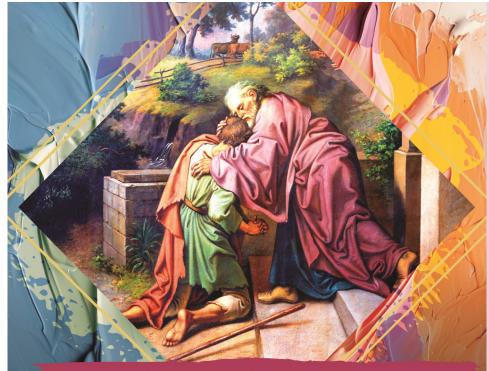


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# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:24a

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# **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. Joshua 5:9-12 The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt. **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** 

**1ST READING** 

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

> 2<sup>№</sup> **READING** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *All is new in Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18 Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

> **GOSPEL** Luke 15:1-3. 11-32 Parable of the prodigal son.

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.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

#### **Question:**

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

#### Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape! ©LPi

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

I know I affirmed my children when they were growing up, but I wish I had done it more often. In hindsight, I realize I got so caught up in the tremendous responsibilities of parenting that sometimes I missed what they needed most. Helping five youngsters grow up to be healthy—physically, emotionally and spiritually—is an awesome task. There were so many things to teach them and to protect them from. Too often, my conversations with them were not conversations at all; rather they were more like sermons with me preaching, teaching or warning against some danger or other.

One of the traits of a strong family is that its members affirm each other often. They congratulate one another on their achievements. They are quick to say "good job" or "well done." Even more important, they affirm each individual not just for what he or she does, but for who he or she is. It is our job as parents to model this love and affirmation, so our children learn to compliment each other and us, too.

We do this by offering gentle hugs and unequivocal compliments—words or actions that let our toddler or teen or young adult know they are loved no matter what. This does not mean we stop teaching or even preaching. It does mean we take care in what we say and how we say it. It also means we spend time each day listening to our children, affirming them and assuring them that they are loved. In short, we are asked to reflect God's unconditional love to our children.

Mirroring that love can be a difficult task if we do not first accept God's unconditional love for us. We need to remind ourselves that we, too, are God's children, loved with a love that is unearned and unending.

#### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have family members write or draw one or two things they most like in each of the other family members. Show what you have each written or drawn.

#### **PERSONAL RESPONSE:**

Do you find it difficult to believe that God loves you unconditionally? Why or why not? How can you bring yourself to trust more deeply in God's love?

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## WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

Sometime we become so enamoured with the Parable of the Prodigal Son that we forget the interaction that prompted its telling. Jesus told the iconic parable in response to being criticized by the Pharisees and scribes for welcoming and eating with sinners. Who is welcome in your

home? With whom are you willing to dine? The challenge this week is to spend some leisure time with someone who has made some serious mistakes and may even have a bad reputation. Can you offer the compassionate presence of Christ to this person and discern the goodness that lies beneath the surface of this person's life?

#### **CARE FOR CREATION TIPS**

"On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year." —Joshua 5:11-12

# THE WAYWARD JOURNEY



Once the ancient Israelites were a free people in their own land, they could feed themselves from what they grew. This week, like the Israelites, consider where your food comes from. Do you buy produce shipped from thousands of miles away when there are farmer's markets within a few miles of you? Has it traveled long distances to be processed and packaged? Make a commitment to switch your buying power to more local, in-season foods so as to support the farmers in your region, even if you start small.

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# PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the Eucharist, sacraments of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to parishioners who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to receiving arrange the sacraments, contact Parish Office.

# SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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

**BUSINESS HOURS:** PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

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#### **Baptism Preparation Couse dates 2025**

April 6 June 1 August 3 October 5 December 7 If you are interested in attending, kindly contact the parish office to register your attendance ph 9949 4455

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Odette James, Peter and Jan Van de Velde, Joyce Arnold, Cecilia Yeung, Erroll Abbott, Greg Hyde

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Mark Hansen, Maria Hatch, Wendy Shields, Catherine Robertson

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Cosimo & Antonia Maiolo, Antonio Gelonesi, Joseph Bruzzano, John Moscrop

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

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## **PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES**

DID YOU KNOW?

THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY. Your kindness can help single mothers like Irene gain valuable skills to support her family.

COMPASSION

HAPPENING NEXT WEEKEND

School Mass

5:00PM, Saturday, 5 April St Cecilia's Church Join St Cecilia's school students and their families as they lead us through prayer and worship.



If you have palm branches or fronds you can donate to the church, please bring them to the parish office on **Friday, 11 April.** If they are pre-cut, that would be very helpful!

Thank you!

Reflection Evenings

EVERY MONDAY DURING LENT 7:30PM IN PARISH CENTRE

> Leader: Fr John Zhang All are welcome!

# 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.

## PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS AND NOTICES



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MASS

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Celebration of the Blessing of the Oils &



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EASTER TRIDUUM AT NORTH HARBOUR PARISH

## HOLY THURSDAY (APRIL 17)

7:30PM: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH) FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND NIGHT PRAYER AT 10:00PM.

### GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 18)

9:00AM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (TANIA PARK, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS IN THE EVENT OF WET WEATHER, STATIONS WILL BE HELD AT ST KIERAN'S CHURCH

2:00PM: RECONCILIATION (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH)

3:00PM: PASSION OF THE LORD (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH) 3:00PM: PASSION OF THE LORD (ST CECILIA'S CHURCH)

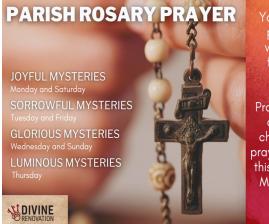
#### HOLY SATURDAY (APRIL 19)

8:30AM: MORNING PRAYER (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH) 5:00PM: RECONCILIATION (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH) 7:00PM: EASTER VIGIL (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH)

#### EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 20)

7:30AM: MASS (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH 9:00AM: MASS (ST CECILIA'S CHURCH) 9:30AM: MASS (ST KIERAN'S CHURCH)





You are invited to pray the Rosary with your family for the renewal of our parish.

Prayer booklets are available in our churches. You can pray with others using this meditation after Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and \_\_\_\_\_ Thursdays.

# SCHOOL NEWS | PRAISE & PLAY



# ST KIERAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a busy few weeks at the school, with lots of activities! The children took part in the school cross country – it was a fantastic day filled with energy, determination and school spirit. Last week Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to Vaucluse House – to learn about history through play. We also celebrated St Patricks Day with a touch of green and Harmony Day with a touch of Orange. We wrap up our successful playgroup for Term 1 and look forward to welcoming all families to our Playgroup in Term 2.

### Sharing the Gospel

Imagine that your father gave you and your brother \$10. You saved yours. But when it was time to put the money in the bank, your brother told your father, "I'm sorry. I wasted my money on candy bars." Your father forgave him and gave him another \$10. You felt hurt and asked him why. He said, "I love you both. Your brother has learned his lesson. I am happy."

#### Prayer

Lord, help me take good care of my money and my soul.

#### Mission

I will save a quarter, spend a quarter, and share a quarter.

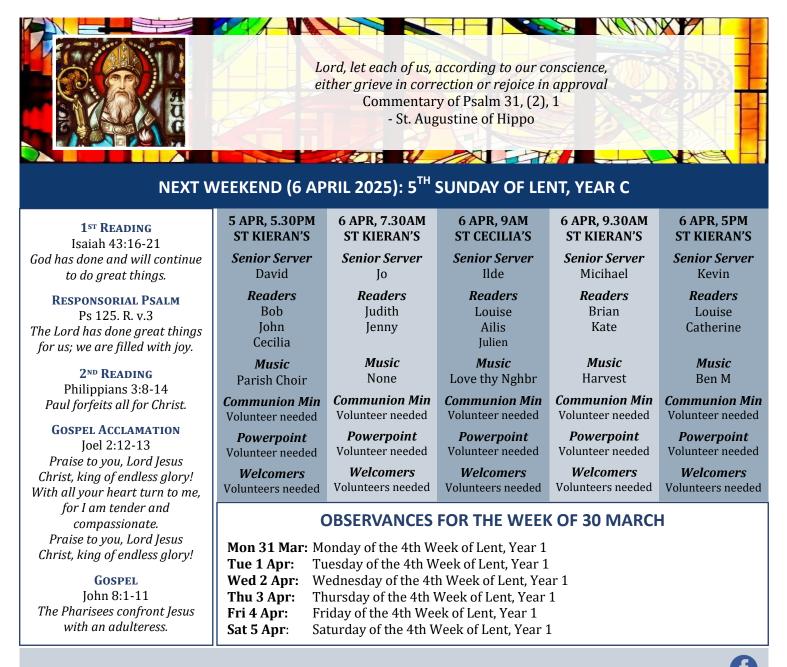
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# Promoting a safer / hurc/

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 Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





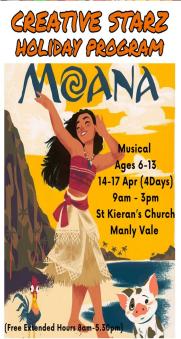
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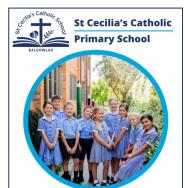
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