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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

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

Malachi 3:1-4

*The Lord will send his messenger.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

*Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!*

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

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Jesus was fully human.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 2:32

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Jesus is brought to the Temple  
by Mary and Joseph.*

## 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)

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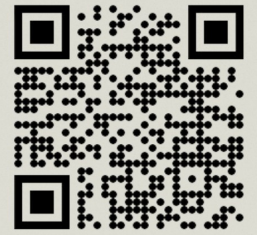
In the spirit of reconciliation the Catholic Community of North Harbour acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of these lands on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the lands and waterways and pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all First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

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

### Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (*Ex 13:2, 12*) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (*Lv 12:2-8*) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savoured. ©LPi

## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

On the night of Jesus' birth, the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town; she must have been afraid and confused.

In the afterglow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was well.

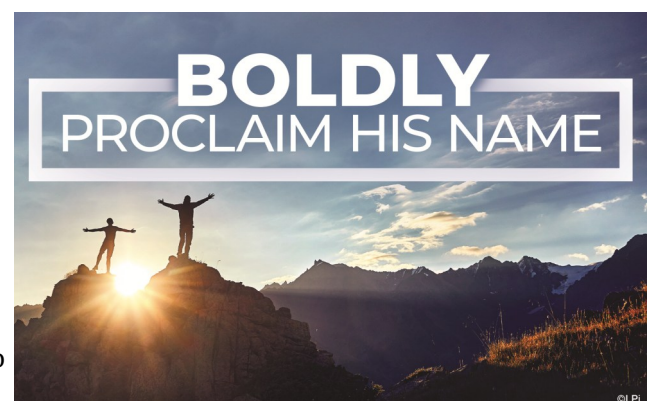
God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.

### FAMILY RESPONSE:

As a family, talk about who are, or have been, the angels and messengers in your life.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

How have your children been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith?

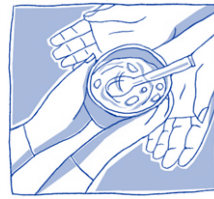


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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Next week we honour St. Paul Miki, whose feast falls on February 6. St. Paul Miki was crucified for his faith in Jesus, but he, like Jesus, forgave his murderers as he hung on the cross. Your challenge this week is two-fold. First read a brief but very inspiring biographical sketch of St. Paul at <https://bit.ly/paul-miki>. Then spend some quiet time reflecting on a person or persons in the world who cause suffering or even death to others. Lift that person or those persons up in your prayers. Remember, Jesus told us to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors!



## 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

*"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." —1 Corinthians 13:1-3*



Sometimes environmentalists can be accused of being downright rigid and judgmental in their manner of living a "green life" and trying to persuade others to do the same. Spend some time this week remembering the reason(s) behind your efforts to tread more lightly on the earth. It's probably because you love and cherish this marvelous, stunning world which God created. Enjoy a film from the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF) this week, as a reaffirmation of your love for God's creation. <https://dceff.org/watchnow>

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## SICK CALLS

## AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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### BUSINESS HOURS:

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### AFTER HOURS:

(Evenings & Weekends)

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BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE  
1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

### SICK:

Mark Hansen, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson, Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Pat Cooper, Greg Hyde

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Br Johan OSA, Angela Lukaszewicz, Patricia Despas, Monique Cornell, Sr Carmel Kingsley RSJ, Matt Smith

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Corinne Jackson, George Marley, Mary Rattos

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)

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

We wish all students and staff returning to school a wonderful year ahead!

*Congratulations!*

Lina and Rocco Macri are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

There will be a special blessing during the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday, February 1.

**HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Hospitality after the 9:30AM Sunday Mass at St Kieran's will start again on February 9 - and we need your help!

We need more volunteers to help set up morning tea (20 minutes before Mass), serve after Mass, and pack away and clean up afterwards. Volunteers are placed on a roster, so how often you volunteer is up to you.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Adriana: 0402 099 746 or [albwyer@bigpond.com](mailto:albwyer@bigpond.com)

FIRST RECONCILIATION

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CHILDREN MUST BE IN YEAR 4 AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION ASSOCIATION

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At this meeting, all AFA positions will be declared vacant and a new Committee will be appointed.

If you would like to become a member of AFA or want more information, please come along.

Join us for some wine, cheese and nibbles as we talk about our ideas to help fundraise for and support our Augustinian seminarians.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7PM**

Parish Centre, 2 King Street, Manly Vale



Listen to Your Heart

## BE PART OF OUR AUGUSTINIAN STORY

*If you want to know more about the Augustinian way of life contact us and join our discernment program*

The Augustinian Vocation Office



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## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

2 FEBRUARY

Please pray for our Augustinians and for all consecrated men and women serving as priests and religious.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

February

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE

LET US PRAY THAT THE ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY MIGHT WELCOME THE DESIRES AND DOUBTS OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO FEEL A CALL TO SERVE CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

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**WORD SEARCH**

*Lord I am your servant.*

**TRY TO FIND THESE WORDS**

- arms
- baby
- Christ
- dove
- eyes
- Jerusalem
- Mary
- peace
- sacrifice
- servant
- Simeon
- Spirit

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**Sharing the Gospel**

In the time of Jesus, every first male child was dedicated to the service of God in the temple. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to show that he would do the work of his Father in heaven. God has a purpose for you. Thank God that he gave you life. Tell him that you will help others to know him and to love him, too.

**Prayer**

Lord, help me be a pleasing gift to you every day of my life.

**Mission**

I will ask my parents if our family can read the Bible together tonight.

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**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Promoting a safer *Church*

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



*Lord, I am poor and needy. I am better only when with heartfelt sorrow I renounce myself and seek Your mercy so that my deficiencies are overcome and transformed.*  
*Confessions 10, 38*  
 - St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (9 FEBRUARY 2025): 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> READING</b> Isaiah 6:1-8 <i>Isaiah volunteers to speak for the Lord.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1 <i>In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 <i>Paul recounts the chronology of Christ.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> Matthew 4:19 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 5:1-11 <i>An abundance of fish are caught by Simon.</i></p>	<p><b>8 FEB, 5.30PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Louise</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Bob John</p> <p><b>Music</b> tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>9 FEB, 7.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Michael</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Judith Jenny</p> <p><b>Music</b> none</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>9 FEB, 9AM</b> <b>ST CECILIA'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Ilde</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Ana Stephanie</p> <p><b>Music</b> tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>9 FEB, 9.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Catherine</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Terry Brian C</p> <p><b>Music</b> tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>	<p><b>9 FEB, 5PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Claire-Louise</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Geraldine Kevin</p> <p><b>Music</b> tba</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>
	<p><b>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2 FEBRUARY</b></p> <p><b>Mon 3 Feb:</b> Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Tue 4 Feb:</b> Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Wed 5 Feb:</b> St Agatha, virgin and martyr  <b>Thu 6 Feb:</b> St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs  <b>Fri 7 Feb:</b> Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1  <b>Sat 8 Feb:</b> Saturday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				

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