



CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OF NORTH
HARBOUR

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

To worship God, through Christ in Word, Sacrament and Community

This Mission Statement is supported by three broad pastoral initiatives being:

- **Enhance our celebration of Liturgy**
- **Engage with and serve the broader community**
- **Enhance spiritual growth, renewal and evangelisation**

Within these initiatives, the primary focus areas for the Parish in 2023 are:

- **Welcoming parishioners back**
- **Engaging with families and youth**
- **Supporting people in their faith journey**
- **Support for social justice initiatives**

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that we seek to be a community who are welcoming, friendly and hospitable; open to change, willing to learn, grow and collaborate; served by the rich diversity of our talent and ethnic composition; paying particular attention to the needs of families and youth; used to celebrating both socially and liturgically; striving to be Christ centred while reaching out to others.

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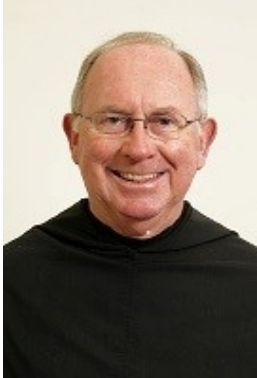
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We deeply respect this land
occupied by our parish facilities
and its traditional custodians
the Gayamagal and Canalgal people.



PASTOR'S REPORT

'In taking care of each other, we take care of Christ.' (St Augustine)



Dear Friends,

The words of St Augustine highlight our experience of the last couple of years as we lived with the uncertainty resulting from the pandemic and the various lockdowns and other restrictions that were necessary for our safety. While COVID has not disappeared, many of our freedoms have returned and life is more normal, provided we exercise due care.

The impact on our personal, family and community lifestyle has been considerable and there is much 'rebuilding' to be done, particularly in our Parish Community.

In a recent video interview about Parish Life in North Harbour, I suggested we begin on a positive note with some highlights of the past year. Each of us would have our own preferences but I share the following:

*Fr Dave Austin OSA
Parish Priest*

Big Picture – The *Plenary Council of the Church in Australia* was a remarkable achievement for many reasons, especially the skill of the organisers in gathering a very diverse group of Catholics to address and seek consensus on current religious and social issues. In the lead-up to the gathering, I was very proud that parishes like our own felt free to submit topics of concern, both religious and social, not all of them 'safe and comfortable' topics for our Church.

Overall, the Session resolutions on a myriad of issues were frank and forward-looking. As we know, the voting process faltered on the key issue of women's ministry in the Church but redrafted and clarified motions received overwhelming support in a revised process later in the week. Experiences like this leave some scars but are an important step as we become a more mature Church.

Provincial Chapter of the Augustinians – At the end of June 2022, the Augustinians gathered at St Augustine's College, Brookvale, for their 4-yearly Chapter, with Province members from across Australia, Vietnam, South Korea, Rome and others joining via ZOOM. Prior General Father Alejandro Moral Anton OSA was President of the Chapter and Assistant General Father Tony Banks OSA also participated. All aspects of Augustinian life and ministry were reviewed and video input of comments from parishioners, including from North Harbour, considered the strengths and hopes for the Order's parishes in Australia. Fr Peter Jones OSA was installed as Provincial for another 4 years and a new Council elected. Province appointments for 2023-2026 will be announced before the end of this year.

Sacramental Program – Our Sacramental Celebrations were again important experiences of Faith for our Parish Community, particularly First Communion in mid-2022, celebrated over 3 weekends. COVID lockdowns in 2021 delayed Confirmation until November with Frs Dave, Paul and Jepser presiding. This year Bishop Anthony administered the Sacrament at 4 ceremonies in August and his personal warmth and welcome put the children and families at ease and made it a memorable day.

The Sacramental Program continues to cultivate goodwill and community spirit among younger families with children in both Parish and public schools. There is real potential here for parent faith formation, along with that of children. As a Parish-based program, it generates enthusiasm and encourages communication among parents and children in the small groups. An important outcome for families is to affirm and strengthen family values and awareness of the importance of the 'Church in the family'.

'Rebuilding Parish'

As we reflect on our year, we are conscious that our Parish is in a 'rebuilding phase'. It is clear that COVID has had a far bigger impact than we realise; it has changed families and individuals and the ways many of us live, work, relate, socialise, recreate and worship. Most noticeably, it has affected our levels of participation in many critical areas, especially Sunday Eucharist, and continues to do so.

This is not simply about numbers but about our need to feel connected to one another and to the Parish Community, the essence of being Church. Early in the pandemic period, we began Livestreaming of Masses during the lockdown and emailing of bulletins to all parishioners. These measures helped us to feel connected to the Parish Community. We still email bulletins and provide the Sunday homily on You Tube.

Understandably, some remain cautious about large gatherings, particularly the aged, those with health issues or working in occupations where they cannot risk contracting COVID. While the 'social distancing' stickers have been removed from the pews in both St Cecilia's and St Kieran's churches, I sense that most of us continue to be more conscious of personal safety in light of recent experience.

Parish life succeeds where there is participation in both liturgical worship and other activities. Thankfully, participation in some ministries, such as Alpha, RCIA, GIFT, public school catechesis, Parish Sacramental Program, and liturgical ministries is increasing. Recent initiatives in faith formation through Alpha, a short Scripture course offered by Fr John, and an online Mission Foundation Course offered by the Diocese and facilitated by Fr Paul, have created considerable interest. RCIA will resume later in the year. We hope to expand formation opportunities to include social justice, liturgy, spirituality and prayer.

One area of adjustment we need to deal with is that of volunteers. Among the aftermath of COVID is the fact that everyone is 2 years older now and some are not able to continue previous involvements. While North Harbour is blessed with a strong Parish Team, our lay members are fully committed to their prescribed roles, often 'going the extra mile'. Our priests are hard-working but some are part-time and have other Province or community roles. Volunteering is more than simply helping out; it is about empowerment of laity in the Church – stepping-up and taking responsibility for leadership.

Parish Pastoral Council – The PPC has a crucial role in Parish life as a group with diverse gifts and is representative of the different age groups, talents and viewpoints among parishioners. Parish Pastoral Councils have been part of the pastoral policy of the Augustinians for some 30 years now, a recognition of the laity's role of collaboration in the daily life of the Church – the Voice of the People.

The PPC reflects the diversity of the Church as the Body of Christ today. Its role is to reflect on where the Church and Parish Community is today and PPC members are called to be the first listeners to parishioners and to be the discerning body of the Parish, and the collaborative partners with the Augustinians and the Parish Team.

This leadership needs to continue and so it is crucial not to sell ourselves and our gifts short today. We thank Co-Chairs Steve Rush and Tim Wunder for their leadership and acknowledge retiring members: Tim, Leonie Cornell, Geraldine Clarke, Derville Peach and Jo Matthews.

Quality of Pastoral Outreach - This area includes general pastoral outreach, evangelisation, outreach to youth, young adults, families, elderly, and those in marginalised situations.

Ministry to the housebound and those in care - In general, parish outreach is strong in a number of areas, especially to the aged and housebound and to those in hospitals and care facilities. Thankfully, the more effective management of the COVID pandemic has meant that Mass is celebrated more regularly in our 5 nursing homes though, in 2021, all were affected significantly by the pandemic and no pastoral visits were permitted for extended periods, except in case of emergency. Staff in our hospitals and care facilities have been very welcoming and this cooperative relationship is both important and appreciated.

Ministry to Youth - Introduction of a Youth Mass twice a term has been a very positive step and the Sunday evening Eucharist has been well supported by young people in local Catholic schools, their families and parishioners. Supported by school staff and parishioners, youth provide the music and participate in various liturgical ministries. In September we introduced refreshments after Mass... the 'sausage sizzle' was very popular! More can certainly be done in relation to youth and this area is a regular topic on the agenda of the PPC.

Social Justice and Ministry to the Marginalised – Social Justice is a central focus of the Church as it seeks to live the Gospel. The Bishops Social Justice Statement in August is an important annual event but our Parish needs other opportunities to deepen our knowledge and commitment in this area. One positive and practical program is GIFT where, throughout the year, teams from our schools and other groups prepare meals for distribution to the needy in the local area. That being said, many situations of need are kept hidden and Church is not always the place where people seek help.

Vinnies continues to do a sterling job in this area and the volunteers' respectful and understanding approach to those in need is the credible and generous face of the Church.

Schools and Catechist Program – Thankfully, 2022 has been a more stable year for the children and teachers in our schools as the school routine becomes more normal and parents enjoy greater contact and access to school activities. The need for such contact is very evident in the animated exchange at social functions.

Both Parish schools have new Principals this year, Louise O'Brien at St Cecilia's and Anna Marsella at St Kieran's. I pay tribute to our teachers and staff as they emerge from 2 years of extraordinary challenge and disruption. Their patience, flexibility and professionalism have been outstanding as they continue their generous commitment to our schools and Parish. I thank our parents too for being so supportive in very stressful times.

Our catechists continue their commitment to Catholic children in our government schools. We affirm their zeal and their faithfulness to their class preparation and ongoing formation in this important ministry.

Family Masses – Both Parish schools promote annual, family Masses for each class group in St Kieran's and St Cecilia's churches and these receive strong family support. We are working to develop a model of gathering where children at both Catholic and government schools feel they belong. We expect Children's Liturgy to return to both churches next term.

Looking forward

As we work together to strengthen our Parish Community, we face challenges shared by many church communities today. Personal faith remains strong but congregations are ageing as are many of the priests, and this affects energy levels in taking on fresh ministry initiatives. While our Catholic schools play a vital role in the faith formation of their students, more adult, faith-formation and prayer opportunities are needed.

Participation in Sunday Eucharist is gradually 'recovering' but is not a regular activity for many families. The Second Vatican Council stressed the importance of gathering as a worshipping community, particularly for Eucharist, where we commit ourselves to '*full, conscious and active participation*'. From our experience of family life, we know that being present with one another is the key. When our Churches are full, we are energised and affirmed as each person gives to each other and to us priests too.

As the danger of COVID has become less, our Bishops have stressed the importance of gathering together for Sunday worship if we are to grow in personal faith and in our identity and collective experience as the Body of Christ. I reassure each of you of my respect for your faith journey and personal decisions, and I invite you to be part of this task of rebuilding our Parish Community.

A final word.....

This year 2022 marks 70 years since St Kieran's became a parish in its own right while St Cecilia's has a longer history as a parish. Restructuring of the Diocese resulted in the formation of the Catholic Community of North Harbour in 2005. The Augustinians are very blessed in this ministry as we seek to promote the primacy of friendship and the core values of hospitality and faithful service. In a recent interview, one parishioner stated, '*The sense of community comes from the Order!*' while another affirmed the teachings of St Augustine as underpinning Parish life and the Augustinians' capacity for '*bringing the Gospel to life*'.

Parish Team - The Parish Team works very hard to advance the good of the Community and ensure the safety of all. Thank you to the **Augustinians** for their liturgical leadership and pastoral concern – Associate Pastors Frs Paul Maloney, Jepser Bermudez and John Sullivan, Community members Frs Senan Ward, Abel van der Veer and Peter Jones.

Parish Manager Jacky Worthington and Parish Secretaries Jane Filacuridi and Anne Ross ensure the smooth running of the Parish as do our Ministry Coordinators – Janette Davidson (Sacraments), Ursula Halloway (Catechists) and Marianne Deveza (Music). Thank you to the **Parish Finance Committee** for their advice and ready support.

On behalf of the whole Parish Community, I express deep gratitude to you all for your prayers, patience, good humour and care for one another

So many have made themselves available for ministry and the work 'behind the scenes' caring for our churches. Thank you too to those who give generously and support the Parish and the Augustinians financially during this time.

Thank you for your spirit, your remarkable resilience these past couple of years, and the amazing joy among our children and families.

Our Community will never be the same again – but that's okay as we explore new horizons as Parish and Church.

Early in the COVID times, I was taken by the challenging statement I repeat for you today: '***Buildings are closed, not the Church. We are the Church... and we remain open in faith, hope and love!***'

May the Lord strengthen our Parish Community and bless you and your families always!



Parish Pastoral Council Report



Steve Rush
Chair

The last twelve months have been similar to the year before with a slower rebound than we hoped for as the COVID restrictions lifted. We have still not been able to run some of the usual Parish initiatives and events and those that we have reintroduced have often seen lower attendance as COVID concerns remain.

As a parish council we have continued to focus on:
 How we welcome our parishioners back,
 How we can better engage with families and the youth of the Parish,
 How we support people on their faith journey, and
 How we can provide greater support for social justice initiatives.

The Youth Mass has continued to be well attended and we are in discussions with neighbouring parishes to try and establish a combined Youth group in an attempt to provide the critical mass we need to achieve the variety and relevance of activities required. We thank Michael Paton, Peter Nolan and Nicola Chin along with the students of St Augustine's and Stella Maris for their support in making the Youth Mass so special. The children's liturgy will also soon be reintroduced.

We will continue to promote awareness of social justice issues that exist globally and locally and opportunities on how we may assist. Further social justice evenings are planned including the plight of refugees and asylum seekers and the challenges faced by some South Pacific communities.

We received the preliminary results of the recent Church Life survey and it reinforces that you value the celebrating the Eucharist together, the insightful sermons and the music at mass and that we should continue our focus on sense of community, youth ministry, social justice and utilizing our parishioner's gifts.

I strongly request all parishioners to be involved as we focus on rebuilding our community. There are two ways in which you can help. Firstly by sharing your ideas on what you would like to see introduced, changed or continued, and secondly by sharing your time either through assisting us in offering initiatives or attending the programmes or initiatives that we do run. It may be as simple as joining us for a cup of tea after mass, joining the choir, attending an ALPHA programme or an AFA event. The more involved you become the greater sense of belonging you feel and the more welcoming we become as a community. Together we can make a big difference. Thank you for your continued support.

I would also like to thank the parish team and the Augustinian community and all the members of the PPC for their ongoing service, support and dedication and acknowledge those members stepping down from the council, Jo Matthews, Derville Peach, Leonie Cornell, Geraldine Clarke and Tim Wunder for their invaluable contributions over many years.



Finance Report

	2021-22 Budget	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Budget
	\$	\$	\$
INCOME			
Collections	174,200	210,785	227,000
CCI Commission	900	0	0
Donations	9000	6,911	9000
Govt Subsidy – Covid	50,500	34,362	0
Interest	2,520	2,015	14,000
Sundry	3,000	3,154	5,000
Rent	140,400	128,625	150,000
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	381,040	385,852	405,000
EXPENDITURE			
Altar & Church Requisites	10,030	10,123	10,000
CWF Shortfall		10,796	
Donations	900	971	900
Employment Expenses	180,000	199,447	200,000
Insurance	33,000	44,103	45,000
Office Expenses	14,400	17,821	17,000
Pastoral Programs	0	12,609	12,000
Repairs & Maintenance	39,600	51,621	90,000
Telephone & Internet	4,130	3,643	4,000
Travelling-Car Expenses	6,000	3,385	3,500
Utilities	18,000	20,484	22,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	306,060	375,003	404,400
Other Expenses			
Superannuation Shortfall			
Surplus/Deficit for Year	74,980	10,849	600
Cash at Bank		299,910	
Cash on Deposit		667,934	

Parish Manager's Report



Jacky Worthington
Parish Manager

One of the great gifts we have in our Parish is our long association with the Augustinian Order, through this association we get to benefit from the rich spirituality of St Augustine. Three human qualities that were of great importance to Augustine were hospitality, friendship and community, that is what our Parish is for me and it is what I hope it is for everyone.

It is an exciting time in our Parish as many of our activities have restarted and we can at last make plans for new endeavours. There is a movement within the Church worldwide for reflection and renewal led by Pope Francis. Covid has made us embrace change and allowed us to do things differently and this presents an opportunity for new ideas and ways to build on our foundations. Whilst new ideas and programmes are always great, it is good to acknowledge the many good things already happening and available in the Parish. We have Alpha, various faith formation opportunities, the music ministry and other liturgical ministries, GIFT (Giving In Faith Together), children's playgroup and Children's Liturgy of the Word which will start up again shortly. Some of these groups have been in hiatus and need renewed energy and volunteers to get back into full swing. I would like to say a big thank you to all our wonderful Parish volunteers and encourage anyone who has every thought about volunteering or joining a group to give it a go!

The lockdowns and restrictions we experienced last year and the Omicron outbreak at Christmas have impacted the Parish's financial situation however many parishioners have continued to support the Parish either by maintaining planned giving or contributing directly to the Parish bank account. The introduction of the PayPass terminals at the back of both Churches has also helped to maintain the Parish finances. We hope to re-introduce the collection baskets and we are exploring ways we can do this and remain Covid safe. It is important to acknowledge that some parishioners are experiencing financial hardship and have had to suspend their planned giving, we are thankful for all they have given in the past and remain thankful to all who are able to continue to contribute.

It was wonderful, after much planning, to launch our new Parish website in May 2022. I would invite anyone who has not yet visited our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the new website to do so. The links can be found at the bottom of this page.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and thank you all for the support, kind words and encouragement you give me and our wonderfully dedicated Parish team.

Jacky Worthington

Links to Parish Social Media

Website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/northharbour>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>

Facebook Group "The Vine": <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CathComNH>

YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uct8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw>



AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION (AFA) 2021-2022



*Adriana Bowyer
AFA President*

The Augustinian Formation Association (AFA) exists to support and raise funds for the training of Augustinian brothers and priests in the Australasian Province. It does this through a range of activities and social functions. Other purposes of the group are to support the Augustinians in prayer as well as to build up bonds of friendship among supporters of the Order.

The AFA Committee Members are made up as follows and we always welcome new members to join us.

Spiritual Director - Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA

President - Adriana Bowyer

Treasurer – Anna Heath

Secretary - Honorine Jarkey

Members - Trudi McFadden, Maryanne Guy, Michael Halloway, Carmen Miners, Kaye Coates, Stella Baihn, Caroline Tessandier, Mary Hulme, Yvonne Rein, Anne Chang, Liz Lovell and Jenny Mirabito



13/11/21 – AFA Committee Members' Picnic at Manly Dam with Frs Jepser & Percival and Brs Huy & Tu.



14/11/21 – Congratulations to Br Huy on his Solemn Profession at St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale.



On **Sunday, 10 April 2022** AFA held its Annual Fun Walk Fundraiser where we had 26 people registered to walk and 21 of them joined us for a great morning blessed with beautiful weather and great company.

Many thanks to all the Augustinians who walked with us which included Fr Peter Jones, Fr Jepser, Fr Percival and Brs Huy & Tu and all the parishioners who came down to walk with us.



It was so nice to see some new faces join us this year. Also, I would like to thank everyone who obtained their own sponsors, those who sponsored an Augustinian and to everyone else who donated money for the walk. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated, and we raised **\$4,688.50** which is fantastic.



30/4/22 - Congratulations to Br HuYao who celebrated his Ordination to Diaconate at Holy Spirit Parish at St Clair.



1/5/22 – It was lovely to have Fr Tuan Anh back at St Kieran's Church to celebrate his 1st Anniversary to Priesthood.

On **Saturday, 9 July 2022** AFA was finally able to hold its Christmas in July Dinner which was a wonderful, fun and successful night. We had 131 people attend and enjoy the celebrations and in total we raised **\$5,545.00** which is amazing. On the night we were looked after by the wonderful Cathy Martin and her amazing team at North Manly Gourmet Food with lots of yummy food and great hospitality. We were well entertained on the night by the amazing and talented Kevin Mascarenhas, Erica Griffiths and Beata Komrych and also by the fabulous Filipino Choir with Sr Josie and Fr Saldie who added great fun and atmosphere to the night.

It was so lovely to have some Augustinians from interstate and overseas able to join us on the night. On the night we also farewelled Fr Tuan Anh who has now returned to Vietnam and we send our best wishes and prayers to him as he continues his ministry in Vietnam.

There were many winners on the night with raffle prize winners, lucky door prize winners and the guessing competition winner but I think the real winner of the night was everyone being able to finally come together as a community to celebrate and have a really fun night.

AFA would like to thank everyone for their continued support and generosity in helping to raise funds for the Augustinian seminarians.



AFA's final function for the year will be our end of year Dinner at Wakehurst Golf Club on **Saturday, 19 November** and more details will follow in the parish Bulletin in the weeks to come. I hope that many of our AFA members and friends can join us at this function and continue to support our Augustinians.

God Bless

Adriana Bowyer (AFA President - 0402 099 746)

PASTORAL CARE to Elderly and Nursing Home Residents



Our Pastoral Care initiatives during 2021 and 2022 proved to be most challenging for all concerned: in particular, for the frail & elderly residents of the aged care facilities isolated from the love of their families and friends; the nursing home carers and staff who work unceasingly under a most burdensome circumstances; our volunteer pastoral carer visitors who were unable to visit on Sundays with Holy Communion and a compassionate & caring chat; and our Priests, who many times were not able to celebrate the scheduled Masses for the residents, and at times had to work their way through a maze of regulations & restrictions to visit critically ill patients in hospitals.

We thank our wonderful and selfless group of volunteers, many of whom have been dedicated to this ministry for years - and many who have health issues of their own. We have five Nursing Homes in our parish area where our parishioners visit most Sundays.

- ♦ BUPA, Seaforth
- ♦ ESTIA, Manly Vale
- ♦ HARDI, Manly Vale
- ♦ ALEXANDER, Brookvale
- ♦ ALLAMBIE VILLAGE, Allambie

If you are reading this and feel you may wish to contribute to the well being of the frail & vulnerable in our local aged care facilities, then please feel free to phone the office 9949 4455 or email parishoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au and have a chat about our Pastoral Care Ministry and find out what is involved.

Jane Filacuridi (Pastoral Care Co ordinator)



St Cecilia's Primary School, Balgowlah



*Louise O'Brien
Principal*

The 2022 school year commenced and we had a positive start, as we were able to welcome our new students, especially Kindergarten and their families, to our school community. Fr Dave celebrated our 'Ceremony of Light' and we commenced with Kindergarten students accompanied by their St 3 buddies. We also inducted our new Year 6 leaders into their roles of responsibility.

As the year progressed, teachers focused their teaching on supporting students in their academic learning, spiritual growth, and faith formation. We have also reconnected with our school families and parish community and are aware that many families of the younger students have not experienced a typical school year.

The religious life of the school provided opportunities to invite parents and families to join us for our Easter presentations during Holy Week, liturgies for Mother's Day, the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Grandparents and Grandfriends morning and Father's Day celebrations. All of these were well attended by our parents and families.

The sacramental program commenced in Term 1 and working with the parish program we celebrated Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Bishop Anthony Randazzo confirmed our Year 3 candidates, and it was wonderful to have Bishop Anthony visit our Parish. *Family Come Gather Masses have resumed and all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 celebrated with the parish, we continue to be creative with ways to connect our families to the parish. Students in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 attend the Wednesday morning parish Mass.*



Throughout the year, the school community has undertaken social justice and outreach initiatives and through donations and fundraising supported the St Vincent De Paul Society and Mary Mac's Place.

The staff spirituality day was facilitated by Dr Dan White reflecting upon the ministry of the Catholic School and all staff engaged in the day and deepened their knowledge and understanding of the message of the gospels. *The Charter for Catholic School Broken Bay has been launched and the staff of St Kieran's and St Cecilia's Schools came together for professional learning and reflection. Fr Dave provided some insights during our session and we look forward to continuing this work.*

In Term 4 the entire school will celebrate St Cecilia's Feast Day. We will also have our Year 6 Graduation and end-of-year liturgical celebrations.

Fr Paul graciously visited classes throughout the year and this proved to be a good way to strengthen the school and parish connection. We look forward to our visits from Fr Dave and Fr Paul. We are so blessed to have the support of the Augustinian Priests. They are generous in their ministry to the school and parish community.

*Ms Louise O'Brien
Principal
St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School, Balgowlah*



St Kieran's Primary School, Manly Vale



*Anna Marsalla
Principal*

It has been an honour and privilege to be appointed as the new principal to St Kieran's Catholic Primary School this year. In my first year, I have experienced first hand the strong parish and school relationship that makes St Kieran's school so community and family centric. The connection with the parish is so welcoming, pastoral, community and faith focused. We collaborate together on a firm foundation of faith, liturgy, prayer and sacramental life opportunities that support the students, families and staff building the Kingdom of God in our community.

We are grateful that after the past two years of the pandemic we have returned the parish and school community to normal life. We have been prioritising the re-engagement and connection of the community together and restoring our face to face interactions once more. As a school community we have returned to Masses, liturgies, prayer services and sacramental liturgies back in the Church. We have looked forward to these special times to celebrate the Eucharist and the coming together as one in Christ. The Family Masses have been so special on a Sunday as the children with their families are involved in an active and participative way in the worship and liturgy. We had such a great turn out of Grandparents this year attending the Grandparent Mass, morning tea and special interaction in the playgroup with their grandchildren. There was so much love and smiles in the playground that day. We are currently planning to work with the parish to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the parish.

The celebration of St Kieran's Day and St Augustine's Day recently are reminders that we have the role models of service and love displayed by these foundational saints in our day to day lives, protecting and guiding us in our journey. Fr Jepsen has resumed his work in breaking open the scripture with the children in the classrooms when he visits us. Fr Dave has such a strong and invested interest in the school by participating in our Kinder Transition days, School Advisory meetings and faith formation opportunities for the teachers, especially on the Bishop's Charter. We very much look forward to Fr Dave's morning tea visits in the staffroom and sharing the chats, stories and laughs as we have gathered together this year.

We have had many faith filled opportunities to work collaboratively as a parish school and we look forward to many more going forward as one in Christ.

*Anna Marsalla
Principal*

*St Kieran's Catholic Primary School,
Manly Vale*



St Kieran's Manly Vale



GIFT



*Evelyn Paterson
GIFT Co-ordinator*

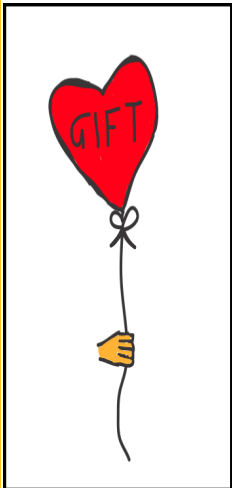
The GIFT program has been very busy providing meals to the Link Community Care Program with 14 cook-offs since November last year. Many thanks to our groups of parents from St Cecilia's and St Kieran's, the girls from Stella Maris and the group of local Year 7 boys from St Aloysius' who cooked up a storm in the July school holidays.

The Link Community Care Program advised that their clients missed our hearty meals during the Covid lockdowns and were overjoyed when cooking resumed as the GIFT meals have become part of their weekly meal plans. They love the ease of our meals, a few of the homeless clients heat their meals at the service station for lunch or dinner.

The clients enjoy hearing the story behind the GIFT meals and are very appreciative of the blessings and support from everyone involved.

The Link Community Care Program is in its 10th year of service to the community, with a growing need for their service they have a collection shop at Warriewood and mobile van pop up locations at Cromer and Narraweena.

They are very thankful to have GIFT partnering with them since 2014, providing nutritious meals to our neighbours in need on the northern beaches.



ALPHA ANNUAL REPORT



This year the Alpha team invited the whole community to a Parish Revival Celebration Brunch on 24th April. We had about 60 people attend, and it was a wonderful way to launch the opening up of the parish. To gather and bring our community together again after so long apart was fantastic and well received. We used the opportunity to show people what an Alpha evening is like by sharing food, drink and watching a short video, which we would then usually sit down to discuss. We received a lot of interest and 10 people to sign up for the upcoming Alpha course which was a fabulous result.



We commenced in May with the support of Fr Paul and Fr Dave. A light supper was prepared and provided by the Alpha hospitality team. Alpha evenings are an enjoyable time for everyone involved. The conversations around the tables allow for everyone to share their perspectives on the evening topic freely and without judgement. Many of the topics can be serious but there is always laughter and sometimes tears. All the participants spoke highly of Alpha and enjoyed the group sessions plus the sharing and



The Alpha Day Away is always a highlight, and was held once again at one of the Augustinian's student homes in Brookvale. The day was a wonderful introduction to the Holy Spirit and many of the guests and members felt His presence.



The day was a huge success and lots of fun was had by all. The next day guests were invited to attend the 9.30am mass at St Kieran's which we followed with a morning tea.



Alpha in our parish is fortunate to have such a dedicated team eager to share Christ message and love to all. The Alpha Team works closely with Fr Dave and Janette Davidson to support the RCIA and children's sacramental programs. Alpha is exciting to be a part of, as it opens people's minds and hearts to have a relationship with Christ. After such a difficult few years of feeling isolated, Alpha is a way to rejuvenate our faith and reconnect with others.

We ask our parish community that you pray for Alpha in our parish, pray for our community and invite your friends and family to **Try Alpha**. We welcome you all to join us in February 2023 when we will run our next Alpha. In the meantime, remember God loves YOU!

Parish Piety Shop



*Jane Filacuridi
Piety Shop
Co-ordinator*

Firstly may I send out a huge **THANKYOU** to the many parishioners who support our little shop - especially to those who spread the word for us and bring their friends from outside the parish.

Confirmations were delayed last year & were finally celebrated during November 2021. It was great to hear all the positive remarks from parents as they browsed- "oh there is such a diverse range" - "you have something for every occasion" - "great quality and very reasonable prices".

Browsing for Christmas presents & decorations late last year—it sadly occurred to me there was a lack of, or I should say, a complete absence of decorations with Nativities and baby Jesus, even angels were hard to find. Therefore, it became my quest last Christmas to keep Jesus in Christmas - to give people the choice to buy a gift or decoration with the real Christmas message - Jesus.

So last Christmas, the Piety Shop did a pop up in the church foyer for a weekend of four Masses - and it was hugely successful, the response was amazing and many people were thinking the same— tired of decorations with cats, dogs, pigs & penguins and every other animal from the ark. (sheep & donkeys are ok!)

2022 Confirmations were celebrated in August. The Piety Shop popped up again in the church foyer during Confirmation practice sessions and it was lovely to see the children & parents choosing something religious & meaningful to commemorate their special day.

Our 2022 Christmas pop up - @ St Cecilia's 9am Mass, December 11

and @ St Kieran's all Masses the weekend of 17th / 18th

And remember, we can practically order anything from anywhere - late last year I had a parishioner wanting to replace a favourite but worn prayer book - we were able to locate the item through a publisher in the UK - and Pronto !! it arrived within a week.

Friends of St Augustine



Jacky Worthington
National Leader

Friends of St Augustine is a lay group, supported by the Augustinian Order and has been active in our Parish for over 20 years. We come together to explore Augustinian spirituality through the three qualities that were central to the life of St Augustine; **hospitality, friendship and community.**

Many of us wonder:

How can I live my faith?

How can I be an authentic Christian in today's world?

The rich and accessible spirituality of St Augustine can help guide us to an answer whilst sharing friendship with others who share this goal.

Our gatherings are always advertised in the Parish bulletin and new members, or those just wanting to come along and meet with others and benefit from Augustine's nourishing spirituality, are always welcome.

Friends look forward to:

Gatherings—Throughout the year groups gather providing an opportunity to learn, share and socialise. Our Formation Co-ordinator researches and provides resources to guide each group.

Amici—A newsletter and Facebook page bring members up to date with local activities and developments within the movement as well as news from International Augustinian Laity.

Prayer Resource Guide—Amici includes a Prayer Resource by our Chaplain, Paul Maloney OSA providing nourishment for our prayer life with ideas to reflect upon.

For more information please email **Jacky Worthington** gjworth@tpg.com.au or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FOSAAu>

"I find it easy to give myself entirely to the love of those who are my intimate friends... because I believe that God is there."

St Augustine



The jug and bowl are the symbols of the National Leader of the Friends of St Augustine and represent that true leadership comes through serving others.



As parishioners of North Harbour many of you would have been associated with the Augustinian Order over the years and may enjoy having a copy of "Friends of St Augustine – an appreciation". Compiled by Mary McCormick the book seeks to appreciate and honour all that Friends of St Augustine has meant for lay people within the Augustinian family as they have sought to develop their faith and their role within the church. From within its pages comes both challenge and invitation. The cost is \$30 plus postage and all proceeds from the sale of the book will go the Augustinian Vietnam Mission Fund to order please email Mary McCormick at mary_mccormick@bigpond.com

CATENIANS



Paul Pearson

Looking for lasting friendships? A supportive social circle? Connection? Community?

By becoming a member of the Catenians, you get all that and more.

Whatever age you are, whether you're married or single, if you're part of the Catholic faith, we welcome you to our men's Circle.

But it's not only men who are connected within our Circles. Families are encouraged to join our community's social activities, we have a number of regular family events with opportunities for friendships and connection.

Social activity opportunities include mid-week lunches and dinners, twice weekly morning walks around Manly Dam or along the beachfront from Queenscliff to Shelly Beach as well as regular theatre nights for plays, musicals, etc.



Other social activities pop up regularly.

There are many options for men and their families to connect and share with like-minded people.

If you or your partner in life would like to join in on any of our activities, please contact us at manly.circle@thecatenians.org.au

Sacramental Ministry Report



*Janette Davidson
Family and
Sacramental
Minister*

2021/2022 Children's Sacramental Program

COVID 19 has continued to impact our parish programs.

Due to the continuation of the lockdown restrictions the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** scheduled for August 2021 had to be rescheduled. Bishop Anthony delegated authority to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our parish clergy. Confirmation was celebrated for 190 candidates over 8 sessions in November 2021. All 8 sessions were livestreamed as the number of family and guests able to attend was limited.

First Reconciliation also had to be rescheduled due to COVID in the parish from Term 1 to Term 2, 155 children celebrated this Sacrament in May 2022 and 154 celebrated **First Holy Communion** over 9 parish Masses in June 2022.

2022/2023 Children's Sacramental Program

Approximately 150 children from 15 different schools received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay over 4 sessions on Saturday 13 August 2022. These children will continue in their (21) family preparation groups and go on to celebrate their **First Reconciliation and First Communion** next year.

Our parish-based family centred, and school supported program provides a unique opportunity to accompany families from a broad range of family experiences and schools and provides a welcoming, accepting and affirming experience. The roles of parents, teachers, priests, catechists in the settings of home, parish and school are complimentary yet distinct as partners in a shared task of helping to pass on (the) faith to the next generation.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Program

Our parish welcomed 4 new members into our community this year (3 at the Easter Vigil and 1 after Easter) as part of the **RCIA** program. This program is offered to those who would like to become Catholic who may not be baptised or who are baptised in another Christian denomination.

Baptism of Infants Program for infants and children under 7 years

Our parish community welcomes infants and young children through Baptism on most Sundays outside of Lent with 116 baptised this past year.

Baptism of Young Children Program

The parish offers a diocesan preparation program for the **Baptism of Young Children** between the ages of 7 years and 11 years. Due to lockdown, we were not able to offer this program at the end of last year. This year **11** young children were baptised. Many of these children continued in the Children's Sacramental Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

At CLOW children leave the congregation to listen to, reflect on, and have activities based on Sunday readings at their level of understanding.

Due to COVID we have not been able to offer CLOW the last years however it will be returning soon. Any parents interested in joining the roster please contact me.

Whilst the COVID experience has impacted our parish ministries it continues to also present opportunities for us to reflect on the presentation of our parish programs and celebrations differently. Our children, parents, school staff, catechist coordinator, catechists, group facilitators, RCIA team and parish team continue to accept the need for flexibility and creativity, under a changing and at times challenging reality.

Thanks again this year to all who have supported these parish family ministry programs and especially to **Ed Coney** and our parish manger **Jacky Worthington** for their assistance with video presentations.

Please contact me at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521 if you would like more information on any of our family programs.

Janette Davidson
Sacramental Coordinator



RCIA Team with our participants – Lucy, Lauren and Claudia.
Kate the 4th participant was received into the Church after Easter





Catechist Report

After two previous years of interruptions to classes, 2022 has turned out to be the year where Special Religious Education (SRE) classes returned to “normal.” In October of 2021, we held our annual Catechist Recruitment Drive and the results were fruitful. We gained two new Catechists, one of whom comes in her lunch hour to teach children at Seaforth PS. This sums up the dedication and openness to the Holy Spirit that Catechists have in their hearts!



*Ursula Halloway
Catechist
Co-ordinator*

2022 started in a staggered way with all six schools allowing us to resume teaching at different times but by Term 2, all teachers were back in classes and we haven't had an interruption since. After the previous years' periods of time where we were not able to go into schools to teach, we were very happy to be going back in to teach our “Walking With Jesus” curriculum. Many Catechists gave feedback about how engaged their students are which we are putting down to them appreciating their “Scripture” classes after not having them for an extended period of time. I would like to acknowledge what an amazing job the Public Schools, that we are working with, have done and how accommodating and welcoming they have been. They have tried to make the sometimes complex signing in system as user friendly for SRE volunteers and have always tried to listen to the needs of our Catechist volunteers and accommodate them. School Principals have asked us to refrain from going into schools if we have any sickness at all, even mild, so I am constantly emailing schools letting them know that teachers can't make it. The school coordinators have been incredibly patient and understanding in response and it is never a problem— we are lucky to have great relationships with our local schools.

I have approached schools to advertise our SRE Program in their Kindergarten Orientation Packs. Usually, I have an opportunity, at this time of year, to speak at some schools' Orientation mornings and hand out brochures, however, this may not be possible this year if schools are not comfortable with it. Some schools have been happy to hand out our brochures, while others have their own system for informing their new families of the SRE Program. Each school is allowed to create their own rules around handouts from us. Some schools will also place an ad in their newsletter, provided by myself, asking for new Catechist volunteers. However, again, it is up to each school as to whether they approve these. Currently, we have 24 Catechist Teachers. We have 34 Special Religious Education (SRE) classes in 6 public primary schools in our parish area which include Manly Vale Public School, Brookvale Public School, Allambie Heights Public School, Balgowlah Heights Public School, Seaforth Public School and Balgowlah North Public School. Teaching days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with both morning and afternoon classes. Approximately 850 children attend Catholic SRE classes.

For the first time, we currently have three classes that we do not have teachers for, however, this has only just become the case in term 3. This is a first for us, however, many other parishes have whole schools without teachers so we are still doing quite well. We are still filling 31 classes. I am confident that some of our volunteers who stopped teaching due to Covid-19 concerns, will return to the ministry when they are feeling comfortable. Alongside this, many parishes have reported that the number of students taking part in the SRE program is decreasing slowly over time. Our Parish is experiencing a slow decrease. In 2019, there were 900 students in the program and our recent Census showed that we currently have 852 students enrolled in our SRE classes.

Due to the increasing difficulty in finding volunteers for our ministry, the Diocese Team reconfigured our teaching program so that we can combine two classes into one as long as they are within the same stage. For example, Year 1 and Year 2 and both in stage 1 so we can combine them. This has made a huge difference to finding teachers for each class.

At this stage, I have not asked our Parish Catechists if they will return next year. Some may wish to stand down temporarily or permanently due to the current pandemic. Having said that, virtually all of our Catechists who paused their commitment last year during the pandemic, returned to teach this year so our Catechists are a very committed and dedicated group!

Our annual Recruitment Drive will be held in October. We will have speakers at masses (including Catechists and possibly students), videos played at masses, ads in School Newsletters and class Facebook Pages of St Kieran's and St Cecilia's as well as our Parish Bulletin to name a few.

Catechism typically takes up about one hour per week, including travel time, and presentation of a 30 minute lesson. The teacher's manuals are very easy to follow and are an approved part of the NSW Curriculum. We work under the banner of The Department of Education who have written a "Student Wellbeing Policy" in which it states that all students are 'entitled to explore their spiritual beliefs in a safe, welcoming and accepting environment.'

Training courses are offered both online and face-to-face. They are free and are provided by the CCD Team of Broken Bay to ensure that our Catechists are supported at a Diocese level. They are usually a fun way to spend a morning! We also have absolutely beautiful Formation days that all parishioners are welcome to attend. Brochures are left at the back of church and an ad in the bulletin is often included. Our Catechists meet for the Parish Catechist Meeting at the beginning of each term. Prior to this, I receive information from the Diocese at a Catechist Coordinators' Meeting and pass relevant information onto Catechists. Catechists also have a chance to report on their experiences and share ideas. Safeguarding is always of paramount importance.

I wish that I could bottle the feeling that we get when we have taught an amazing class and connect with our students as the year progresses. I'm sure that it would convince others to join our special ministry and show them that the only real tool that you need on board is a desire to do God's work and to help others to feel His powerful love— that really is the heart of it!

Lastly, Congratulations to Gai Hamer who will be receiving a 25 year Service Award at the Annual Catechist Diocesan Mass. Bishop Anthony personally gives out these awards and it is a wonderful occasion for all who attend. Family and friends are most welcome! Well done, Gai— what an amazing achievement!

If you feel that Catechism is something you may be interested in doing or would simply like more information, please feel free to contact Ursula on catechist@northharbourcatholic.com or 0423 595 204.



North Harbour Parish Music Ministry



Marianne Deveza
Music Ministry
Co-ordinator

On behalf of the Music Ministry, the parish and community, I'd like to welcome our newest members – **Sam Browne, Michael Paton, Anushka Coutinho, Joanna Trube**, and **Joshua 24:15** group, led by Celestine. Thank you for sharing your time and very valuable talent in music to the community. I pray that we can continually work together in the years to come.

Michael is leading the music and liturgy for all our youth masses in 2022 at St Kieran's Parish. Sam Browne is leading music for 3rd Sunday 6pm mass and Anushka Coutinho for 4th Sunday of the month. Joshua 24:15 group is leading music for 3rd Sunday of the month 9:30am mass. Joanna Trube sings with Louella or the Conmen at St Cecilia's.

Secondly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Hyland, Joshua Willard, Sonic Spirit led by Kathryn Williams and Lost & Found led by Kathryn and her son

Hayden for their support in the music ministry for the past years! The time and the talent that you've shared to everyone in the community are greatly appreciated and sorely missed! We pray for all of you in your future endeavours.

Thirdly, I'd like to thank our members who have continuously supported the ministry for many years – Harvest group led by Kevin, Branch of Jesse led by Terri, Enliven Music led by Mira, Filipino Choir led by Rebecca, Parish Choir led by Georgene, Louella Covich, and the Conmen led by Tim & Pete. We are super grateful for sharing your time and talent by providing beautiful music to our masses and for your patience and cooperation especially during the pandemic in the past 2 years. I can't thank you enough. My prayer is that God will continually bless you a tenfold, hundredfold.

Lastly, I'd like to also invite members of the community who have talent in music. We have spots in the roster that need to be filled. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you're interested in helping.

Marianne Deveza
Music Ministry Coordinator
northharbourmusicministry@gmail.com

ROSTER

St Cecilia musicians are the following:

1. The Conmen led by Tim Boys and Peter Chiswell (3rd Sundays)
2. Louella Covich (4th Sundays)

For St Kieran's, we have the following for 930am mass:

1. The Harvest led by Kevin Mascarenhas (1st Sunday)
2. Enliven Music led by Mira Doughty (2nd Sunday)
3. Joshua 24:15 led by Celestine Singson (3rd Sunday)
4. Branch of Jesse led by Terri Sedmak (4th & 5th Sunday)

For 6pm mass:

1. Enliven Music led by Mira Doughty (1st Sunday)
2. Michael Paton (2nd Sunday Youth Mass)
3. Sam Browne (3rd Sunday)
4. Anushka Coutinho (4th Sunday)

For 5:30pm Vigil mass:

1. Parish Choir led by Georgene (1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday)
2. Filipino Choir led by Rebecca Torralba (3rd Sunday)



Manly Vale SVDP Conference



*John McCarney
President*

Our Brookvale Office is our telephone hub, the distribution point for food parcels to the hungry, nappies and formula for young mothers and the interview room for those seeking face to face assistance. In the past this later group formed a significant number of the clients we visit in their homes later in the day. Sadly, the Office was closed for much of the year, due to the Society inability to safeguard the health of staff, volunteers and clients within the office in a Covid pandemic. The recent continuous opening to clients has seen an increased demand for immediate assistance and clients being logged for a call later in the day.

The Winter and Christmas Appeals combined raised \$26,495. This was a reflection of the incredible support we received from the Augustinians and the Parish. The Hamper Appeal resulted in 106 hampers collected from the School, the Parish and Blackmores (a long-term supporter). They were distributed by enthusiastic P & F volunteers with the help of a couple of young volunteers. Despite many hundreds of phone calls made prior, some hampers showed incorrect addresses as clients had left their registered address. All coped and some hampers were delivered to new addresses many kilometers away! All volunteers and their children had a great day and undelivered hampers were given to deserving people during the holidays.

Our Conference supports three rural Conferences in Indonesia and Thailand with \$2,160. We all email each other regularly via photos and broken English, although Brian Cunningham, our Twinning Officer, is now using interpreters.

Our membership has been falling in recent times but the resignations of the experienced Dave O'Brien, Rodney Arnold, Jack Dellagiacoma and John Robinson had to be addressed. A membership drive resulted in eight new members, a wonderful Parish response with all now accredited and starting visitation!

We are constantly heartened by the wonderful support from the Augustinians, Parishioners, the families and staff of St. Kieran's School, the Sacramental Program participants of St Kieran's. The school's support is always amazing and the Winter Appeal thousands of cans support the growing demand for food assistance. The Sacramental Program is becoming very significant with \$1,600 in gift cards plus many food items. Very appreciated!

Lastly, these services have been provided by an enthusiastic group of knowledgeable volunteers, who attend meetings every second Tuesday (sometimes via ZOOM in latter times), assist clients, support each other, make up Christmas Hampers and have a lot of fun!

*John McCarney
President, Manly Vale Conference*



Manly Vale SVDP Conference

13th September 2022

Year	Income	Expenditure	Visits	Clients	Members
2020/21	\$29,273	\$10,918	169	65	12
2021/22	\$30,126	\$14,830	182	68	15

Analysis of Clients 2021/22

Income Source	%	Accommodation	%	Help Sought	%
Disability Pension	35	Rental	29	Food	32
Aged Pension	6	Social Housing	60	Unpaid Bills	39
Newstart/Jobseeker	24	Homeless	4	Clothing, beds	1
Wages	7	Fully Owned	6		

Government and donated Assistance

Assistance (cash)	\$	Assessed (donated)	
Emergency Assistance	2,900	Food Parcels, Brookvale Office	1,985
Food vouchers given	8,550	Nappies, Clothing etc.	\$2,240
Food Vouchers donated	1,600	Hampers (est)	\$7,420

BALGOWLAH CONFERENCE SVDV ANNUAL REPORT – 2022



Lyn McNeil,
President

It has been a challenging few years living with the coronavirus but our conference members managed to keep in contact with those we assist, via phone, checking on client's welfare and delivering food vouchers to their front door. Happily, our visitations have returned to a more normal way of interaction now.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of St. Cecilia's parishioners and the St. Cecilia's school community, with the Christmas and Winter Appeals, together raising \$2378, as well as wonderful hampers. The hampers, packed by the school mothers, contained thoughtful essentials, plus most welcome gift cards. These were delivered by our members and volunteers to our very grateful clients. Extra hampers were shared with other regions. The Sacramental Program's donation of \$1,300 in gift cards and food items was an amazing

effort and most appreciated.

In the past our conference was supporting 4 overseas conferences but we have made the decision to focus on one only this year - St. Don Bosco Conference in Indonesia, with a \$200 regular donation. They have sent informative newsletters to us and acknowledged our support.

The Balgowlah RSL Club has been most generous again, donating \$1,000 from their Club Grants fund. This money allows us to focus on the children in the families we visit, providing them with school uniforms and shoes and pay for sports fees and computers.

Many of the people we visit are struggling with mental health concerns. We have been most fortunate to be able to offer assistance with doctors and psychologists bills through the generosity of the Rockpool Charity Donation, specifically directed for mental health issues. We have spent well over \$1,000 this year for our clients.

Many of our conference members are aging but happily we were joined this year by two new members, Alex Cavaleri and Paulette Quang. Sadly, Alex has returned to his former far away suburb, so we would love some new members to join us.

Lyn McNeil President, Balgowlah Conference

Year	Income	Expenditure	Visits	Clients	Members
2020/2021	\$6,496	\$5,142	86	21	9
2021/2022	\$8,368	\$12,676	131	22	10

Client profile

Single Mums	Singles	Couples
68%	23%	9%

Parish Pastoral Council 2021-2022

Co Chairs

Tim Wunder and Stephen Rush

Secretary

Mary-Anne Matthews

Ex-Officio

Fr Dave Austin (Parish Priest)
 Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA (Assistant Priest)
 Fr John Sullivan OSA (Assistant Priest)
 Fr Paul Maloney OSA (Assistant Priest)
 Janette Davidson, Sacramental Coordinator

Louise O'Brien—SC Principal

Anna Marsella—SK Principal

Members

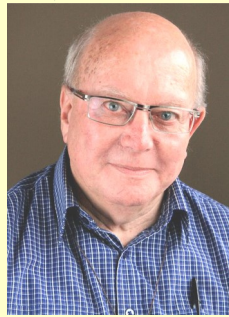
Leonie Cornell
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 Jo Matthews
 Christine McCabe

We would like to thank the Parish Pastoral Council for their contribution to the parish during the last 12 months.

Parish Team



Fr Dave Austin OSA
Parish Priest



Fr Paul Maloney OSA
Assistant Priest



Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA
Assistant Priest



Fr John Sullivan OSA
Assistant Priest



Jacky Worthington
Parish Manager



Ursula Halloway
Catechist
Co-ordinator



Marianne Deveza
Music Ministry
Coordinator



Janette Davidson
Sacramental
Co-ordinator



Anne Ross
Parish Secretary



Jane Filacuridi
Parish Secretary

PARISH STATISTICS—Over the past 12 months, at the time of printing, the parish has celebrated 3 weddings, baptised 116 babies, and sadly farewelled 31 parishioners.



Augustinian Formation Association (AFA)	<i>Adriana Bowyer</i>	9949 4455
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• Communion Ministry to the Sick	<i>Parish Office</i>	9949 4455
• Junior & Senior Servers	<i>c/o Parish Office</i>	9949 4455
• Music Ministry Coordinator	<i>Marianne Deveza</i>	9949 4455
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Parish Pastoral Council
Co-Chairs *Tim Wunder & Stephen Rush*

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St Vincent de Paul

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Parish Prayer

God of love, God of life,
as the Catholic Community of North Harbour,
we praise you for your goodness in all creation.
May we follow the Word, and be true disciples,
building your Kingdom of peace and justice.
Grace us with your Spirit of love to create a caring
community of welcome, generosity and joy.
Amen.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR PERSONNEL

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Clergy:

Fr David Austin OSA	Parish Administrator
Fr Paul Maloney OSA	Assistant Priest and Prior
Fr Jepser Bermudez OSA	Assistant Priest
Fr John Sullivan OSA	Assistant Priest
Fr Senan Ward OSA	Chaplain – St Augustine's College
Fr Abel van der Veer OSA	Retired
Fr Peter Jones OSA	Provincial—In Residence

Pastoral Ministers

<i>Janette Davidson</i>	Sacramental Co-ordinator - 0408 866 521
<i>Ursula Halloway</i>	Catechist Co-ordinator 9949 4455
<i>Marianne Deveza</i>	Music Ministry Coord 0404865241

Administration:

<i>Jacky Worthington</i>	9949 4455 Parish Manager
<i>Anne Ross</i>	Parish Secretary
<i>Jane Filacuridi</i>	Parish Secretary

*We acknowledge the Gayamagal and Canalgal people,
the traditional custodians of this land and pay our
respects to the elders past, present and emerging.*

MASS TIMES	St Cecilia	St Kieran
SATURDAY VIGIL		5.30pm
SUNDAY	9.00am	7.30am 9.30am 6.00pm
WEEKDAY MASS	St Kieran	8.30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat
	St Cecilia	9.00am Wednesday
	St Augustine's Chapel-	8.15am Wednesday
RECONCILIATION	St Kieran	5 – 5.45pm Saturday (or by appointment)
BAPTISMS	Bookings essential and Preparation course required.	
	St Cecilia	10.30am Sun or 9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month
	St Kieran	11.30am Sun or 9.30am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month
MARRIAGES	Require 6 months notice and includes Catholic Care course as part of the preparation.	