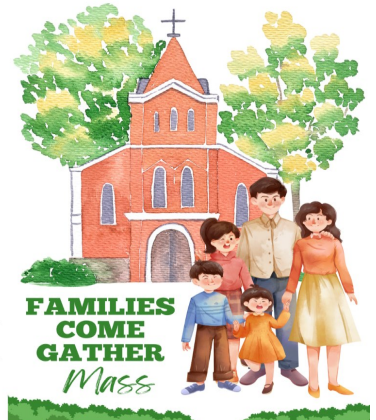
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ST CECILIA'S CHURCH FAMILY MASSES

Every 4th Sunday of
each month during
school terms will be a
**Families Come Gather
MASS**

with **Children's Liturgy**
and **Morning Tea** in the
playground afterwards.

This will be a lovely
way for the
St Cecilia's Community
to gather together on a
regular basis and
we hope to see you
there!



Children's
Liturgy &
Free Supper
after Mass

Join our
Youth Mass



at St Kieran's Church
most 2nd Sundays in term time
Come along to hear some great music and
have a **free supper** afterwards!

All children in Years 5, 6 and 7 are
welcome to join our
**junior
YOUTH GROUP**

We will be playing fun games and
exploring faith in new and exciting ways!



Commencing 2026
Contact Ursula

**2026
CONFIRMATION
DATES**

THURS 26TH NOV AT 6PM
SAT 28TH NOV AT 11AM
SAT 28TH NOV AT 3PM

MORE DETAILS/ENROLMENT
INFORMATION TO COME IN
2026.



PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP
"Faith in action - living the Gospel through justice and love"

ACTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Support St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal -
providing a hand up to those in need in our
community. Envelopes are available in
churches.

Invitation to parishioners to support St Augustine's
College "Day For Girls" project. Preparing and distributing
sustainable menstrual health solutions to shatter stigma
and limitations for women and girls. Contact Bette Larkin
on 0410 177 704 for more details and to register.

LAUDATO SI
Unpacking Laudato Si parish
toolkit and finding ways to
implement.
<https://www.caritas.org.au/media/jxmndxsd/caritas-australian-guide-to-laudato-si-action-planning.pdf>



SCAN ME!

JOIN US
2 February 2026
Monday | 7:00pm
St Kieran's Parish Centre
2 King Street, Manly Vale

"May the light of Christ's birth fill our hearts with peace, hope, and a renewed commitment to justice for all. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a New Year rich in compassion and joy."





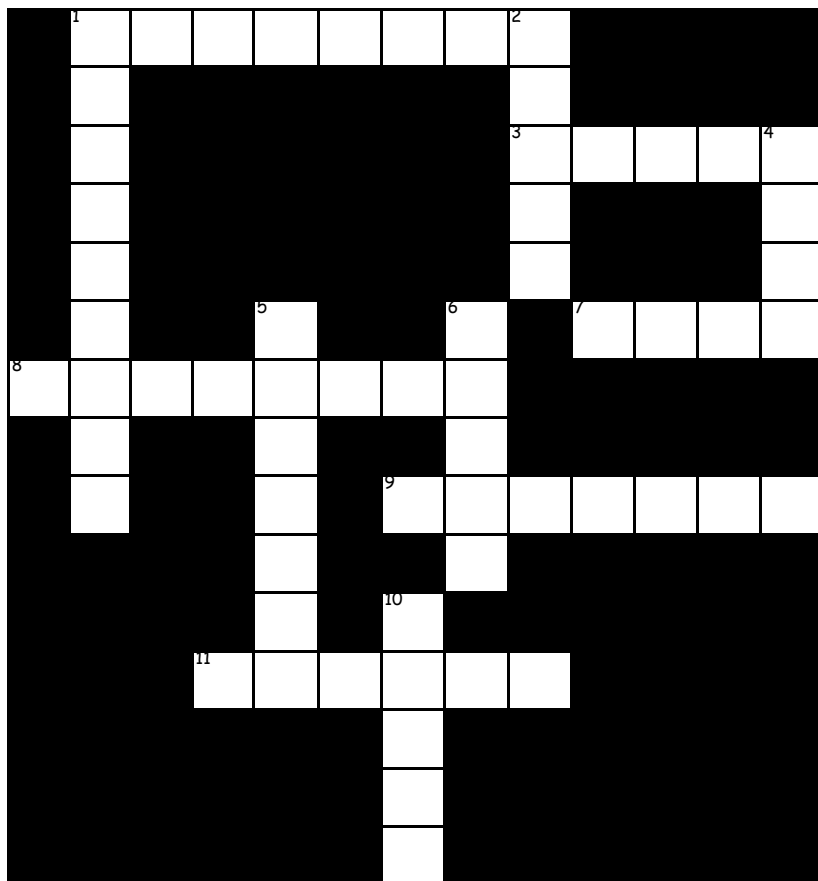

We are taking
a break!

Office will be closed:
24 December 2025

Reopening:
6 January 2026

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

They escaped into Egypt.

ACROSS

- 1: to have come into sight
- 3: the angel told Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to this place
- 7: a husband's partner
- 8: someone who comes from Nazareth
- 9: what we use our eyes for
- 11: to go back

DOWN

- 1: the name of Herod's son
- 2: the angel appeared to Joseph in a ____
- 4: the opposite of false
- 5: to assure someone of a definite outcome
- 6: this king wanted to harm Jesus
- 10: rush

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Sharing the Gospel

Joseph was a good father and a good husband. He did everything he could to keep Mary and the baby Jesus safe. Herod heard that a baby king was born. He was jealous. He wanted to be the only king. Joseph moved here and there to hide Jesus so Herod's men could not hurt his family. God loves you, too. Your parents protect you. Police and firemen keep you safe, too.

Prayer

Lord, help keep me safe from the paths of evil.

Mission

I will look left, right, and left again when I cross a street.

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Alas for me, O Lord, how high You are in the heights, and how deep in the depths! Nowhere do You withdraw, yet we scarcely return to You!

Confessions 8, 3
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (4 JANUARY 2026): THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem is exalted.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6
Paul declares the Gentiles co-heirs to the Kingdom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 2:2
Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12
The Wise Men journey to the infant Jesus.

3 JAN, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
David

Readers
Val
Cecilia
Caterina (R)

Music
Parish Choir

Communion Min
Edelvine
Jenny

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

4 JAN, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Jo

Readers
Joseph
Pauline
Jenny (R)

Music
none

Communion Min
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

Powerpoint
Olivier

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

4 JAN, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Ilde

Readers
Michael H
Michael C
Pauline

Music
PPT with audio

Communion Min
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

4 JAN, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Readers
Brian
Kate
Tania (R)

Music
PPT with audio

Communion Min
Titus
Kaye

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

4 JAN, 5PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Kevin

Readers
Louise
Catherine
Linda (R)

Music
PPT with audio

Communion Min
Christine
Volunteer Needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 28 DECEMBER

Mon 29 Dec: 5th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tue 30 Dec: 6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Wed 31 Dec: 7th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Thu 1 Jan: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Fri 2 Jan: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

Sat 3 Jan: Saturday Before the Epiphany

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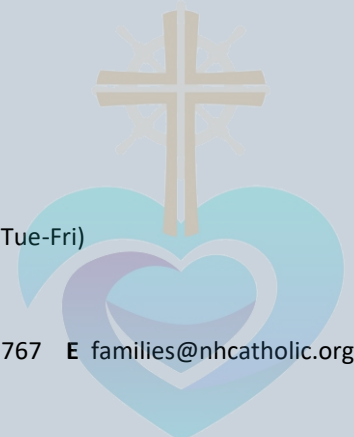
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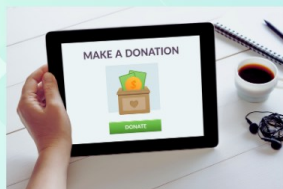
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