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Diocese of Broken Bay

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"You know neither
the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13*

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:12-16 *Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.*
v.2 *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.* | **SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.* | **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Matthew 24:42. 44 *Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!* | **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:1-13 *Parable of the ten bridesmaids.* | **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 62:2-8. R.

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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, 6pm

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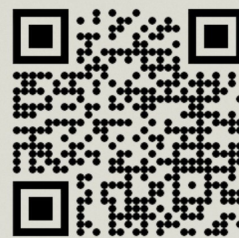
In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First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



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The parable of the ten bridesmaids has a moral that is easy to spot. The moral is "we don't know when God will come, but we'd better be ready, have what we need at hand, pay attention, listen, and be prepared."

Usually when we hear this story, we think about our last days, and being prepared for our final judgment. But this parable also has a lot to say to us about everyday living. God calls to us throughout our lives, and God expects a response. There is an old saying by Charles Kingsley: "Have thy tools ready: God will find us work." I think this parable is about having our tools ready.

There is no doubt that parents need special tools to nurture their children to be faith-filled, independent adults. They need patience and courage as well as ingenuity and common sense. They need tools to negotiate and persuade, and tools to comfort and coax. Parents also need practical tools like being able to organize and multitask, cook, clean, and manage the finances.

Since parents can't do it all, you have to count on others to provide some of the tools they may need.

What tool(s) do you most need that you don't have? Can others provide? If not, how can you get them? Pray daily for what you need, and remember God has promised to provide. With prayer and the help of others, your tools will be ready because God knows raising a child provides abundant work.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

What tools does your family need to be more loving and giving with each other?

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

How can you help make your family and your world a better place? What tools do you need to accomplish this?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

November 13 is the feast day of all Augustinian Saints, as well as St. Frances Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants and the first U.S. citizen ever canonized. It is also the birthdate of St Augustine of Hippo. St Frances was an immigrant, encouraged by Pope Leo XIII to leave her native Italy and come to America with her community of religious women. Her service to those in need, including immigrants from Italy, was inspiring. She cared for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. Your challenge this week is to go on the Justice for Immigrants website of the Australian Conference of Catholic Bishops, click on "Take Action," and find one thing you can do to seek justice for the immigrants in our country today. The website is <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/>



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

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." —Matthew 25:13

As Al Gore's documentary title suggests, it's an inconvenient truth how many signs point to a dramatically changing climate. It would be much easier to stay asleep to the scientific studies because the predictions are frightening. But Jesus continually called his followers to stay awake to the signs of the times and to keep working to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This week, keep alert for how God is inviting you to be a partner in renewing the world.



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AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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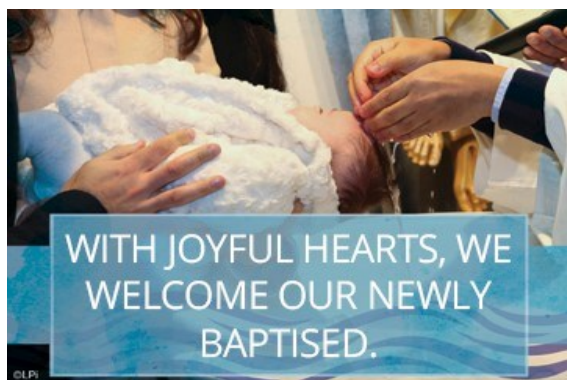
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AFTER HOURS:

(Evenings & Weekends)

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Next Baptism Preparation Course will be on
February 4th 2024

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Paul Pearson, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Davis, June Baker, Patricia Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob McEwan, Sydney Robinson

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
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Each week a person from our ministry soaks, washes, and irons the purificators and corporals used at Mass. They also wash the altar table cloths whenever they need washing and other items used at Mass.

The time commitment would be about 2 hours per week. Frequency depends on the number of people in the roster.

FOR ENQUIRIES:

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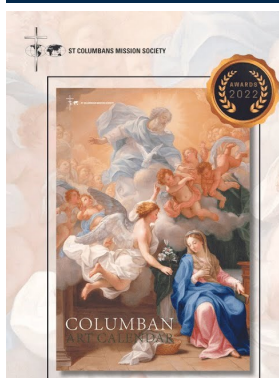
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APPEAL WEEKEND: 18-19 NOVEMBER

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Appeal envelopes are available in the church.*



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foyer priced at \$10 each**

ON SALE

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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the Church

Proceeds of the calendar go to the Vinnies Appeal.



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humbled by
your generosity
in supporting
our Food Bank
Drive for the
refugees.*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ NORTH HARBOUR:

Mon, 13 November	1.00-2.00pm	Parish Centre	Drama Scene
Tue, 14 November	9.30-11.30am	Parish Centre	Snr Exercise
Wed, 15 November	9am-2.30pm	Parish Centre	School Reflection Day
Thu, 16 November	8.30am-9.00am	Meeting Room	VIP Music
Fri, 17 November	6.00-9pm	Parish Centre	ALPHA
Sat, 18 November	10am-5pm	Parish Centre	Drama/Singing

Liturgical Ministries

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

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SENIOR SERVER
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COLLECTORS AT MASS
POWERPOINT MINISTER**



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On 3 December we begin with the new Liturgical Year – Year B. As we enter the Season of Advent, we encourage you to reintroduce this wonderful tradition of preparing your own Advent Wreath.



Take home with you a tri-fold brochure available in the foyer that explains on how to get started with an Advent Wreath.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**NORTH HARBOUR
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

TERM 4 DATES

ST CECILIA'S, BALGOWLAH, 9AM
Dec 3, Dec 10

ST KIERAN'S, MANLY VALE, 9.30AM
Nov 12 (6pm), Dec 3, Dec 10



St Kieran's
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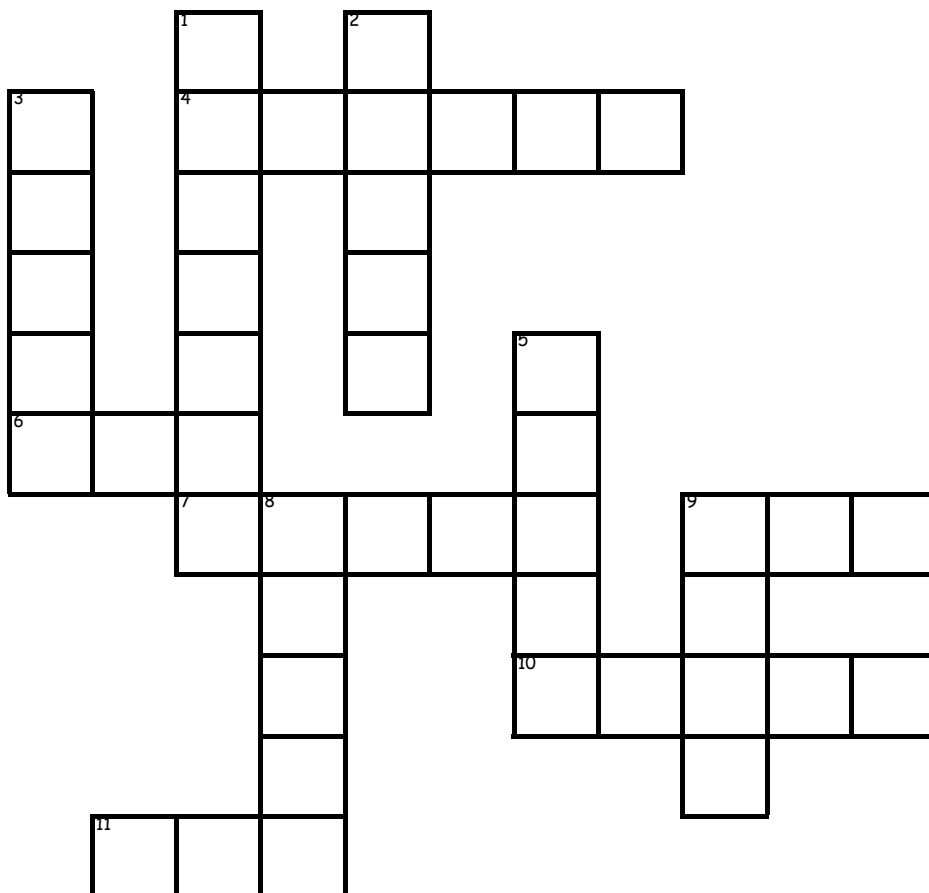
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ACROSS

- 4: there wasn't e_____h oil for all of the lamps
6: this many girls went to meet the groom
7: a bride's husband-to-be
9: the liquid that was needed for the lamps
10: you do this when you get tired
11: to purchase

DOWN

- 1: when people get married they have one of these
2: these were closed when the foolish girls returned
3: the time when the sky is dark
5: the ten girls used these to see in the dark
8: prepared
9: to enter a room first you must do this to the door

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Sharing the Gospel

You do not know the day or hour when God will come for you. Be prepared with the flashlight of your soul. Love God with your whole mind, heart, and soul. Love your neighbour as yourself. When you follow these two commandments, it lights up your soul. When you forget to obey them, your light grows dim. Put a flashlight and extra batteries by your bed to show God that you are ready for him.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving me and forgiving me.

Mission

I will show the way to God by sharing favorite Bible stories with others.

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Promoting a safer *Church*

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the LIFE of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING
is everyone's responsibility



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Lord, hear my prayer, and let my soul not fail under Your protection.
Confessions 1, 15

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (19 NOVEMBER): 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A worthy wife is unvaluable.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
You are children of the light.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30
The rich man, his servant, and the talents.

18 NOV, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Stephen

Reader 1
Rick

Reader 2
Elizabeth-Anne

Music
Filipino Choir

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

19 NOV, 7.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael

Reader 1
Andrew

Reader 2
Jenny
Judith

Music
None

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

19 NOV, 9AM
ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Ian

Reader 1
Kerry

Reader 2
Sandra

Music
Conmen

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Hilde

19 NOV, 9.30AM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Catherine

Reader 1
Cathie

Reader 2
Dale

Music
Joshua 24:15

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

19 NOV, 6PM
ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Marisa

Reader 1
Jo

Reader 2
Rodney

Music
Sam

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers
Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 NOVEMBER

Mon 13 Nov: Feast of All Saints in the Augustinian Order

Tue 14 Nov: Tuesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Wed 15 Nov: Wednesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Thu 16 Nov: Thursday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

Fri 17 Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Sat 18 Nov: Saturday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, Yr 1

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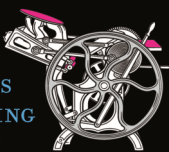
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