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NORTH HARBOUR

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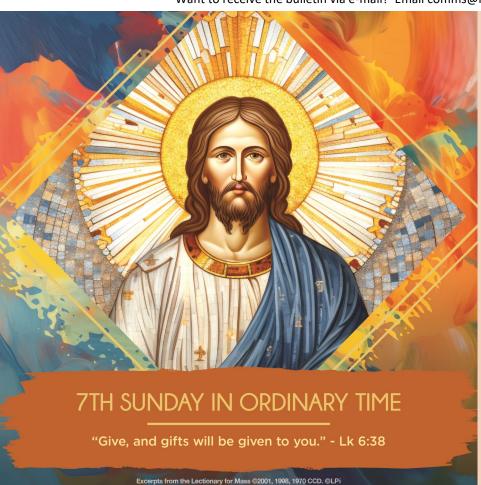
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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1st Reading

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 David spares Saul.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 *Jesus is the new Adam.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38 Love your enemy.

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.





- 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:

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer:

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Assumption or all Sundays of the year). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

This is the bottom line of what it means to be a Christian—loving even those who don't love you. However, it's important to understand what love really is. For example, you can love someone and not like him. Loving and liking are two different things. Love is a bond, sometimes accompanied by a warm and glorious feeling of devotion, even passion. But much of the time, love is just a strong sense of connection. The test for real love is when that wonderful, warm feeling is absent and the connection remains.

This is the love Jesus is talking about—a loving bond that demands respect and tolerance. We are expected to recognize the connection that exists not just within our own families but also within the family of humankind, and to honour its demands. If someone chooses not to love us back, we do not allow her actions to dictate ours. We don't give others that power over us.

In your household when one brother smacks another, you don't persuade him to hit back. When one child is disrespectful of another's toys, you certainly don't encourage reciprocal action. All people are part of the family of humankind, and God, as a parent, offers the same advice you would give your children.

Teach your children by example. That's what God did. Jesus stood up for what he believed. He never cowered. But when things got too hot, he walked away, and usually found a quiet spot to pray and regroup. When he was ultimately overpowered and put to death, he still triumphed. That's the message of the Resurrection: The love God asks of us will always see us through. It is even more powerful than death.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask family members to talk about someone they have trouble liking. Do not allow any belittling. Try to talk about the person in a respectful way. Finally, find at least two things that are nice about that person.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

How do you usually treat people you do not like? How do you respond when someone is unkind to you? How would you like to respond?

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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Luke's Gospel for Sunday presents some of the biggest challenges Jesus has ever given us. We are asked to love our enemies, stop judging people, turn the other cheek, and give to those in need. These are life-changing actions, each one demanding hearts of love and mercy. Your

challenge this week is to choose someone or some group which you have looked on as the "enemy" in the past because they have hurt you or someone you love. Perhaps you are holding onto a grudge against the person(s). Instead, offer forgiveness! Let go of the past and find a way to help the person be who God created him or her to be.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you." —Luke 6:30-31

You've probably seen ads in which one neighbour is using a tool, then another neighbour comes along, admires how well it works, and then declares that he's going to get himself one too. It's enough to make you want to wonder: "Why don't you just ask to

borrow it?" Instead of accumulating tons of tools for all our needs, let's thank those generous neighbours who are willing to lend them to us. In exchange, we might have a tool or a service our neighbour needs. Neighbours could even chip in together to buy a bread machine, a lawnmower, or a whipper snipper. Yes, it might take shy folks or introverts a bit of energy to muster the courage to ask to borrow something, but the relationships that can be built over sharing, borrowing, and trading can be priceless.

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OF MY DARKNESS,

YOU ARE LIGHT.

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Santo Severino, Kathy Davie, Allan Hill, Margaret Taylor, Fr Luciano Felloni

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joan McNamara, Kevin Kelly, Norman Mangraviti

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





found Augustine to be their mentor and friend.









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SERVE YOUR PARISH THROUGH PLANNED GIVING



CAN YOU HELP?

We're looking for parishioners to join a roster and assist with setup, serving, and cleaning up at our suppers after our Youth and Family Masses. If you can help, please contact Ursula. Thank you!



ST KIERAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

Students and staff have returned to the new school year with great vigour and excitement! A special welcome to all the new St Kieran's families and in particular Kindergarten who have settled in so well excited and eager ready for school.

This week we celebrated our first whole school Mass for 2025. We welcomed our new students and families and presented our Year 6 Leadership Teams. A big thank you to Father John for presiding over the Mass.

We look forward to welcoming everyone at our upcoming school Open Day on Tuesday, March 11 from 9:15am-10:30am.







Sharing the Gospel

Today you receive a big box of toys in the mail. A note says, "You can keep these or give them to the needy. Love, God." There is a baseball, basketball, computer game, dollhouse, kite, skateboard, and a yoyo. You hear Jesus say, "If you give to others, you will be given the same amount in return." So you decide to keep four and give three away. God is happy.

Prayer

Lord, help me share the toys in my life with my family and friends.

Mission

When I receive a new toy, I will give one toy to the needy.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Are there any persons, Lord, who do not at times let themselves go beyond the strict limits of necessity? I am not one of them, for I am a sinner.

Confessions 10, 31
- St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (2 MARCH 2025): 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading

Sirach 27:4-7
Speech shows state of mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2 Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Death has no victory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:15-16
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright
stars; you are offering it the
word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45
Take the plank from your eye.

1 MAR, 5.30PM ST KIERAN'S	2 MAR, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S	2 MAR, 9AM ST CECILIA'S	2 MAR, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S	2 MAR, 5PM ST KIERAN'S
<i>Senior Server</i> David	Senior Server Jo	<i>Senior Server</i> Ilde	Senior Server Michael	Senior Server Kevin
Readers Val Cecilia	Readers Judith Jenny	Readers Michael H Michael C Julien	Readers Brian C Kate	Readers Louise Catherine
<i>Music</i> Parish Choir	<i>Music</i> none	<i>Music</i> tba	<i>Music</i> Harvest	<i>Music</i> Ben M
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 23 FEBRUARY

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

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Mon 24 Feb: Monday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Tue 25 Feb: Tuesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Wed 26 Feb: Wednesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Thu 27 Feb: Thursday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Fri 28 Feb: Friday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1
Sat 1 Mar: Saturday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1

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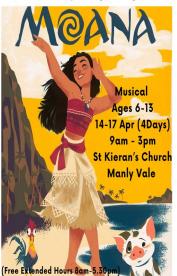
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