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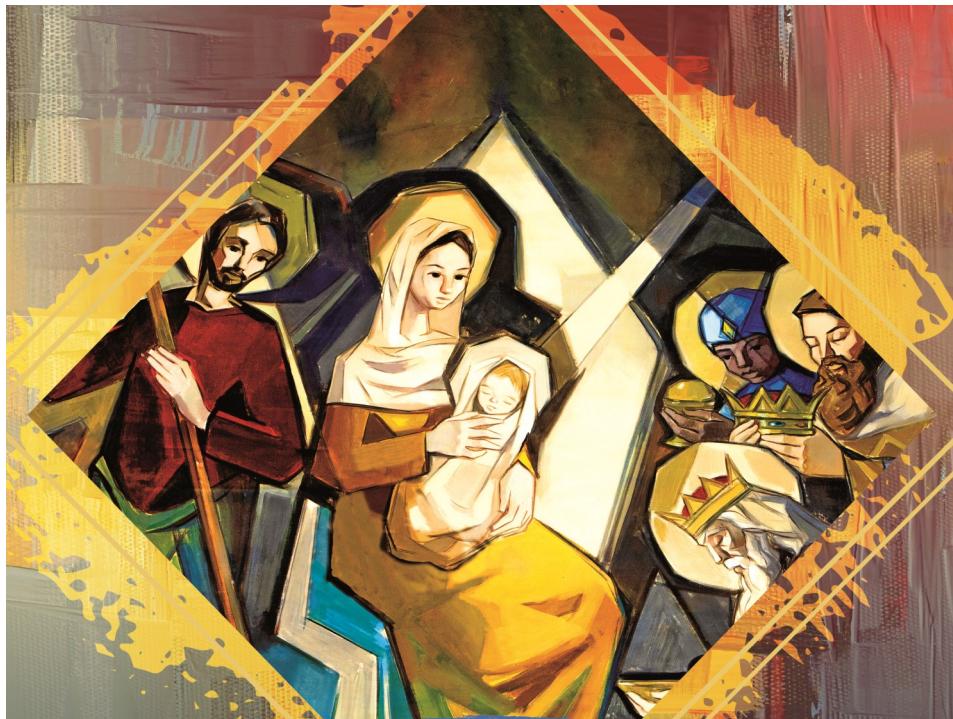


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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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### 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.*

## 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:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

#### Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations. ©LPI

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The wise men headed for Jerusalem, the capital city, on their quest for the newborn King. Imagine their surprise when they are sent to the small town of Bethlehem, to a tiny little house where they find a poor woman holding her child.

I'm sure they must have been a pause before they experienced their epiphany. Then they finally had their "aha" moment and understood. This child was indeed destined for greatness, but he would not follow the usual path to kingship.

The word *epiphany* means a sudden flash of insight. If we pay attention, life can be filled with these sudden flashes. I remember one particular flash that happened to me several months after I was married. It too involved the search for a king, well perhaps only a Prince Charming. When I married Roger I was pretty naive. I bestowed on him all sorts of impossible qualities. Once the wedding dress was packed away and we were comfortably settled into our apartment, I began to face reality. There were no insights yet, only dirty socks, grumpy mornings and a man who looked rather thin without his armour and white horse. What happened to my prince?

The answer came not in one grand insightful moment like the arrival of the wise men. My epiphanies were smaller, and spread over time. I remember Roger's worried face as he stroked my hair when our first son was born. I can see him rushing into action when our son James fell off his skateboard and lost his peripheral vision, and when his brother Phillip fell twelve feet from a neighbour's tree. I remember the look on his face when he saw our first grandchild.

After forty-three years of marriage and a thousand small epiphanies, I can only thank God for the gallant young prince I married who has followed his own path to greatness.

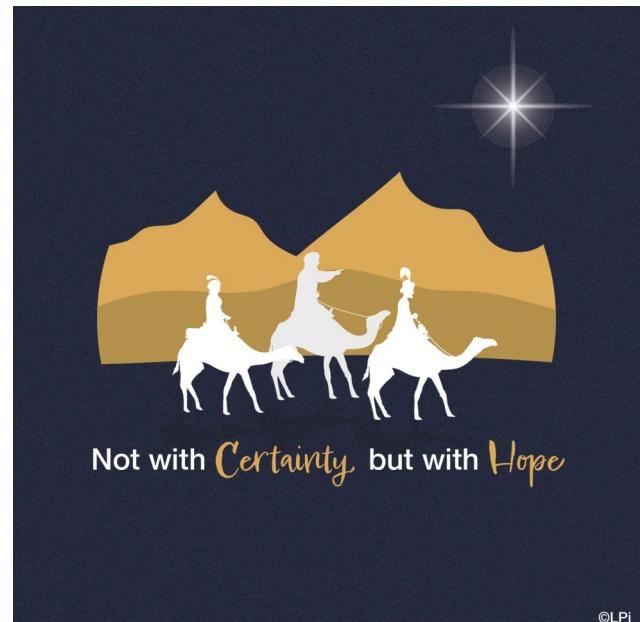
#### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask each family member to talk about a time when he or she was expecting one thing but was surprised by another.

#### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What are some of the epiphany moments in your own life?

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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This week we commemorate the Epiphany, the story of the wise men from the east paying homage and bringing gifts to the Infant Jesus. Their presence in the stable reveals that Jesus came for all people, not just the Jewish community. But the faith of the wise men was almost thwarted by Herod, who sought to destroy the baby he had heard was born. Your challenge this week is to reflect on how often you turn to violence—violent words, violent actions, violent feelings—when you feel threatened by someone. Make a personal commitment to respond to other people's anger or hate or meanness with nonviolence. Pledge to make love the underlying motive and foundation on which you resolve your conflicts.

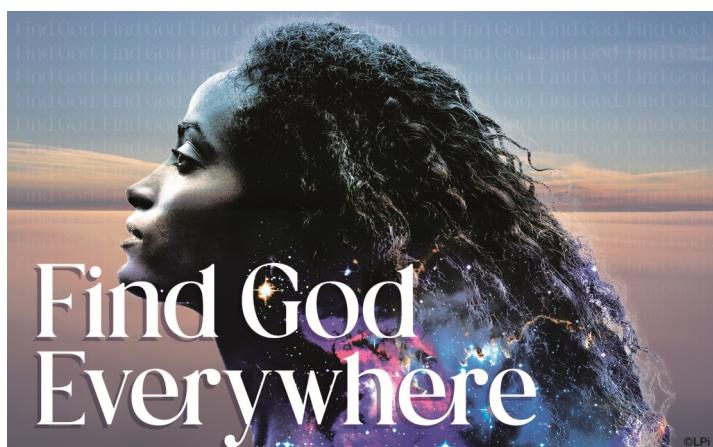
### CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

*"Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* —Matthew 2:11

Having just come through another Christmas season of gift-giving, consider which gifts you gave or received were the most significant to you. Likely you most

treasure those that won't end up in a landfill sooner rather than later. As we move into a new year, consider vowing to give gifts this year that aren't disposable in any way. How might you give gifts of time, talent, and "treasure" that won't end up in the garbage?

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**Charlotte Sienna Lewis**  
daughter of Timothy & Sarah

**Malakai Xavier Pio Pereira**  
son of Franz & Anushka



## 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.

## 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)*  
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## 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:

Leslie Rennie

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa McEwen, Arthur King

Our community would love to pray for you.

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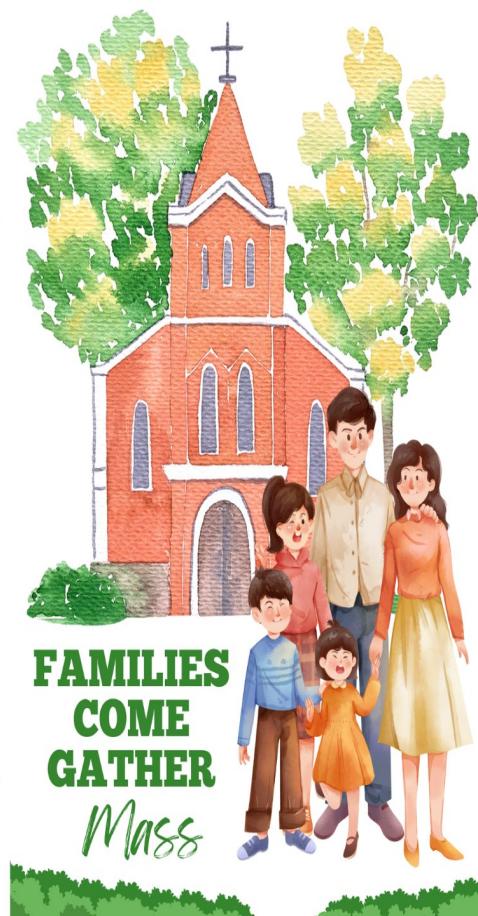
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## ST CECILIA'S CHURCH FAMILY MASSES

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 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.



### 2026 CONFIRMATION DATES

**THURS 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV AT 6PM**  
**SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV AT 11AM**  
**SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV AT 3PM**

MORE DETAILS/ENROLMENT INFORMATION TO COME IN 2026.

## Liturgical Ministries

We are looking for volunteers who would like to be involved in the following Ministries:

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**EUCARISTIC MINISTER**  
**WELCOMER AT MASS**  
**SENIOR SERVER**  
**READER AT MASS**  
**ALTAR LINEN CARE**  
**POWERPOINT MINISTER**

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Sign-up forms are available in the foyer. Place the completed forms in the box provided. Thank you.



# 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.



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St Kieran's Church  
Parish  
Family Mass

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH

Children's Liturgy  
Free Supper after Mass



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!



Join our  
**Youth Mass**



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



**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## HOLY COMMUNION MINISTER

We need more Extraordinary  
Ministers of Holy Communion  
for 2026 for all masses  
especially the 7:30am and  
5:00pm Sunday Masses.  
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We are taking  
a break!

Office will be closed:  
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Reopening:  
**6 January 2026**

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**pp@nhcatholic.org.au**



## PRAISE & PLAY

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## WORD SEARCH

*We come to worship the King.*

## TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS

east  
frankincense  
gold  
house  
important  
kneeled  
myrrh  
search  
secretly  
star  
warned  
wise

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## Sharing the Gospel

It may be hard to find the star in the east, but God will always show you how to find him. Bow before the altar of God and give the baby Jesus three presents of your own. For gold, share your goodness with others. For frankincense, send your prayers up to God for yourself, your family, and your friends. For myrrh, follow God's words like a sweet perfume.

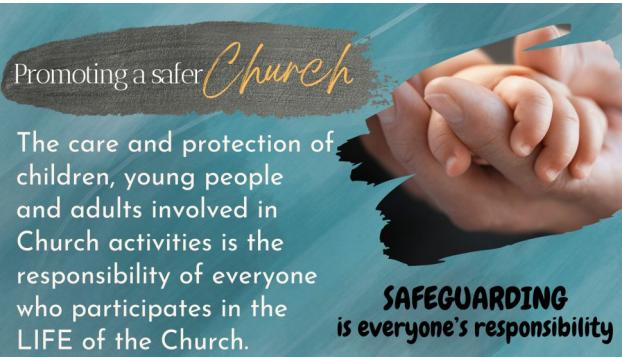
## Prayer

Lord, I offer you my words, my actions, and my thoughts.

## Mission

I will remember that each day of my life is a gift.

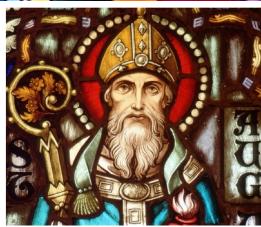
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## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Lord, You exist without care for Your own security,  
but are full of concern for us.

Confessions 9, 3  
- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (11 JANUARY 2026): THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

	10 JAN, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S	11 JAN, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S	11 JAN, 9AM ST CECILIA'S	11 JAN, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S	11 JAN, 5PM ST KIERAN'S
<b>FIRST READING</b> Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7 <i>The Lord upholds his Servant.</i>	<b>Senior Server</b> Louise	<b>Senior Server</b> Michael	<b>Senior Server</b> Ilde/Eva/Lucas	<b>Senior Server</b> Catherine	<b>Senior Server</b> Stephen
<b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11 <i>The Lord will bless his people with peace.</i>	<b>Readers</b> Bob John Edelvine (R)	<b>Readers</b> Olivier Jenny Pauline (R)	<b>Readers</b> Maria Larissa Gabrielle	<b>Readers</b> Terry Tania Sol (R)	<b>Readers</b> Gerry Kevin Sacha (R)
<b>SECOND READING</b> Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 <i>Peter brings the good news to the Gentiles.</i>	<b>Music</b> PPT with Audio	<b>Music</b> PPT with Audio	<b>Music</b> PPT with Audio	<b>Music</b> PPT with Audio	<b>Music</b> PPT with Audio
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> See Mark 9:8 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>	<b>Communion Min</b> Elizabeth-Anne Jo	<b>Communion Min</b> Paul Elsie	<b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<b>Communion Min</b> Joseph Kathryn	<b>Communion Min</b> Carol Geraldine
<b>GOSPEL</b> Matthew 3:13-17 <i>Jesus is baptised by John.</i>	<b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed	<b>Powerpoint</b> Lea	<b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed	<b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed	<b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed
	<b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed	<b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed	<b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed	<b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed	<b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 4 JANUARY

**Mon 5 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time  
**Tue 6 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time  
**Wed 7 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time  
**Thu 8 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time  
**Fri 9 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time  
**Sat 10 Jan:** Weekday of Christmas Time

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