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## 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."  
- Lk 6:43**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> 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.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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.*

## 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.



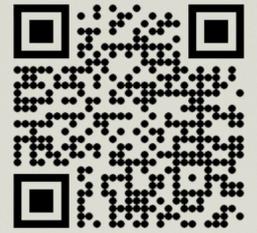
# WELCOME TO NORTH HARBOUR

- 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:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “out of the dust of the ground” and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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## BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus has a lot to say here about humility. Surely when he was teaching crowds of people, he knew some of them were very humble people who quietly went about living their lives as best they could. He would also have known that some people in the crowd were “show-offs” who found ways to advertise how good they were at certain things, how well-educated they were, or how much money they had.

His words to the crowd on that day reminded them that no one is without fault, even if they think it’s only other people that have issues. For those who believe they have their acts together and feel the need to correct others, Jesus wants them to hear that first and foremost, they should worry about improving themselves before they try to fix other people.

As parents, it is easy for us to be so focused on guiding and correcting our children that we can forget that they will learn far more from our example than our directives. After all, we show our children what is important to us through our actions. For example, will our kids take our demands to limit their screen time seriously if we are completely addicted to our own devices? Even if they may not admit it, our children are watching us closely.

In the second section of the reading, Jesus echoes a passage from the book of Sirach in the Old Testament. Sirach taught that just like you can tell how well-cared-for a tree is by the fruit it bears, you can tell a person’s mind by the person’s speech. Jesus fleshes this out by saying that someone who is good at heart will express it in their words and deeds.

What are the fruits that you are bearing in your life? What words and deeds will your children notice and learn from? By modeling healthy, virtuous lives—as Jesus did—we show our children the best way to live their lives.

### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Brainstorm as a family some people you know who live humbly, do good deeds, and speak graciously—in short, people who bear good fruit.

### PERSONAL RESPONSE:

What message do you think God has for you in this Gospel passage today? Ask God for help in following up on your insight.

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## BEAR THE FRUIT OF GOD’S LOVE



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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We enter into the holy season of Lent, beginning our journey to the Cross and beyond that to Resurrection. The three Lenten practices are fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Your challenge this week is to choose something from which you will fast for the next six weeks to stand in solidarity with those who cannot have it; to give generously to a cause which fights injustice and helps those in need; and to pray during Lent for those across the world who suffer from oppression, intolerance, prejudice, or any other form of injustice.



## 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

*"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush."—Luke 6:43-44*



Here is an ecological proof: we know a tree by its fruits. But we must acknowledge the fact that many of this generation would not be able to tell a pear tree from a cherry tree, peach tree, or plum tree, not to mention bushes like the raspberry, blueberry, and blackberry.

Consider planting a fruit tree or bush in your yard to provide an unforgettable learning experience for children, as well as a harvest to feed the family. Think about the pies you will be able to enjoy. Think about making jam to preserve the harvest. You will be living in a delectable garden! Check with a local nursery, a neighbour who is a gardener, or the Master Gardeners at your local extension agency for suggestions on the best varieties to grow in your area.

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### SICK CALLS

### AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

If you need a priest urgently, please call the appropriate number:

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### UPCOMING BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

- 6th April
- 1st June
- 3rd August
- 5th October
- 7 December

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

#### SICK:

- Pope Francis, Peter and Jan Van de Velde, Mark Hansen, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Erroll Abbott, Greg Hyde

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

#### MEMORIALS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

- Anne Woodbury, Terry Matthews, Kevin Kelly, Norman Mangraviti, Niko Seput, Jessamine Wilson

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)



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for our candidates for RCIA and  
First Reconciliation.



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*Lent Reflection  
Evenings*

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EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT  
7:30PM IN PARISH CENTRE**

*Leader: Fr John Zhang  
All are welcome!*

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
5 MARCH 2025**



**MASS TIMES**

**ST KIERAN'S MANLY VALE  
10:00AM (SCHOOL MASS), 7:30PM**

**ST CECILIA'S BALGOWLAH  
9:15AM (SCHOOL MASS)**

**Cleaner Wanted!**

**MANLY VALE, 4 HOURS/WEEK**

St Kieran's Priory is looking for an experienced cleaner.  
Duties include general household cleaning and some light laundry/housekeeping duties.  
This is a permanent position including superannuation & leave entitlements.

**Enquiries/Applications: Contact Jacky  
manager@nhcatholic.org.au or 9949 4455.**




**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

# Congratulations!

Two long-serving members of the Vinnies Manly Vale Conference have received Lifetime Achievement Awards.



## Tim Irwin

Tim is a tireless, humble volunteer who holds our conference together. He has been a conference member for 20 years, serving as president and currently as treasurer. Tim goes beyond expectations ensuring our clients receive the attention, respect, and support they require in their time of need.

## Anne Christopher

Anne has volunteered with our conference for 25 years. As a teacher and SRE coordinator at St Kieran's, she was instrumental in St Kieran's supporting Vinnies, which continues today. She is currently our Twinning officer that communicates with our Vinnies in Thailand and two in Indonesia. She also attends home visits when needed.



# CATECHIST SUNDAY

2 MARCH 2025

We give thanks for our dedicated team of catechists ministering in our local schools.

If you would like to join this rewarding ministry, please contact Ursula at [catechist@northharbourcatholic.org.au](mailto:catechist@northharbourcatholic.org.au)



# JUBILEE PRAYER BOOKMARKS



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# Congratulations!

The new AFA Committee was elected at their AGM on February 11. Congratulations to the following members:

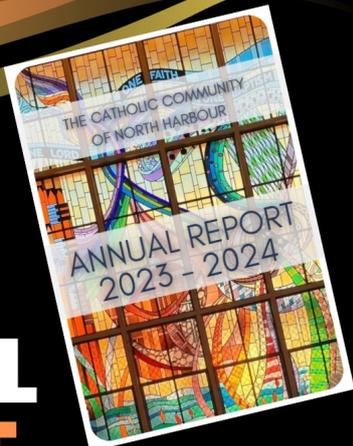
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- Secretary:** Honorine Jarkey
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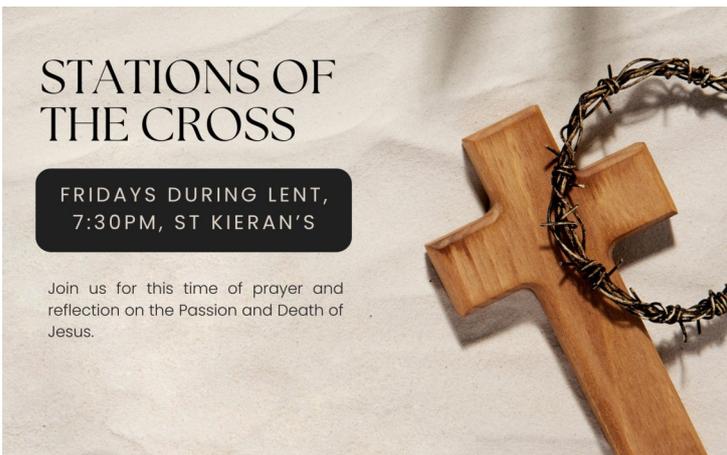
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# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT,  
7:30PM, ST KIERAN'S

Join us for this time of prayer and reflection on the Passion and Death of Jesus.



# HAPPENING NEXT WEEKEND

in our Parish

**St Cecilia's School Mass**  
Saturday, 8th March  
5:00PM, St Cecilia's Church

Join St Cecilia's students and their families as they lead us through prayer and worship.





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# OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 11th March 2025**

**9:15am - 10:30am**

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# OPEN DAY

Visit us on Open Day to see our school in action. Discover the difference our Catholic Primary School can make for your family!



**Wednesday 19 March**  
**9.15am - 11am**

## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus wants you to look carefully at your own words and behaviour. If you call your sister selfish, Jesus wants you to make sure you are not selfish. If you fuss at your brother because his room is messy, Jesus wants you to make sure your room is not messy. Do not judge others. Remember that everyone makes mistakes. God forgives you and wants you to forgive yourself and others.

## Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me get my mistakes straightened out.

## Mission

I will help and encourage, rather than judge others.

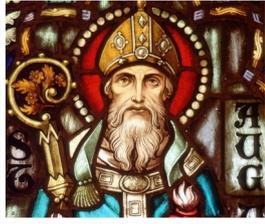
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## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





*Lord, You are always preparing things. You prepare us for Yourself, and Yourself for us. You prepare a place for Yourself in us, and for us in Yourself.*

Sermon on John 68, 3  
- St. Augustine of Hippo

## NEXT WEEKEND (9 MARCH 2025): 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> READING</b> Deuteronomy 26:4-10 <i>Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.</i></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM</b> Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15 <i>Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b> Romans 10:8-13 <i>All who call upon the Lord will be saved.</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b> Matthew 4:4 <i>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!</i></p> <p><b>GOSPEL</b> Luke 4:1-13 <i>Jesus is tempted in the desert.</i></p>	<p><b>8 MAR, 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> Parish Choir</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 MAR, 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> noner</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 MAR, 9AM</b> <b>ST CECILIA'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Ilde</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Ana Stephanie Maria</p> <p><b>Music</b> Love Thy Ngrbr</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 MAR, 9.30AM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Catherine</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Terry Brian</p> <p><b>Music</b> Anushka C</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 MAR, 5PM</b> <b>ST KIERAN'S</b></p> <p><b>Senior Server</b> Claire-Louise</p> <p><b>Readers</b> Youth</p> <p><b>Music</b> Amelia G &amp; Youth</p> <p><b>Communion Min</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Powerpoint</b> Volunteer needed</p> <p><b>Welcomers</b> Volunteers needed</p>
	<h3>OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2 MARCH</h3>				
	<p><b>Mon 3 Mar:</b> Monday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
	<p><b>Tue 4 Mar:</b> Tuesday of the 8th Week in Ordinary Time, Year 1</p>				
	<p><b>Wed 5 Mar:</b> Ash Wednesday</p>				
<p><b>Thu 6 Mar:</b> Thursday After Ash Wednesday</p>					
<p><b>Fri 7 Mar:</b> Friday After Ash Wednesday</p>					
<p><b>Sat 8 Mar:</b> Saturday After Ash Wednesday</p>					

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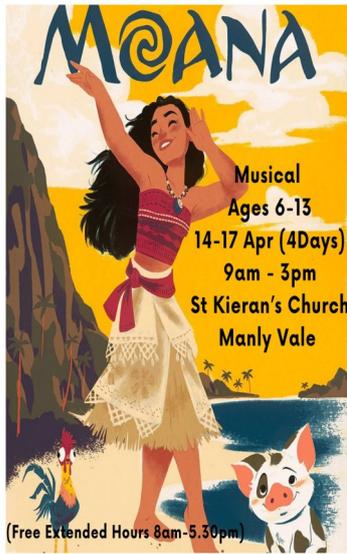
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