

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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The Ascension

Year C

29 May 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – ASCENSION - 'What do we see?'



Dear Friends,

As the Easter Season draws to a close a week from now, we look back over 50 days and recall the variety in the Scriptures and the developing mood as the mystery of Jesus' Rising was 'unpacked' so to speak. Time and again our encounter with Jesus' appearances to the disciples and his own reflections on his coming among us as one of us means that we never exhaust our understanding. Celebrating the Easter Season should never become routine and ordinary but an engaging discovery that there is always more.

When our Faith or prayer life becomes flat or our experience of Church feels like the 'same old stuff', we need a renewed attitude. Pope Francis' creative efforts to express the Christian message in fresh ways and his call to the Church to embrace the informed views of all through Plenary Council and Synodal processes challenge us. As we 'grow' the Church, we need to be open to fresh understandings and structures to see a more authentic and in some ways simpler picture of a Church seeking its distinctive identity.

The Early Church took some time to clarify its understanding of the whole mystery of Christ. For example, the Ascension as a distinct feast was unknown in the first few centuries of the Church. While the '40 days' has a theological significance in a number of areas, the actual dating of the Ascension 40 days after the Resurrection is found only in the Acts of the Apostles. Taking Jesus' own words, we believe he returned to the Father but the time and manner remain a mystery. It is quite possible that the Ascension occurred on Easter Day. Eventually, the Church accepted the universal observance of the Ascension which was for many years, and in some countries still is, on Thursday.

At this time, we celebrate the Ascension, Pentecost, the Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ – great realities that are at the heart of our faith. How fortunate for our new converts as they experience these celebrations, and for our children too who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation later in the year.

Whatever the timing and nature of the Ascension, the disciples experienced the presence of Jesus in their daily lives after the Resurrection. The Ascension was an important moment of growth for them where they had to let go of Jesus' familiar, physical presence. We know this reality well when our loved ones die or depart for a lengthy period. We wonder how we will manage without the intimacy of their physical presence – hard as it is, eventually most of us manage. In an Ascension sermon, St Augustine shares his comforting wisdom

Jesus did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

This mystery challenges us not to hold on to the physical Jesus but to let him go – so that his presence in our lives will be even more profound – in our hearts, in our neighbour, in the Body of Christ, in his Word, in the Eucharist. We can share this Good News of Jesus with others by seeing Jesus where he really is. Recall the question of the two men in white to the apostles in Acts 1:10, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky?' Jesus has returned to the Father but his living presence remains here and now.



Fr Dave



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St Cecelia's Catholic Primary School
59 Seaview Street
Balgowlah

Leap into Learning

Playgroup

9 - 10.15am

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY 3 MAY
FRIDAY 10 JUNE
TUESDAY 2 AUGUST
FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

AFA FUNDRAISING

CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARISH CENTRE

Saturday, 9 July - 7pm for 7.30pm

AFA invites YOU to a Traditional Christmas Dinner

\$55 per person – BYO drinks Music, Lucky Door & Raffle Prizes

BOOK your Table of 8 (ONLY) OR Join a Table

HURRY! Limited Tickets RSVP & payment by 29 June

Contact Adriana Ph: (0402) 099 746 OR at the Parish Office



PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

I have called you to renew and rebuild.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF. www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks




ARCHBISHOP JAMES GOOLD'S HERITAGE

Please click on the following link for an article on the artistic heritage of James Alypius Goold OSA, the first Augustinian in Australia and first Archbishop of Melbourne:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/sacred-images-goolds-legacy-of-artistic-treasures>

There will be a Winter Appeal conducted at both Churches within the Parish on the weekend 4/5 June. Speakers will be at all Masses.

Parishioners will be familiar with the assistance given by local SVDP Conferences to the poor and hungry. Here are a few statistics from the 2021 SVDP Annual Report



- 92,650 people visited in homes, aged care facilities and prisons
- 35,289 people assisted by members receiving \$7.7m
- 1,228 people helped to secure permanent accommodation
- 753 tenants who found a home in our 502 social and affordable housing units
- 2,415 women experiencing domestic and family violence supported with crisis accommodation and outreach case management

This weekend's Homily will be by **Fr Abel** 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>

Readings for this week: Acts 1:1-11 Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Luke 24:46-53

Response: God mounts this throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Readings for next week: Genesis 11:1-9 Exodus 19:3-8, 16-20 Ezekiel 37:1-14

NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Roster week 1):

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

SC 9.00am Louise, Ailis, Julien

Sacramental Program News

For parents of children in the First Communion Program

First Communion Practice

Tuesday 31 May, at 4.00pm or 7.00pm in SC Church **OR**

Wednesday 1 June, at 4.00pm or 7.00pm in SK Church

Attendance at one session

For parents of children in Year 3 and older

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL PARENTS (approx. 1 hour):

Tuesday 7 June, 9.30am **OR** Wednesday 8 June, 7.00pm both in SK Church.

Link for a copy of the 2022/2023 Children's Sacramental Program and online enrolment

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/north-harbour/sacraments>



Our Parish Piety Shop

Selling religious gifts for Holy Communion

Open Mon to Fri 9.00am—4.00pm

@ Parish Office

Gift ideas in stock: Bibles & Books, lots of Jewellery, Photo Frames, Rosary Beads, Candles, Keepsake Boxes, Greeting Cards, Wall Plaques, Crosses and lots lots more!!

Come and have a browse



WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023



www.bbwyd.org.au



The new Diocese of Broken Bay World Youth Day website is live with Bishop Anthony Randazzo inviting the youth of the Diocese to join him on pilgrimage to Italy and then on to Lisbon, Portugal for WYD23.

Young people aged between 16 and 35 can register their interest at <https://bbwyd.org.au/>

To be held in August next year, World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from around the world with the Pope. It is a celebration of youth, the universal Church and evangelisation.

Prior to the global event, Bishop Anthony will lead a group of students and young adults on a pilgrimage through Italy in July to some of the holiest sites and homes of our saints.

The group will visit Venice, Padova, Ravenna, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Cascia and St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and Rome before flying to Lisbon in Portugal.

During the week of 1-6 August '23, Lisbon will host numerous celebrations and faith events. While clear in its Catholic identity, WYD is open to all youth of the world, no matter how close or distant they are from the Church.

Friends of St Augustine

Save the date

Gathering & Morning Tea

10am

Friday 17 June

Parish Centre

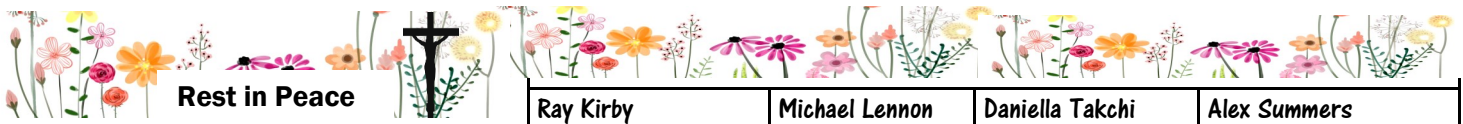
More information to follow



PARISH YOUTH MASS – Sunday 12 June – 6.00pm

Please note the date of the next **Parish Youth Mass** at St Kieran's on Sunday 12 June 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.





Rest in Peace

ANNIVERSARIES	
Thomas Treston	Fr Roderick Cameron OSA
Fr Phillip Kehoe OSA	Fr Bernard Connolly OSA
RECENTLY DECEASED	
Elsa Monsour	William Gilmore
Jeanette Reid	Giulia Politano
Julie Jackson	

Ray Kirby	Michael Lennon	Daniella Takchi	Alex Summers
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 truly gave me free will, but without You my effort is worthless. You give help since You are the One Who created, and You do not abandon Your creation.—Commentary on Psalm 26(2), 17

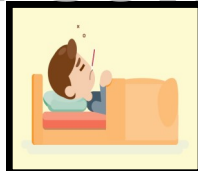


SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS
IF YOU NEED A PRIEST URGENTLY, PLEASE CALL THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:
 Business hours – Parish Office – 9949 4455 After hours (Evenings and weekends) – 0490 898 464

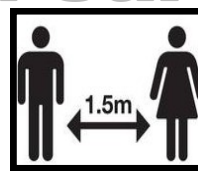
Parish Covid-Safe Plan



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 Course as part of the preparation

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