

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

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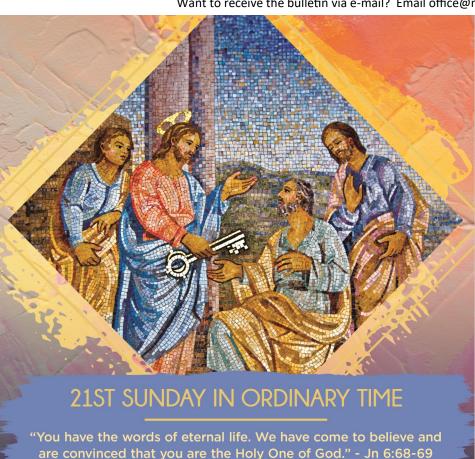
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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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.

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:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another. **©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

This Sunday's Gospel pulls no punches, telling us to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood. Read those words without the benefit of faith and centuries of experience celebrating the Eucharist, and see if you don't feel like walking away from the miracle-worker too. It is clear that Jesus expects his followers to devour all that he is; his very being, wholly divine and wholly human.

When we receive the divine Jesus we share in his divinity. We recognize that God is in us and we are in God. When we are one with God we are one with all people and one with all that is. When we receive the human Jesus we take in and accept Jesus' humanity. We accept our own humanness with all of the pain and joy, the uncertainty and limits that this entails.

Like every human, Jesus experienced physical, emotional and spiritual pain. Jesus accepted his humanity with all of its limitations, and we must do the same. Accepting our humanness means giving up the notion that we can control everything. It means accepting the fact that at times we will have to endure both physical pain and the emotional pain of being embarrassed or abandoned.

When we can truly admit that we cannot do it all, or do everything perfectly, we can ask Jesus to fill us with his strength and love. When this happens we can begin to live in God's grace, God's love. Suffering and disillusionment may not go away, but our focus changes and all of life, the good and not so good, becomes a blessing.

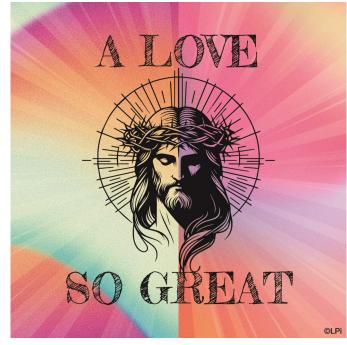
Help your children understand that Jesus is more than a good role model showing us how to live our life in God's grace. Jesus is our sustenance, the very thing we need to be able to live and remain in God's love.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask family members to talk about times in their lives when God really helped them.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

In what area of your life do you need God's help at this time?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

If there is a message to hear this week, it is about being ready. The parables foretell the end of the world... be ready for you don't know when that might be. For Christians, that means we need to believe in, think about, and do the right things in life; we need to have our priorities

in order. So what does this include? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison and give drink to those who are thirsty. Spend your life doing these things and you will be prepared.

Why is that? These things shape our hearts and make us humble and willing to put others before ourselves. They help us to see the face of Christ in our midst. It is the crazy paradox of being a Christian. To be first, you must be last. To be a leader, you must be a servant. Are you ready? What are you spending your time on these days? The challenge this week is to look at your calendar... personal and family. How are you spending your time? Read Matthew 25:31-46, and make sure some of those things make it on your calendar each week.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." –Joshua 24:15.

This week, choose not to fret about what your near and far neighbours aren't doing to care for the environment. Instead, focus on what you and your household can do or can continue to do to serve the Lord by caring for creation. If your family can afford the

more expensive recycled toilet paper, then buy it. If you can get to the farmers' market to buy your produce while supporting local farmers, do it. If you have space to hang laundry on a clothesline, go for it, regardless of whether your neighbours do the same or not.

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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 PRESENTATION COURSE SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Chang, Denece Hutchinson, Francis Hegarty

ANNIVERSARIES:

Br Daniel McEwen FMS, Bruce Richardson, David Mascarenhas

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















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SCAN THE QR CODE

Passionate about Social Justice?

At our two Parish Social Justice meetings, we determined four key areas we will work on for the rest of 2024.

Supporting our Parish GIFT Program | Supporting our Vinnies team | Supporting LocalKind | Re-engaging with former valued parishioners now unable to attend Mass

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.

PRAISE & PLAY

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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus said that anyone who ate his flesh and drank his blood would have everlasting life. Many people did not believe this and walked away. Believing something you do not understand is hard. Before the Wright brothers flew their airplane, people said, "It cannot be done." After they saw it fly, people understood and believed. With God's gift of faith, you can believe even when you do not understand.

Prayer

Father, bless me so I always believe in you and your Son, Jesus Christ.

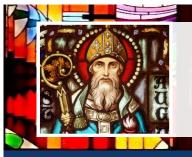
Mission

I will say every morning: I believe in God and his Son, Jesus Christ.

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Thanks be to Him Who is desired before He is seen, whose presence is felt, and Who is hoped for in the future.

Sermon 24, 1

- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (1 SEPTEMBER): 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8 By obeying God, Israel shows wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2ND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 All truly valuable gifts come from above.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his
message of truth, that we
might be as the first fruits of
his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay only lip service to God.

31 AUG,	5.30PM
ST KIE	RAN'S

Senior Server
David
Readers

Val Cecilia **Music**

Audio **Communion Min** Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

1 SEPT, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Jo

Readers
Judith
Jenny
Music

None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

1 SEPT, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

TBA

Readers

Michael H

Michael C

Music

Anushka

Communion MinVolunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Pauline

1 SEPT, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Michael

Readers
Brian C
Kate
Music

Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint

Harvest

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

1 SEPT, 5PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server Kevin

Readers
Louise
Catherine
Music

Ben

Communion Min

Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

WelcomersVolunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 25 AUGUST

Mon 26 Aug: Martyrs of the Monastery of Gafsa (Augustinians)

Tue 27 Aug: St Monica (Augustinian)

Wed 28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop, Doctor of the Church (*Augustinian*)

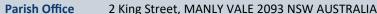
Thu 29 Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr

Fri 30 Aug: Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time, Year II **Sat 31 Aug:** Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

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