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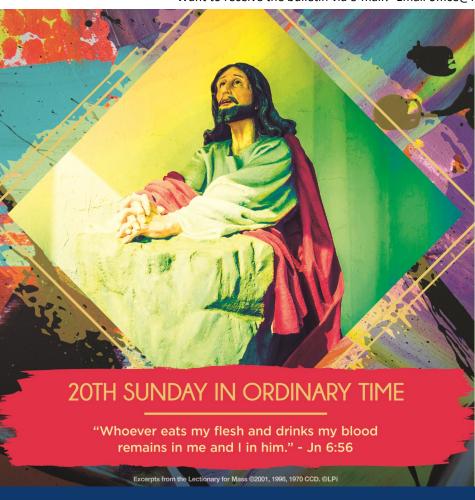
18 AUG 2024 YEAR B

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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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1ST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom teaches understanding.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20 Sing praise to God, avoid that which is evil.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 5:56
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58 Whoever eats and drinks of the body and blood of Christ has eternal life.

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, 5pm

* Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Fridays.

BAPTISM:

Sunday, 11.30am

1st Sundays of the month (within the 9.30am Mass)

Baptism Preparation is required for first baptisms. Contact Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me! **©LPi**



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- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus makes it very clear that his followers are to love everyone indiscriminately. We are to love not only the poor and downtrodden, but also the murderers and the molesters. Impossible as it seems, God never stops loving any of these people, and we are asked to do the same. No wonder Jesus invites us to remain in him as he remains in us. It is the only way to love those who it would seem otherwise impossible to love.

Understand that love in this case does not mean to forget with whom we are dealing or what they have done. It means seeing beyond the exterior and/or their sins. It means seeing even the worst criminals as redeemable because Jesus who came to save us also came to save them. It means remembering that no matter what anyone or we do God does not stop loving us.

The love Jesus is talking about is much more than the romantic feeling we associate with being in love. Jesus' love is more of a strong bond that links us to each other and to every other person God created, whether sinner or saint. We don't have to like everyone, but we do have to respect them because they are our brothers and sisters. Like us, they are God's children.

It seems beyond human nature to love those who are so totally unlovable, like a murderer or molester, and frankly it is—beyond our own fallen human nature at least. That is why we have to live in Jesus' love. The love Jesus offers us, supernatural love, is a love above and beyond natural love. It is available to us when we accept Jesus' invitation to remain in him as he remains in us. It is only through, with and in Jesus' love that all things are possible.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask everyone to talk about the people in their lives who they are having trouble loving. Then say a prayer together asking Jesus to give you his love and strength so that you can love that person as he does.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Who is the person in your life that you need help loving or even liking? Are you ready to give up your dislike enough to turn it over to God and ask for help?



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WEEKEI SOCIAL JOSTICE CHALLEINGES

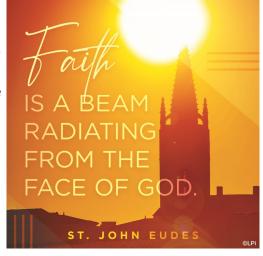
There is a lot of talk this week in the readings about how riches keep us from the kingdom of heaven. The rich young man was a good person and yet was asked to give up his riches. He was so challenged that he apparently walked away from the life Jesus was offering. Often people

take this Scripture to mean that money is not good. However, Jesus never said that money is bad... it is just our attachment to it and all it can do for us makes it hard to give it up for anything... even eternal life. Your challenge this week is to take a personal assessment. Go through each room in your house (garage too), and make a list of what you have. Cross out things you really don't need and make plans to give them away. Then go over the list again and see if there are things you can live without. Make plans to give those away too. Encourage the whole family to participate. It is a great way to become less attached to possessions and to remember where they all come from in the first place.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." – Ephesians 5:15-16.

There are so many factors at work sending the state of creation in the wrong direction (corporate greed, rampant consumerism, corrupt politicians) but that doesn't mean we should go along with them. St. Paul urges Jesus' followers to swim against the tide and live wisely, cherishing the time we have been given. What can you do this week to swim against the tide of evil or apathy, choosing to respect and care for the limits of creation?



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the Eucharist, sacraments of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to receiving arrange the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

BUSINESS HOURS: PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

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NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Cecilia Yeung, Pat Cooper, Geoff Richardson Michael Halloway, Greg Hyde, Yvonne Taylor

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Chang, Francis Hegarty John Pitcher

ANNIVERSARIES:

Giuseppe & Nick Curulli, Kevin Kelly, Bruce Richardson

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 office@nhcatholic.org.au

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Family Mass

25 August, 5:00PM at St Kieran's Join families from our parish for Mass! During Mass, children will be invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Supper will follow the Mass.







Parish Social Justice Group

At our two social justice meetings, we've identified our key focus areas for the rest of the year:

Parish GIFT Program | Vinnies |
LocalKIND | Supporting isolated parishioners

WE NEED YOU!

We urgently need Eucharistic Ministers or people willing to make a weekly phone call to an isolated person to provide support and companionship. For more information or to register your interest please email Elaine at mathstutor@iinet.net.au.



Thank you to all the priests & parishioners of our North Harbour community who prayed for my safe arrival back to Australia and return to good health.

The power of your prayers and Masses were much appreciated and truly, the reason I am here enjoying life again.

Margaret Moses (Koorey)

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no Mass at St Cecilia's** on **Wednesday**, **28 August, Feast Day of St Augustine**. Mass will instead be celebrated that day at **St Kieran's at 8:30AM**.

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AFA CHRISTMAS

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END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, NOV 23 WAKEHURST GOLF CLUB



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE NARRAWEENA

50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:00AM MASS FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNC (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)



The Manly Vale Conference are pleased to announce our new president

Lea Joris

Please keep Lea in your prayers as she leads us to assist the vulnerable people in our area.

We would also like to thank our outgoing president, Catherine O'Donnell, for her committed leadership and dedication to the mission of the Society.

'A hand up not a hand out'



PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have anything you would like to advertise or share in the Parish Bulletin, please email it to Sophie (comms@nhcatholic.org.au) by Tuesday so that we can ensure it features the following weekend. Thank you!



Ordination to The Priesthood Deacon Joseph Martin Hien Vu



11:00am Saturday 24 August 2024 Our Lady of The Rosary Cathedral **Waitara**



ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL NEWS

TODD WOODBRIDGE CUP

Stage 2 students had a great day at Manly Lawn Tennis
Centre recently, playing tennis against other local schools
for the Todd Woodbridge Cup. Four teams were entered
this year, made up of four girls and four boys from Years 3
and 4. Our Year 4 team won and will go on to play at
Blacktown Tennis Centre in October. This was the third
year in a row that one of our teams finished in first place,
and we also had teams place 3rd and 4th. Go Team!

ST MARY MACKILLOP

With the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop celebrated on Thursday, 8 August, the St Cecilia's community is encouraged to walk in St Mary's footsteps and stand up to injustice.

On the day, students and staff participated in a Gold Coin donation Mufti Day to support the Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) Mary Mac Day, an initiative of Bishop Anthony in support of Catholic Care's Homelessness Appeal. We are pleased to say that we raised over \$215.00 to contribute to the CSBB donation.



#PARIS2024 OLYMPICS

On Friday 9th August, we held a Closing Ceremony 'Parade of Nations'. Each class was allocated a Country, students had to choose their Flag Bearer team and made colourful flags or headbands to wear and wave in the colours of their country. Parents were invited, and Australia certainly received the most cheers!



Sharing the Gospel

During Mass the priest changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. He uses the same words that Jesus did at the Last Supper. "This is my body. This is my blood." When you receive the holy Eucharist, Jesus lives inside you. You live in Jesus. His being with you will help you say, "No," to evil and "Yes," to good.

Prayer

Lord, bless all that I eat and drink so that I may follow you forever.

Mission

I will clean my room without complaining.

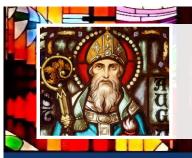
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Lord, with Your help we have done what You commanded.
Reward us, now, as You promised.

Sermon 31, 6 - St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (25 AUGUST): 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 The tribes of Israel choose the Lord above all other gods.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32
Family members in Christ must defer to one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 6:63. 68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit
and life: you have the words of
everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69
Many disciples desert Jesus.

24 AUG, 5.3UPM	4
ST KIERAN'S	

Senior Server
Louise
Readers
Ronda

Ronda Val **Music** Audio

Communion Min

Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

25 AUG, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S Senior Server Anna

Readers
Lea
Tim
Music
None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteers needed

25 AUG, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server
Louise
Readers
Ronda
Maria
Music

Love Thy Neighbour Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers
Volunteers needed

25 AUG, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael
Readers
Kaye

Anne **Music** Audio

Communion MinVolunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers

Volunteers needed

ST KIERAN'S Senior Server Paul

25 AUG. 5PM

Readers
Leanna
Caroline
Christine
Music
Emmanuel

Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

WelcomersVolunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 18 AUGUST

Mon 19 Aug: St Ezekiel Moreno (Augustinian)

Tue 20 Aug: St Bernard, abbot, Doctor of the Church

Wed 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope

Thu 22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 23 Aug: Friday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

Sat 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle

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