

JUBILEE 2025



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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Holy Spirit descended upon him. - Lk 3:21-22a

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### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

*In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

*Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

*God has made salvation possible.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 3:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*John said:*

*He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

*The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.*

## 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.*

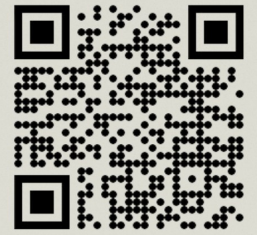
In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.



# WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

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

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## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

### Answer:

When an adult is baptised, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptised is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptised as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

I think that Jesus, from the time he was very little, experienced the loving intimacy of being God's son. Because he was fully human, he probably assumed everyone else had the same experience. When he is baptised, he is not surprised by the voice calling him the beloved son. But perhaps he is surprised at the spectators' astonishment. This is the moment when Jesus finally understands that everyone else does not experience God as a loving Father as he does.

After his baptism Jesus goes into the desert for forty days to pray about what he has discovered. He is tempted to use this knowledge for his own gain, but instead, he leaves the desert to begin his ministry. The rest of his life is spent trying to convince others—that includes us—that we are all are sons and daughters of God; a God who loves us unconditionally as the best-ever Father would. Remember the prayer Jesus gives his followers begins, "Our Father...". Everything else Jesus teaches follows from this.

If we open ourselves to God's love and allow that love to forgive our sins and heal our hurts, we begin to experience our kinship with God and all peoples. When we really believe that we are a son or daughter of God, we begin to see how precious and valuable we are. Because we are loved unselfishly, we can then love selflessly. And like our brother Jesus, we can become healers and peacemakers. And God's plan (sometimes called God's kingdom or reign) of justice, peace and harmony can become a reality in our lives.

### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Talk to your children about how much God loves them. Do this often. Let them know how much you love them, and then tell them that God loves them even more. Ask them how they know God loves them. Tell them how you know God loves you.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Hear the words that were spoken when Jesus was baptised as if God is speaking them to you: "You are my beloved son or daughter. With you I am well pleased." Put those words in the first person (*"I am God's beloved child"*), and say them to yourself often. How does this make you feel?



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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

The first reading for the Baptism of the Lord has the Prophet Isaiah proclaiming that the Messiah “shall bring forth justice to the nations”. Jesus fulfilled that passage by being a person of justice and teaching his disciples that all people deserve to be treated fairly and with dignity, including the poor, the sick and lame, the outcasts and sinners. Your challenge this week is to find a way to say “yes” to your baptismal call, just as Jesus said yes to his. What is Jesus calling you to do to live out your baptism? What injustice in your family or community or world are you being called to combat? And what can you do to help end it?

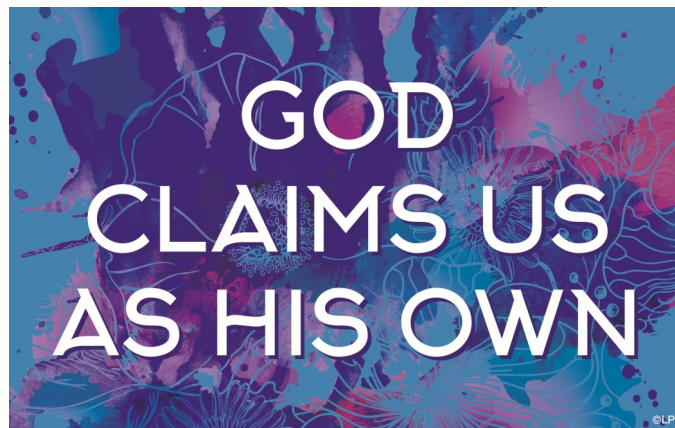


## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

## CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

Water is the central element to the sacrament of baptism because water has the power to give and sustain life. Water also has the power to take life when it is contaminated and when there is not enough for drinking, washing, or farming. According to the United Nations, over 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean water. Diseases caused by polluted water kill one child every eight seconds. Consider reading the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and/or making a donation to an organization like the One Drop Foundation: [OneDrop.org](http://OneDrop.org) to promote clean drinking water for all of the world’s population.



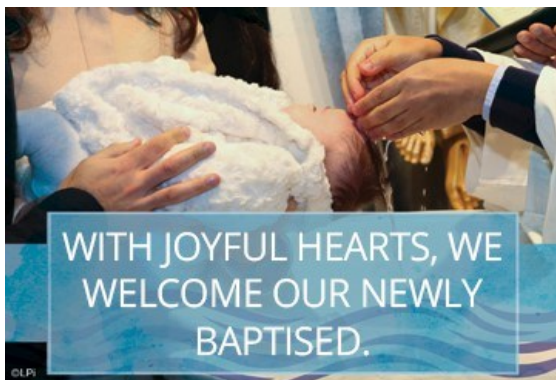
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**AFTER HOURS:**  
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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

### SICK:

Colin Patmore, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson, Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Pat Cooper, Greg Hyde

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Efrain Lagos, Buddy Eulatic

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Theresa McEwen, Doris Rattos, Arthur King

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](mailto:office@nhcatholic.org.au)

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE  
1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

# PARISH ROSARY PRAYER

- JOYFUL MYSTERIES  
Monday and Saturday
- SORROWFUL MYSTERIES  
Tuesday and Friday
- GLORIOUS MYSTERIES  
Wednesday and Sunday
- LUMINOUS MYSTERIES  
Thursday

You are invited to pray the Rosary with your family for the renewal of our parish.

Prayer booklets and rosaries are available in our churches.

You can pray with others using this meditation after Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



# Liturgical Ministries

We are looking for volunteers who would like to be involved in the following Ministries:

- MUSIC MINISTRY
- EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
- WELCOMER AT MASS
- SENIOR SERVER
- READER AT MASS
- ALTAR LINEN CARE
- POWERPOINT MINISTER



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Sign-up forms are available in the foyer. Place the completed forms in the box provided. Thank you.

Join us for prayer and worship.

EVERY FRIDAY  
AFTER THE  
8.30AM MASS  
@ ST KIERAN'S  
CHURCH

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come and spend time with the Lord in the quiet of His presence. All are welcome to participate in this time of adoration and contemplation.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



## TERM 1 DATES

ST KIERAN'S

23 FEB, 9:30AM, 5PM  
23 MARCH, 9:30AM, 5PM

ST CECILIA'S

23 FEB, 9AM  
23 MARCH, 9AM

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

*Fr Michael will be overseas from 8 - 26 January. Fr John will be the acting Parish Priest in his absence.*

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR

# ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Open to parishioners of North Harbour in Year 4 through high school and have made their First Holy Communion.

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PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us in your son,  
Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of  
your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure  
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and  
peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

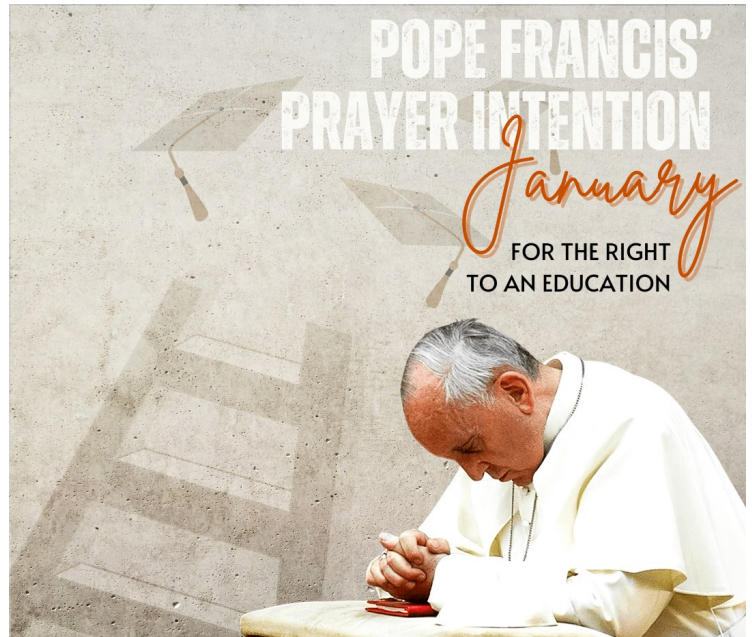
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

*Franciscus*

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

*January*  
FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION



LET US PRAY FOR MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND THOSE AFFECTED BY WAR, THAT THEIR RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION, WHICH IS NECESSARY TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD, MIGHT ALWAYS BE RESPECTED.

COME, BE A LECTOR

North Harbour Liturgy Committee is looking for LECTORS to proclaim the Word of God for Weekend Masses.

If you think you've got what it takes to be a lector, please complete the form available in the foyer or scan the QR code in the bulletin.



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**WORD SEARCH**

*You are my own dear son*

**TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS**

- baptised
- dove
- excited
- fire
- heaven
- John
- pleased
- powerful
- prayed
- sandals
- sky
- water

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**Sharing the Gospel**

When you were baptised, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.

**Prayer**

Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.

**Mission**

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

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The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the LIFE of the Church.

**SAFEGUARDING**  
is everyone's responsibility



**COLOR**  
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



*Let my soul rouse itself, Lord, from weariness, lean on Your creation and hobble toward You Who made it all. For in You we are remade and find true strength.*

Confessions 5, 1  
- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (19 JANUARY 2025): 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> READING</b> Isaiah 62:1-5 <i>Zion shall be vindicated.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3 <i>Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b> 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 <i>To each is given different gifts.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> See 2 Thessalonians 2:14 <i>Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel. Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL</b> John 2:1-11 <i>The Wedding at Cana.</i></p>	<p><b>18 JAN, 5.30PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><i>Senior Server</i> Louise</p> <p><i>Readers</i> Rick Elizabeth-Anne</p> <p><i>Music</i> tba</p> <p><i>Communion Min</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Welcomers</i> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 JAN, 7.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><i>Senior Server</i> Michael</p> <p><i>Readers</i> Andrew Elsie</p> <p><i>Music</i> none</p> <p><i>Communion Min</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Welcomers</i> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 JAN, 9AM</b> <b>ST CECILIA'S</b></p> <p><i>Senior Server</i> Ian</p> <p><i>Readers</i> Kerry Sandra</p> <p><i>Music</i> tba</p> <p><i>Communion Min</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Welcomers</i> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 JAN, 9.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><i>Senior Server</i> Adrian</p> <p><i>Readers</i> Cathie Dale</p> <p><i>Music</i> tba</p> <p><i>Communion Min</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Welcomers</i> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>19 JAN, 5PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><i>Senior Server</i> Louise</p> <p><i>Readers</i> Jo Rodney</p> <p><i>Music</i> tba</p> <p><i>Communion Min</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Powerpoint</i> Volunteer needed</p> <p><i>Welcomers</i> Volunteers needed</p>
	<p><b>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 12 JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Mon 13 Jan:</b> Monday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Tue 14 Jan:</b> Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Wed 15 Jan:</b> Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Thu 16 Jan:</b> Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Fri 17 Jan:</b> St Anthony, abbot  <b>Sat 18 Jan:</b> Saturday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				

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