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NORTH HARBOUR

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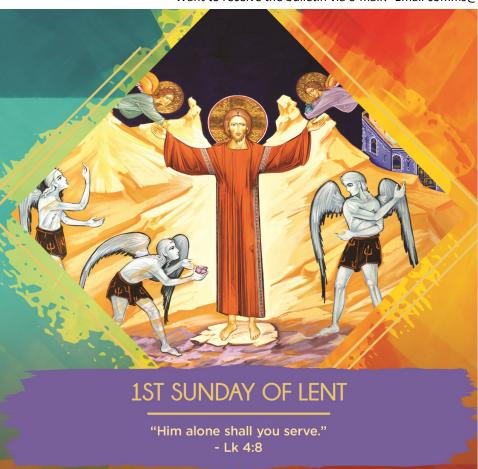
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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1st Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15 Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2ND READING

Romans 10:8-13 All who call upon the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is tempted in the desert.

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer:

You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully. ©LPi



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- JOIN US IN OUR VARIED CELEBRATIONS & ACTIVITIES
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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Most folks will tell you it takes practice to say no to temptation. Consider Adam and Eve when they lived in paradise. They never had to practice saying no because they had everything they wanted. The first time they were tempted, they failed the test.

In this reading, we find Jesus in the desert tempted three times by the devil. He was physically weak, hungry and thirsty, and still he did not give in to temptation. He said no, not out of some superhuman power but from good old-fashioned willpower. Since Jesus is fully human, we can presume this was not his first encounter with temptation. Jesus had spent a lifetime building up his willpower by saying no to the easy way out, no to having fun at the expense of others, no to putting his needs or wants first.

How can we practice saying no to temptation? One way is by flexing the muscle of self-denial. Self-denial, or what we used to call, "giving stuff up," has been a part of Christian discipleship since Jesus walked with the first apostles: "...[G]o, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor..." (Matthew 19:21).

Lent may be the traditional time to practice self-denial, but it doesn't have to be the only time. You can practice saying no to your sweet tooth or the urge to buy one more thing on eBay. You can choose to drink water as your only beverage for a few days. You can even skip a couple of meals one day to experience what it feels like to go to bed hungry.

By practicing self-denial once in a while, we learn self-discipline, an important virtue for Christians. Often learning how to say no to small temptations can be very helpful when we find ourselves facing larger ones.

FAMILY RESPONSE:

Decide as a household on something you can give up for the next week: candy, soda, potato chips. Have water at meals, or try fasting between lunch and dinner. Take the money you save and give it to the poor.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Giving up potato chips or chocolate can take a great amount of willpower. Giving up complaining about your boss, work or mother-in-law can take even more. Who



or what is your favourite topic of complaint? Write it down, and then see if you can get through the next two weeks without mentioning it to anyone else.

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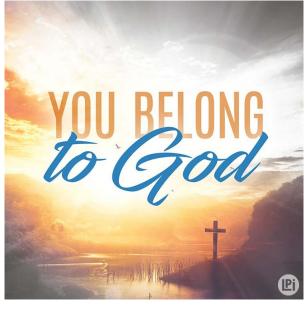
WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus' temptation in the desert. Jesus was tempted with three things: satisfying the flesh by breaking his fast and eating the bread; becoming instantly famous by performing a super-hero act; and seizing power by making a pact with the devil. Jesus rejected all

three temptations. Your challenge this week is to examine your own life to determine the temptations which the devil is placing in front of you. What do you need to say no to? What are you tempted to do which would cause others' lives to be lessened if you indulged in it?

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

If you are looking for something to fast from this Lent, why not set yourself the challenge of fasting from buying anything new (except groceries and essential toiletries)? For six weeks vow to buy things second-hand, borrow, barter, trade, or do without. You may just discover that some things you thought were essential are not essential after all. You could also discover new channels for second-hand resources such as Freecycle or "Buy Nothing New" groups in your area that are committed to reducing the waste stream.



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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 the arrange receiving sacraments, contact Parish Office.

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

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Phoebe de Bree
Daughter of Adam & Kate
Mirabelle Volpe
Daughter of Paul & Alissa
Lucas Knight
Son of Nick & Cassie

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:

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

Memorials

Maria Monteleone

ANNIVERSARIES:

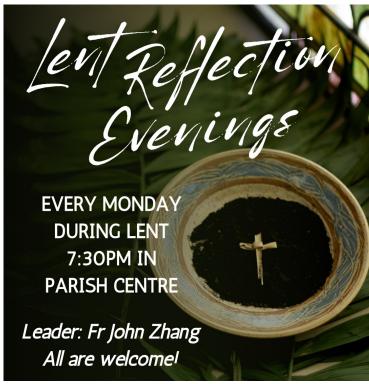
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PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES

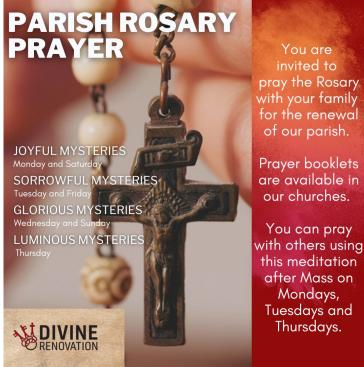


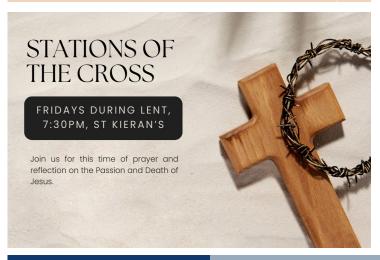




St Kieran's School Mass

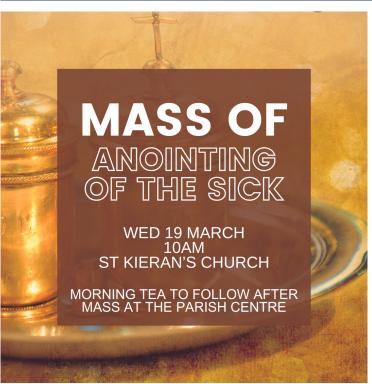
Sunday, 16 March, 5:00PM St Kieran's Church Join Kindy and Year One students and their families as they lead us in prayer and worship.

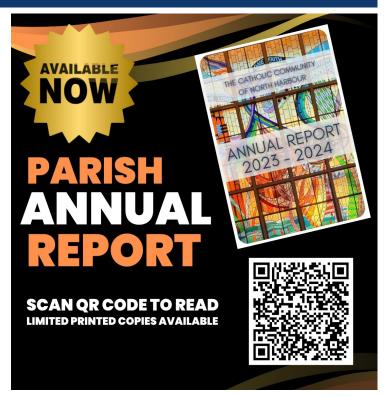


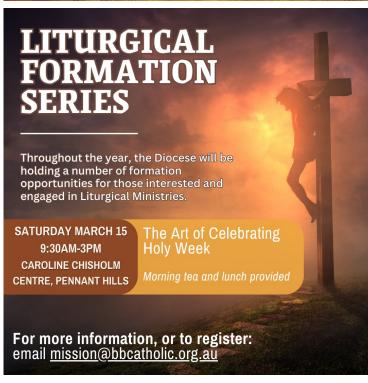




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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay Joyfully invites you to the

Ordination to the Priesthood of **Deacon Rosan Mathew**

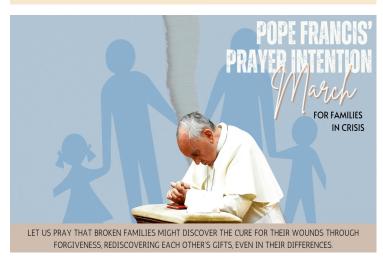
Solemnity of St Joseph, **Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7:30pm, Wednesday, 19 March 2025 Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Refreshments will follow at The Light of Christ Centre at the end of Yardley Avenue

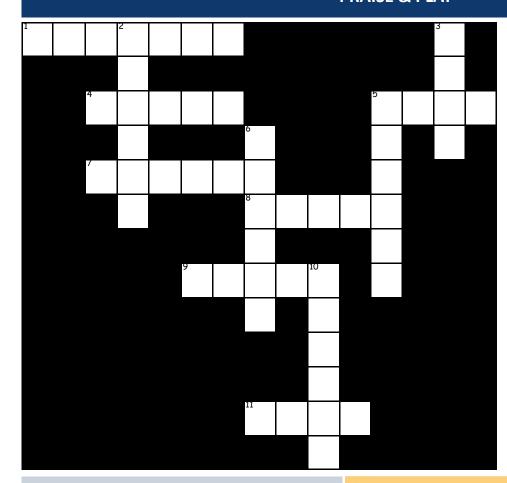
> **Please RSVP** events@bbcatholic.org.au







PRAISE & PLAY



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert.

ACROSS

- 1: praise and give thanks to God
- 4: the number of days Jesus was in the desert
- 5: the limbs attached to your shoulders
- 7: a special place of worship
- 8: to perform an act of service
- 9: food made from grains
- 11: feel pain, injury

DOWN

- 2: rocks
- 3: leap
- 5: God's special messengers
- 6: Jesus was _____ by the devil
- 10: a barren, sandy environment

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Sharing the Gospel

One night your parents tell you to go to bed. You do not want to go to bed, so you cry and stomp. You shout, "I won't go to bed." Then you feel badly because you pitched a fit. This is a good time to pray. Ask God to help you. He will give you the power to say, "Mom and dad, I am sorry. I will jump in bed right now."

Prayer

God, help me say, "Yes," to my parents.

Mission

Every morning I will pray that my family and I say, "No" to evil.

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Lord, see Your work in me, not my own. For if You see my own work, You condemn me; but if You see Yours, You crown me.

Commentary on 137, 18 - St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (16 MARCH 2025): 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

1st Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18 The Lord establishes a covenant with Abraham.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1 The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2ND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 *Our citizenship is in heaven.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the
Father's voice is heard: this is
my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

15 MAR, 5.30PM
ST KIERAN'S
Senior Server
Louise
Dandana

Readers
Val
John
Phillip
Music

Filipino Choir

Communion Min

Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

WelcomersVolunteers needed

16 MAR, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Michael
Readers
Andrew
Elsie

None

Communion Min
Volunteer needed

Powerpoint
Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

Music

16 MAR, 9AM ST CECILIA'S Senior Server Ian Readers Phil Sandra

Gai

Music
Conmen

Communion Min
Volunteer needed
Powerpoint
Volunteer needed
Welcomers

16 MAR, 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S Senior Server

Adrian **Readers** Cathie Dale

Caroline Ng

Communion Min

Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Music

Volunteer needed

Welcomers

Volunteers needed

16 MAR, 5PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server
Edelvine

Readers
Families/
Youth

Music Sam B

Communion MinVolunteer needed

PowerpointVolunteer needed

WelcomersVolunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9 MARCH

Volunteers needed

Mon 10 Mar: Monday of the 1st Week of Lent, Year 1
Tue 11 Mar: Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent, Year 1
Wed 12 Mar: Wednesday of he 1st Week of Lent, Year 1
Thu 13 Mar: Thursday of the 1st Week of Lent, Year 1
Fri 14 Mar: Friday of the 1st Week of Lent, Year 1
Sat 15 Mar: Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent, Year 1

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