

The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS



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2 King Street

17th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A
July 30 2023

Crumbs from the Table of the Word: to sustain us for the week to come.



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21) The best way to know "where my treasure is" is not to contemplate my ideals, usually unassailably noble, but to examine my practical use of time and energy. To what do I actually devote my best self? That's where *my* treasure is.

Today's Gospel about the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price invites us to a double reflection. What do I really desire, deep down? Ultimately, we are all searching for something more, on a quest for God. Would I be prepared to give my all, as we see in today's Gospel?

The pearl of great price and the hidden treasure deep within us is nothing less than the indwelling mystery of God! St. Augustine discovered the same truth when he acknowledged: "*There is a God-shaped vacuum in every person that only God can fill*". If we were truly honest (in our heart of hearts), we would ask that this vacuum in us be filled by nothing less than the infinite wonder of God. St. Augustine tells God in another place "*I pray that the whole of me would be filled with the whole of You*". This is the treasure we discover already buried in the field of our hearts that can never be taken away from us no matter how much the worries and distractions of the world try to stifle it.

Solomon let go all the other so called securities in his life and decided to rely completely on God. Like Solomon we are meant to recognise '*that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him - with all those that he has called according to his purpose*' - which purpose is to make us true images of his Son who is the eldest of many brothers and sisters and is now revealed to us as the treasure in the field we are meant to find, for nothing less will satisfy our longing for the Infinite wonder of God.



Sacramental Program Reminders

Presentation Mass and Ritual of the Creed weekend 5/6 August

The children in the Confirmation Program (candidates) will be called forward to the altar and presented to the parish community at all Masses on the weekend of the 5/6 August. The children will also receive a copy of the Creed at the Mass. Families can attend any of the weekend Masses at St Cecilia's or St Kieran's.

Sponsor's Name and Saint's Name

This information is to be sent to Janette as soon as possible. The story of why the children chose their particular saint is to be placed in the Church in which the children will be confirmed. This can be done at the practice if not before.

Practice with the children

Tuesday 15 August at 4pm in SK Church or 7pm in SC Church

Wednesday 16 August at 7pm in SK Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday 19th August



WINE AND CHEESE INFORMATION EVENING THURSDAY 24 AUGUST AT 7PM

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Have you been away, and want to come back to the church and not sure how?

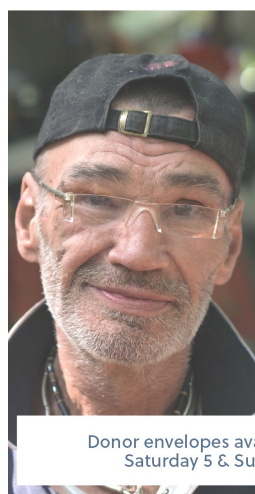
Do you have a family member or friend who would like to know more about the Catholic faith?

Were you baptized but did not receive First Communion or Confirmation?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members and those interested in the Catholic faith and practice.

Please join us for an informal gathering and meet others contemplating this journey. Any friends you might like to bring with you are most welcome.

For further information and for catering purposes please contact Janette on 0408 866 521 or at sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please help us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese

Donor envelopes available during Mass
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 August.

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Diocese of Broken Bay

APPEAL 5 & 6 AUGUST

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for CatholicCare's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and their brothers and sisters



Readings for this Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52
Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, I love your commands*
Readings for next Sunday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9
Readers rostered for next week - Week 1—August 6 —Transfiguration of the Lord
SK 5.30pm Bob, John, Cecilia **7.30am** Judith, Jenny **9.30am** Brian C, Kate **6.00pm** Louise, TBA
SC 9.00am Louise, Ailis, Julien

St Kieran's
YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY
13th AUGUST
6:00PM

Followed by a sausage sizzle & light refreshments

2 KING STREET, MANLYVALE 2093

Community movie screening

The Letter
 A message for our Earth

Proudly presented by St Mary's Catholic Primary School P&F

Stella Maris College Theatre
 Thursday, 17th August
 6:15pm Admission for 6:30pm Start - 8:30pm Finish

Suitable for Year 5 students and above

Tickets via QR or Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/668067837887>

Little Kieran's Playgroup

1st Monday of the Month

7TH AUG
4TH SEPT

9TH OCT
6TH NOV
4TH DEC

FREE

Monday
9am-10am

St Kieran's Catholic Church Hall- 2 King St, Manly Vale

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

Thank you for your generosity with the Winter Appeal.

Congratulations on raising \$14,000.00.

Thank you to the children for the many hampers of treats and cosy warm items.

These donations are used with care for those people in our area who are vulnerable and in need of assistance.



SAVE THE DATE—you are invited to join us on

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

ST KIERAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 70TH ANNIVERSARY

FEAST OF ST KIERAN MASS FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

10am—12pm—Come and celebrate!



**Rest in Peace
ANNIVERSARIES**



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RECENTLY DECEASED

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| For those with ILLNESS | | | |
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| Zara Sapounas | Michael Lennon | Daniella Takchi | Veronica Laverty |
| Yvonne Taylor | Jenny B | Muireann Casey | Audrey Sparkes |
| Ed Burchard | Joan Killick | Ann Kelly | Shirley Barker |
| Christopher Newman | Maria Kogovsek | Yvonne Hickey | Henryk Gawecki |
| Richard Paul Reynolds | Margaret Appleby | Jan Van de Velde | Peter Van de Velde |
| Chloe Zarb | Andrew Scotland | Angie Olic | Paul Pearson |



**KEEP UP TO
DATE WITH
THE
CATHOLIC
WEEKLY—
ONLY \$2.00
AVAILABLE
IN THE
CHURCH
ENTRANCES**

CONFIRMATION CANDLES

Available @ Parish Piety Shop in Parish Office \$ 4.95 each



from ST AUGUSTINE

Lord, whatever You give me is too little for me. Be Yourself my inheritance! I love You without reserve: with all my heart and all my soul and all my mind. Of what value is anything You give me that is not Yourself? - Sermon 334, 3

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

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

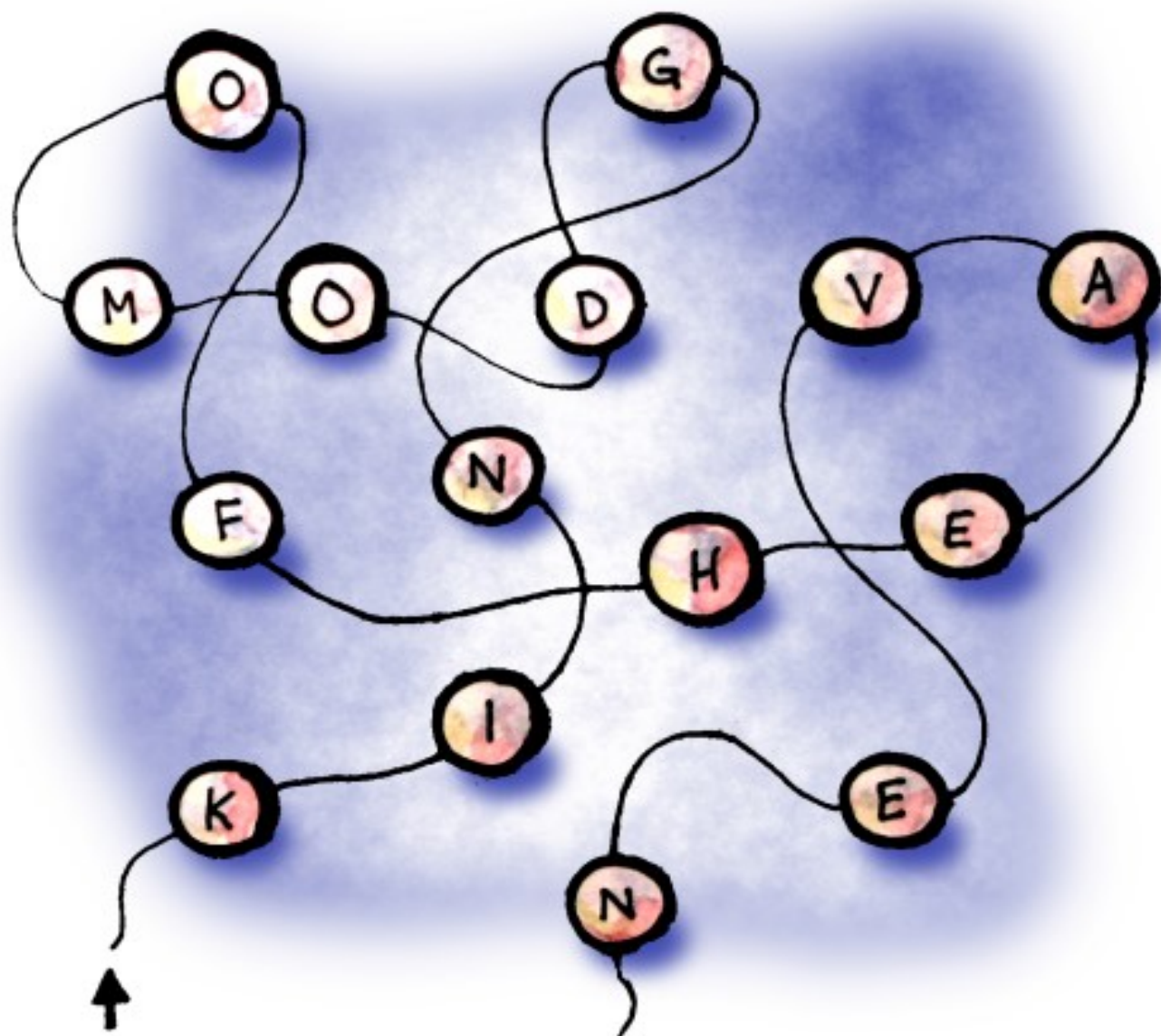
| NORTH HARBOUR PARISH TEAM | | |
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| Fr Michael Belonio OSA—Parish Priest | Jacky Worthington Parish Manager | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Paul Maloney OSA—Assistant Priest | Marianne Deveza Music Co-ordinator | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Jumbim Torres OSA—Assistant Priest | Ursula Halloway Catechist Coordinator | 9949 4455 |
| Fr John Zhang—Assistant Priest | Janette Davidson Sacramental Coordinator | 0408 866 521 |
| Fr Senan Ward OSA — Chaplain, St Augustine's College | Anne Ross Parish Secretary | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Abel van der Veer OSA—Retired | Jane Filacuridi Parish Secretary | 9949 4455 |
| Fr Peter Jones OSA Provincial—In Residence | | |

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

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2023



*What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure
or a pearl of great price?*

*Use the letters on the string of pearls
to fill in the blanks and find out!*


The _____

_____.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

August 1

ALPHONSUS LIGUORI WAS BORN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN ITALY IN 1696. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND BECAME A LAWYER BY THE TIME HE WAS 19.



Congratulations, Mr. Liguori...

Look how young he is! He doesn't fit his robe!

WHEN HE WAS 26 HE MADE A MISTAKE IN A CASE, AND REALIZING THE PETTINESS OF LAW HE DECIDED TO QUIT.



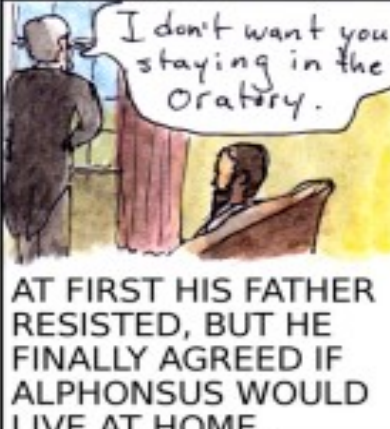
Sir, you have forgotten this document, which proves you wrong!

WHILE VISITING THE SICK HE RECEIVED A VISION THAT INFLUENCED HIM TO BECOME A PRIEST.



Leave the world and give yourself to me!

I don't want you staying in the Oratory.

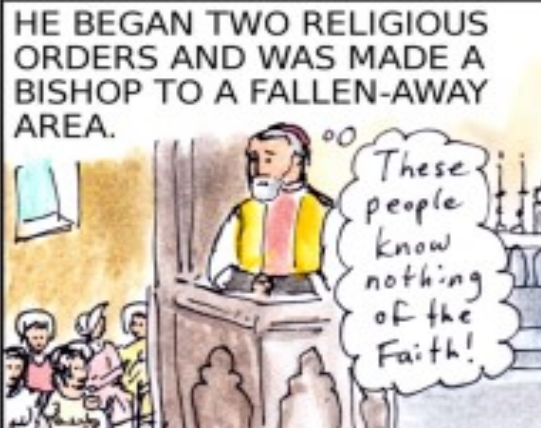


AT FIRST HIS FATHER RESISTED, BUT HE FINALLY AGREED IF ALPHONSUS WOULD LIVE AT HOME.

SO ALPHONSUS DID MISSIONARY WORK FROM HIS HOME.

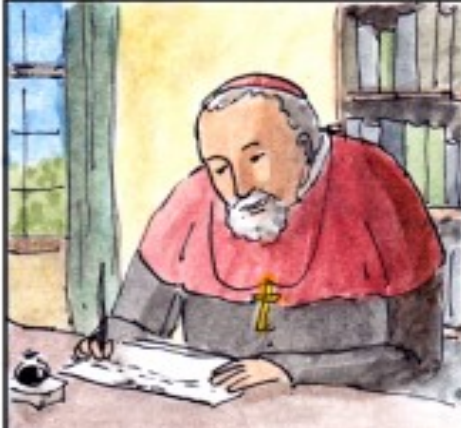


HE BEGAN TWO RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND WAS MADE A BISHOP TO A FALLEN-AWAY AREA.



These people know nothing of the Faith!

HE PREACHED AND WROTE IN SPITE OF HAVING RHEUMATISM AND PARALYSIS. HE SUFFERED MANY HARDSHIPS WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE ORDERS TOO.



SAINT ALPHONSUS USED HIS INTELLIGENCE TO TEACH THE IGNORANT PEOPLE IN HIS DIOCESE, AND WHEN HE WAS TOO SICK TO PREACH HE WOULD WRITE. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS THAT YOU CAN USE TO HELP TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU, JUST LIKE ST. ALPHONSUS DIDN'T!

King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

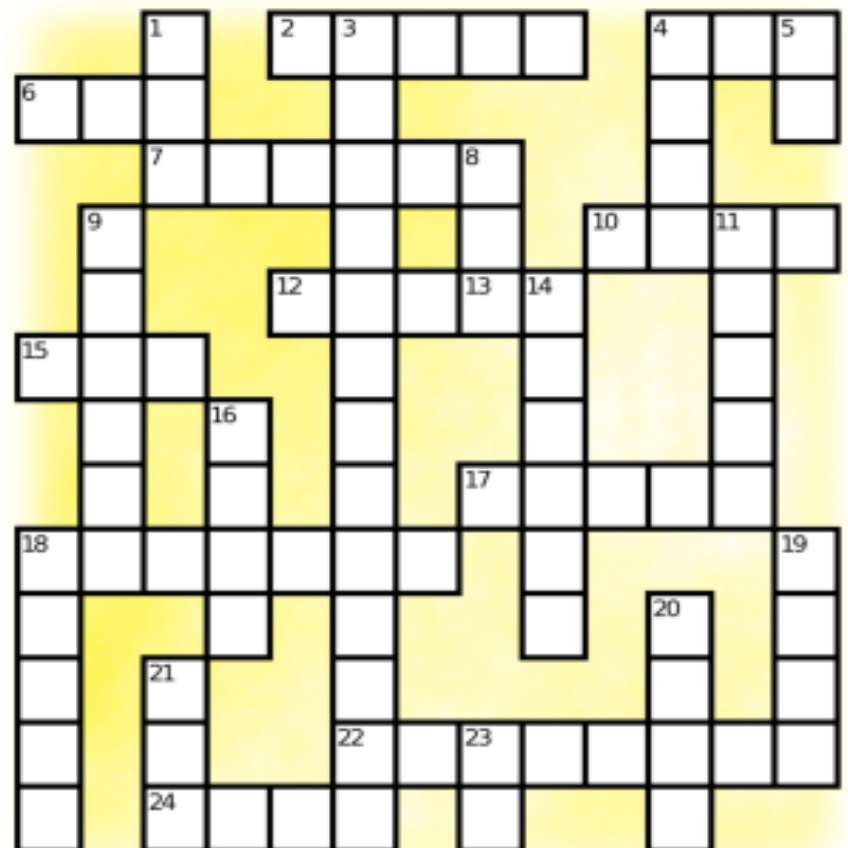
God _____ (19d) to the young _____ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " _____ (21d) _____ (23d) for whatever you want me to _____ (16d) you."

Solomon knew that he was only a young _____ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said _____ (5d) God, "O _____ (20d), I am a _____ (10a) youth, not knowing _____ (1d) to _____ (4a). I _____ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be _____ (22a) or counted. Give your _____ (18a), therefore, an _____ (3d) _____ (17a) to _____ (2a) your people and to distinguish _____ (11d) from _____ (12a). For _____ (6a) is _____ (4d) to _____ (14d) this vast _____ (9d) of yours?"

_____ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him _____ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

UNDERSTANDING
ME NUMBERED
TO SERVANT
ASK WISDOM
ACT GOVERN
GIVE WRONG
SAID PEOPLE
GOD JUDGE
WHO HEART
MAN RIGHT
KING SERVE
HOW LORD
ABLE MERE



The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold **EVERYTHING** they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answers to Cross-word:
across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom
10.mere 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give
18.serve 19.said 20.Lord 21.ask 23.me