

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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18th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Year C—31 July 2022

Pastor's Perspective - 'Honouring Grandparents and the Elderly'



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we honoured Grandparents and the Elderly in response to the Day first proclaimed by Pope Francis in 2021. The day roughly coincides with the July 26 feast day of Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Of course, the mention of one's age can be a bit of a trap. At St Cecilia's last Sunday when the time came for the grandparents and the elderly to stand for a blessing, it was difficult to know how to do that diplomatically! So.... we all stood up!

Age is sometimes a hot topic. In my family one never asked any of the elderly members their age. It was usually a big secret and any inquiry quite rude. Over the years when working with children, some would ask me my age, to which I'd respond by asking them to guess. Generally, their guesses were more than complimentary!!

The present, increased number of COVID cases reminds us of the risks to older people and awakens painful memories of the lengthy but necessary lockdowns that deprived families and older members of the intimacy and close contact we need. In an age of pandemic how easy it is to see the frail-aged as less important if they contract a virus like COVID.

Acknowledging our elders is a sign of maturity and our society sometimes fails to do so adequately – symptomatic of the mindset of the 'throw-away culture' to which we are sometimes prone, when in fact Pope Francis points out, '...grandparents, are the ones who have passed on history, traditions, customs, and so many things.'

This year's theme, taken from Psalm 92:15) – **'In old age they will still bear fruit'** (Ps 92:15) – challenges us to name the value of ageing and in addition to think of ways in which we can overcome the fear of old age and approach it in a positive way. The Pope writes: *'A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!'*

Many Augustinians here in Australia are ageing and this has an impact on our capacity for ministry and leadership. At the same time, very few of us 'retire early' from all ministry, such is the commitment of the men and the support of our community life and the affirmation from yourselves. Francis spares a thought for older people in religious life:

'And I would also like to remember, as a religious, the old men and women religious, the "grandparents" of consecrated life: Please do not hide them, they are the wisdom of a religious family; and that the new men and women religious, the novices have contact with them. They will give us all the life experience that will help us so much going forward,'

In conclusion, we should never underestimate the unique qualities and contribution of people of all ages.

A special task of grandparents and the elderly, Francis says, is: *'to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness'* – a moving description of the beauty of persons growing in God's image over the years and the wisdom that comes from a full life.

Fr Dave



This weekend's Homily will be by Fr Jepsen and available to view via the following link
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt8Dxm0ehFt-5r1ie9xOjLw>

Link on Parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHarbourCatholic>

LAYING A MISSIONARY FOUNDATION COURSE—If you would like to participate in this online diocesan course Fr Paul plans to have a group meeting at our parish centre to watch these sessions on zoom together. Please contact the parish office 9949 4455 or contact Fr Paul at osaoffice@northharbourcatholic.org.au to let us know how many to expect.

Online Sessions - 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Zoom platform

Tuesday 2 August 2022

Founded on Prayer and the Holy Spirit

Tomasz Juszczak

Director of Evangelisation
Broken Bay

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Moving to a Missionary Mindset

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Director Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership

Tuesday 16 August 2022

A Focus on People: Belonging and Relationships

Cathy Kennedy

Evangelisation Coordinator
St Declan's Parish Penshurst

Tuesday 23 August 2022

The Vocation of all the Baptised

Rev Dr Chris Ryan MGL

Director Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership

Tuesday 30 August 2022

A Hope-filled Vision for the Future

Pina Bernard, Team Leader

Parish Renewal and Discipleship

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will be returning soon!

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

If you were on the roster and want to continue in this ministry or you would like to join us, please contact Janette at

sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au or on 0408 866 521 or Kate via the parish office on 9949 4455. Training will be provided for those new to CLOW and as a refresher for those who have been involved in the past.



PARISH YOUTH MASS

Sunday 14 August – 6.00pm

Don't forget the **Parish Youth Mass at St Kieran's on Sunday 14 August at 6pm**. All parishioners are welcome, especially families and youth. This is an important opportunity for all young people and their families to deepen their spiritual connection and strengthen their relationship with God
This Youth event is held twice a term.



CONFIRMATION CANDLES \$ 8.95 @ the Parish Piety Shop



Readings for this week: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

Response: *'In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge'*

Readings for next week: Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 1):

SK 5.30pm Bob, John, Cecilia **7.30am** Judith, Jenny **9.30am** Brian, Kate **6.00pm** Louise, Catherine

SC 9.00am Louise, Ailis, Julien

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Welcome to the children participating in our Confirmation program and their parents to The **Ritual of the Creed at all Masses this weekend**. The children will be invited to the front of the Church and presented with a copy of the Creed and recite the Creed with the assembly.

Confirmation Practice

Tues 9 August at 4pm in SK Church or **7pm in SC Church** or **Wed 10 August at 7pm in SK Church**. Families can attend whichever Practice time that suits regardless of which Church the child will celebrate Confirmation.

Parents are also reminded that Bishop Anthony wants to know the children's **Full Confirmation name** e.g. St Francis of Assisi, St Mary Mother of God, St Mary Magdalen, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. When the children have completed their **Saint's Name** on the sheet provided it can be pinned on to the notice boards in the Church where the children will celebrate Confirmation.



THE FACES OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

EACH **THURSDAY MORNING AT 9.30AM** with FR JOHN

STARTING FROM **11th AUGUST**

IN ST. KIERAN'S PARISH CENTRE

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE IF YOU HAVE ONE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING EITHER OF THESE COURSES COULD YOU PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH SECRETARY SO WE CAN PREPARE SEATING AND ADEQUATE MATERIALS.

HOMELESSNESS WEEK August 1-7 CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

Catholic Care Broken Bay helps people at risk of becoming homeless to stay securely housed, and those who are homeless to find and keep a home. Their specialist program works with the Department of Communities and Justice, Community Housing and other services such as drug and alcohol, domestic violence and mental health programs – often the causes of homelessness. On 7 August, you will be invited to donate to the Catholic Care Homelessness Appeal – more details next week.

Position Vacant - Part Time Parish Coordinator/Admin Assistant/Bookkeeper 3 days per week

Manly Freshwater Parish is seeking to recruit a part time Parish Coordinator/ Administration Assistant. We are seeking a candidate with excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and bookkeeping experience. A sound understanding of Microsoft Office and MYOB is necessary.

If this role interests you and you would like to join the Parish team please email a brief cover letter and CV to Jenny Beninati in the Parish Office –
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Goldston	Jack & Ella Keogh
Andre Catteau	
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Philomena Murphy	Cecily Smellie
Jim Rush	Michael Williamson
Anthony Molinia	John Arham
Marjorie Kean	

For those with ILLNESS

Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Mark Moscrop
Yvonne Taylor	Jim Rush	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
Ed Burchard	Joan Killick	Simone Young	Bob McEwan
Christopher Newman	Maria Kogovsek	Yvonne Hickey	Jonathan Keil
Richard Paul Reynolds	Margaret Appleby	Joan Kelly	Peter Van de Velde
Chloe Zarb	Andrew Scotland	Bridie Lennon	Jan Van de Velde
Shirley Barker	Angie Olic	Zara Sapounas	Henryk Gawecki



From St Augustine

Lord, You are my helper and the helper of anyone who reaches out to You. Indeed, You are my Redeemer for the very purpose of enabling me to reach out to You.

Commentary on Psalm 18, 15



SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

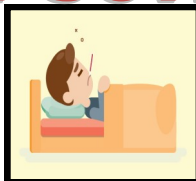
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

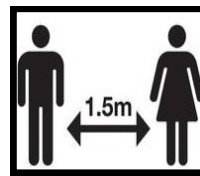
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



Use hand sanitiser



Do not attend if unwell



Maintain social distancing



Catch up outside at a safe distance



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

REGULAR PARISH MASS TIMES

St Cecilia's, Balgowlah

SUNDAY 9.00AM

WEDNESDAY 9.00AM

St Kieran's, Manly Vale

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30pm

SUNDAY 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Weekdays 8.30am except Wednesdays

St Augustine's Chapel, Brookvale

Wednesdays 8.10am during term time

RECONCILIATION

St Kieran 5 – 5.45pm Saturday or by appointment.



BAPTISMS

St Cecilia 10.30am Sun. by appointment
9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month
St Kieran 11.30am Sun. by appointment
9.30am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

Baptism preparation is required for 1st baptisms.
Contact parish office 9949 4455

MARRIAGES

Require 6 months notice and include Pre-marriage

Fr David Austin OSA Parish Priest 0419 265 317
Fr Paul Maloney OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0439 595 723
Fr John Sullivan OSA Assistant Priest and Prior 0423 634 029
Fr Jepsen Bermudez Assistant Priest 0410 203 601
Fr Senan Ward OSA Chaplain – St Augustine's College
Fr Abel van der Veer OSA Retired 0409 368 449
Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence

Jacky Worthington Parish Manager 9949 4455
Marianne Deveza Music Co-ordinator 9949 4455
Ursula Halloway Catechist Coordinator 9949 4455
Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator 0408 866 521
Anne Ross Parish Secretary 9949 4455
Jane Filacuridi Parish Secretary 9949 4455

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