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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

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1ST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Christ is raised, the first fruits.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17. 20-26

The beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Mount).

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.
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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.



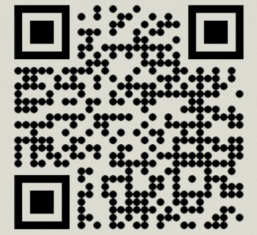
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- YOU ARE INVITED
- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDER SHARING YOUR GIFTS TO US

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent? ©LPi

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Every December I used to search for the perfect gift for each of my children—a gift that I was sure would light up their eyes on Christmas morning. Like every parent, I take great delight in seeing my children happy.

Imagine the satisfaction of being able to offer that joy with something that won't break when it's dropped or go out of fashion in a few months. That's the kind of happiness Jesus offers when he talks about the Beatitudes. Indeed, in his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus suggests we can be blessed with deep happiness in the most unpleasant of circumstances.

What's the secret of this joy, and how can we find it? We know it doesn't simply come with being poor or hungry, sad or persecuted. It might, however, be found in the way we look at and live through each of those situations.

Rich or poor, we all have to endure life's downs. No one can escape the pain of sickness or the death of a loved one. Perhaps the secret to happiness is in our accepting whatever life has to offer, certain that all will be well and confident of a happy ending.

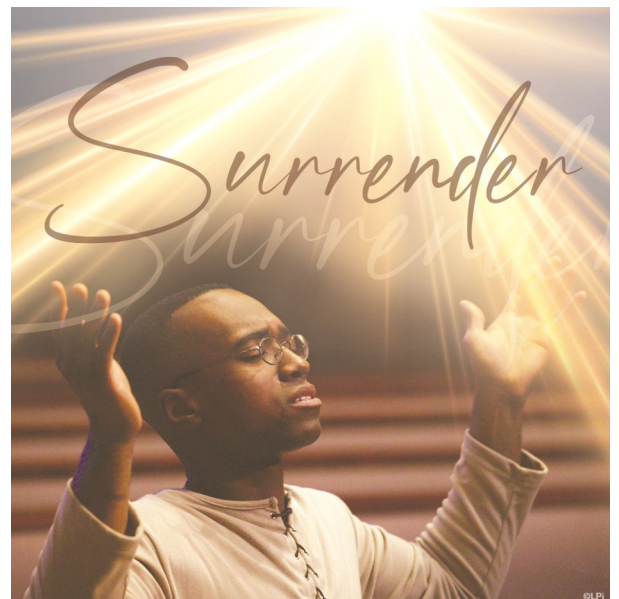
All will be well because we don't have to rely solely on our own resources. God is with us, offering the strength we need. We also have the support of our family community in church and at home. And finally, we have the ultimate hope of a happy ending because Jesus has promised us one for eternity.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask each family member to talk about his or her best family memory.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Have you ever experienced the kind of joy that can still bring a smile to your face today? What are the things that make you happy? Can you, or should you, make those things a regular part of your life?



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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

February is Black History Month in the US. In addition, they also celebrate President Lincoln’s birthday on February 12. Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation to restore to African Americans their God-given right to be treated as human beings fully equal in God’s eyes with the rest of society. In Australia, the month of July marks a significant time of year for the Aboriginal and Torres Straith Islander communities. Jesus told us his mission was to emancipate people from the things which oppressed them—poverty, enslavement, despair, whatever broke the human spirit. Your challenge this week is to emancipate someone from injustice. Who needs to be freed from oppression? Is it the kid at school who is constantly picked on? Is it the worker who is discriminated against? Is it the elderly shut-in? Whom will you liberate?



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

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.” —Jeremiah 17:7-8

Many of us have a real obsession with lawns. Indeed, all the time invested in lawn care and grooming reflects this: laying down sod or seeding, removing weeds, mowing, watering, fertilizing... but do all these efforts produce a harvest? No. We can’t eat grass. Here is an idea: replace your lawn with plants that are drought tolerant, native to your locale, and/or will produce food to eat (trees or vegetable gardens). Some places have programs now that offer rebates for those converting their lawns to less-thirsty green spaces. You will never have to mow again, and depending on what you replace your lawn with, you might never have to water again.

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SICK CALLS

AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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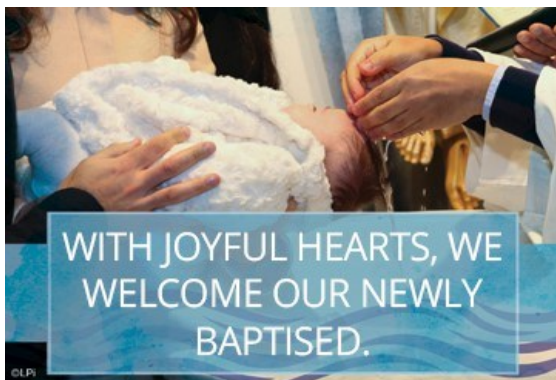
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AFTER HOURS:

(Evenings & Weekends)

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Peter and Jan Van de Velde, Mark Hansen, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson, Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Greg Hyde

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathy Davie, Margaret Taylor, Malcolm Corbett, Patricia Despas, Shirley Leaver, Judith Purcell, Monique Cornell, Fr Luciano Felloni

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mila Jovic, Pasquale Vaccaro

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

Claire Louise Murphy
daughter of Joe & Gabrielle

Parker Mitchell Davis
son of Toby & Shae



Youth MASS

Sun 9 March, 5pm
St Kieran's Catholic Church
2 King St., Manly Vale 2093 NSW

All welcome!

followed by a sausage sizzle & light refreshments

PARISH FAMILY MASS

Sunday, 23 February | 5:00PM
St Kieran's Manly Vale

Please bring a plate to share during supper after Mass. Suggestions include pasta, rice, casseroles, or garlic bread. Please leave all food in the Parish Centre prior to Mass and take home any leftovers when you leave. Thank you!



HAPPENING NEXT WEEKEND
in our Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, 23 February
9:00AM, 9:30AM, and 5:00PM Masses

Parish Family Mass
Sunday, 23 February
5:00PM, St Kieran's Church
Followed by supper

CLOW—We will be making a prayer table for the children to take home with them, and if anyone has empty cardboard shoeboxes to donate, could they please leave them in the foyer of the church, near the kids book section, before Saturday 22nd.

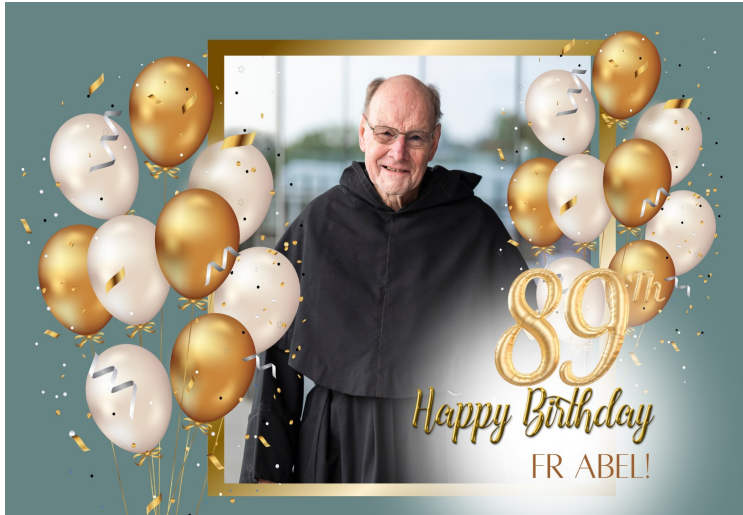
I call upon all members of the community, especially those of faith, to reject all forms of prejudice, hatred, and division, and to stand united against anti-Semitism. We must not allow hatred to have a place in our society. We must instead build bridges of understanding, promote dialogue, and work towards a future where all people, regardless of their background or faith, can live in safety, peace, and mutual respect.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

World Day of Prayer
The Cook Islands



FRIDAY, MARCH 7 | 10:00AM
MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 56 RAGLAN ST
All are welcome!



89th
Happy Birthday
FR ABEL!



SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2:30PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE
ALL WELCOME

Join us for light refreshments in the Parish Centre and the opportunity to discover, perhaps for the first time, the relevance St. Augustine brings to the living out of our individual journeys through life. Come and enjoy the company of other kindred spirits who have found Augustine to be their mentor and friend.



The Shrine of Hope for Priests & Vocations at Mary Immaculate, Manly, invites all the faithful to the:

INSTALLATION OF THE RELIC OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY
on
SUNDAY 2 MARCH AT 6:00PM MASS

Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the clergy of Broken Bay for this special celebration, including Mass, veneration of the relic, and a blessing. All parishioners, families, students, and pilgrims are welcome as we entrust our clergy and future vocations to St John Vianney's intercession.

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Thank You!

The Christmas Hamper Appeal for the Manly Vale Vinnies Conference is always a time of great joy. This past appeal, we delivered 84 hampers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made our appeal possible:

Julio Donato, who, with his family, headed up and coordinated the appeal.
St Kieran's School (and PNF), St Augustine's College, Blackmore's, Rotary, Stella Maris College, and The Owl and the Pussycat Preschool who donated goods and created and delivered hampers.
Families who volunteered to deliver hampers
Ryan Joris, for trolleying hampers to cars
The Marabito Family, Joanne, Valerie and Clara
All our supporters!

Since Christmas we have received many words of thanks. From one of our recipients:
"You don't know what it means to know that the community cares enough to do this for us. It has made such a difference to us and has restored my faith in human nature. Thank you so much."

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FIRST FRUITS OFFERING

SERVE YOUR PARISH THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

"Our Parish communities, much like our own households, rely on financial resources to operate and to thrive. God fulfills this need through you - **you are the Parish.**"



St Francis of Assisi

"FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE"



Anthony Randazzo



Share what God has given you by joining our Planned Giving Program today.

ST CECILIA'S SCHOOL NEWS

We are off to a great start in 2025 here at St Cecilia's! We welcomed our staff and students back to the classrooms on Monday 3rd February and Kindergarten's started on Wednesday 5th, meeting their new Buddies and loving their play area in the Secret Garden! There were only a few tears at the Tea and Tissues Parent welcome morning tea, generously put on by our current family volunteers.

Parent information sessions have been well attended this week and we look forward to our Opening School Mass to be held on Friday 21st February at 9am when we will officially welcome new students, families and staff and our Student Representative Council will be announced. Year 6 Leaders will be inducted into their leadership roles and with their parents will commit to their leadership pledge.

Save the Date: We have our 2025 Open Day event scheduled for Wednesday 19th March, an opportunity for prospective families to come along and tour our school and meet our Principal and staff. An informative morning to learn about our offerings and to hear more about the Catholic Schools Broken Bay K-12 pathways. Please register your interest [here](#) or via the QR code below.



Sharing the Gospel

Luke says that God will take care of your needs. If you are hated and others make fun of you for his sake, he may bless you with friends. If you need a bed to sleep on, he may provide it. If you need food to eat, he may send you food. If you are hurt, he may send a doctor to care for you. If you need money, he may help you earn it.

Prayer

Lord, show me ways to share with a smile.

Mission

If I get money for a gift, I will share it with the needy.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





*My God, let me remember You with thanksgiving
and proclaim Your mercies to me*
Confessions 8, 1
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (23 FEBRUARY 2025): 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

<p>1ST READING 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 <i>David spares Saul.</i></p> <p>RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 <i>The Lord is kind and merciful.</i></p> <p>2ND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 <i>Jesus is the new Adam.</i></p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 13:34 <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38 <i>Love your enemy.</i></p>	<p>22 FEB, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Louise</p> <p>Readers Ronda Maria</p> <p>Music Parish Choir</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>23 FEB, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Anna</p> <p>Readers Lea Tim</p> <p>Music None</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>23 FEB, 9AM ST CECILIA'S</p> <p>Senior Server Antoinette</p> <p>Readers Sacha & Amy Cathy</p> <p>Music Love Thy Nghbr</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>23 FEB, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Joseph</p> <p>Readers Kaye Anne</p> <p>Music tba</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>	<p>23 FEB, 5PM ST KIERAN'S</p> <p>Senior Server Michael</p> <p>Readers Leanne Caroline Christine</p> <p>Music Emmanuel</p> <p>Communion Min Volunteer needed</p> <p>Powerpoint Volunteer needed</p> <p>Welcomers Volunteers needed</p>
	<h3>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 16 FEBRUARY</h3>				
	<p>Mon 17 Feb: Monday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
	<p>Tue 18 Feb: Tuesday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
	<p>Wed 19 Feb: Wednesday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
	<p>Thu 20 Feb: Thursday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
<p>Fri 21 Feb: Friday of the 6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>					
<p>Sat 22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, apostle</p>					

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