

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

NORTH HARBOUR

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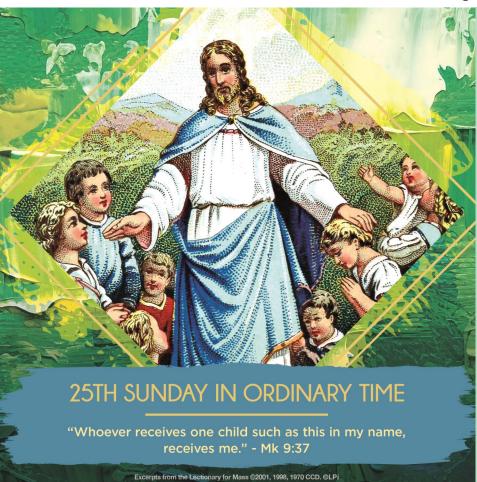
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Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



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1ST READING

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 The wicked put God to the test.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6 The Lord upholds my life.

2ND READING

James 3:16 – 4:3 Wisdom versus jealousy and strife.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37 Jesus teaches that to rank first, disciples must serve all.

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:

There seems to be a lot of division in some Christian churches over moral issues, especially abortion, ordination, and end-of-life care. If all Christians follow the Gospel of Jesus, why is there such a difference of opinion?

Answer:

There is always a struggle between culture and religion, and part of that struggle is politics. To be politically correct means that you must embrace the secular virtue of the moment so that you are "enlightened," "sensitive," "aware," and, most importantly, "open-minded."

Unfortunately, common sense can be sacrificed in the race to be "PC." Some factions within Christian denominations have tried to redefine tradition, history, and biblical teaching to bend it around the politically correct religious thinking of the day. On the life issues that you mention, there are those who began with their own conclusions and have tried to bend theology around their conclusions. This is possible in part because of a lack of a central teaching authority and partly because society has become apathetic to these issues. It will result in a lot of division, factions, and schisms. The Gospel calls all believers to embrace the truth, to turn from sin, and to seek holiness and justice. No matter how hard some may try, a square peg will not fit a round hole. The camel cannot fit through the eye of the needle. ©LPi



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

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

Jesus is frustrated with his apostles. He is trying to talk to them about important things and they are concerned about who of them is the greatest. They want to know who is first in Jesus' eyes. Jesus responds to them by telling them he measures a person's greatness by how much concern they have for others—especially their concern over those who are considered unimportant.

Sounds like a family story to me. I think the words, "Me, me, me" or "Me first," must resound at some time or another in every family kitchen and backyard. The world could stop revolving around the sun and the stars could fall from the heavens and some youngster somewhere would be upset that they are not the centre of attention

This is what being a child is like. The littler they are the more dependent they are on others, and the more they need to make sure they are not forgotten. Sometimes it seems that little ones need to be constantly recognized—constantly reassured they are first in your life. As parents, we are expected to patiently answer our toddler's "Me, me, me" with a reassuring smile and pat. Gradually and gently, as they grow older, we begin to teach them to put others, younger, more vulnerable than themselves, first.

In this Gospel Jesus tells us, "Whoever welcomes one child such as this in my name welcomes me." This is good to remember when traveling in a car for several hours with more than one preschooler screaming, "Me," "Mine" or "Me first."

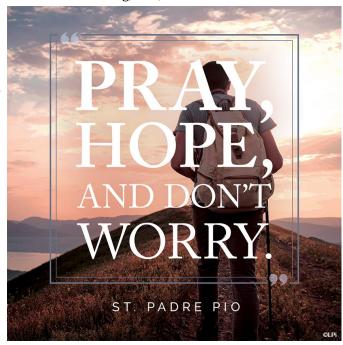
FAMILY RESPONSE:

Ask each family member to name one thing they like best about each of the other family members. If your family is small name two things. You are not allowed to repeat what someone else has said.

PERSONAL RESPONSE:

Write down what you like most about each of the people in your family. Write down what you like best about yourself.

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WEEKLY SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGES

St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day is September 27. This saint once wrote, "I am for God and the poor." In mid-life, Vincent underwent a transformation which caused him to dedicate the rest of his life to those in need. He taught his followers that we encounter Christ in the needs of our poor points hours, stating that "The poor are your masters and you are

our poor neighbours, stating that "The poor are your masters and you are their servants." Your challenge this week is to interview someone in poverty and let them tell you what they most need. You might consider serving at a soup kitchen or shelter to find your "master", the person to whom you are going to listen. Then really do listen—with your heart as well as your head—to this person's wisdom and experience. Try your best to do what he/she recommends to help the poor get out of their situation.

CARE FOR CREATION TIPS

"You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts." –James 4:2.

We may not personally be committing murder or engaging in disputes and conflicts, but in our society's unbridled thirst for oil, red meat, paper products, fresh water, and plastic, we are supporting policies and practices that lead to the death of people and/or their lifestyles in the Middle East, the Amazon river basin, great northern forests, the Gulf of Mexico, etc. as companies plunder their natural resources. This week, change one of your purchasing habits, for example, to support recycled toilet paper, products with less packaging, food grown using less water (beans instead of meat), or less fuel to transport it from a distance.

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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.

SICK CALLS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS

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

BUSINESS HOURS: PARISH OFFICE—9949 4455

AFTER HOURS: (Evenings & Weekends) 0490 898 464



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE 2024 Dates

October 6 and November 3
Please contact Parish Office to register

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK:

Cecilia Yeung, Geoff Richardson, Greg Hyde, Yvonne Taylor, Erroll Abbott, Pat Cooper

RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Colwell, Pat Smith

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vincenzo Mandile, Giuseppina Parisi

Our community would love to pray for you.

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Sharing the Gospel

God smiles when you help others. Take water to the thirsty. Donate your old clothes to the needy. Comfort those who are crying. Give one of your toys to a child with no toys. Share your favourite blanket with a child who is cold. If you spend your life helping others, God will take your hand and say, "Come, my child. Live with me in heaven forever."

Prayer

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Lord, fill my heart with love to help others, even when I would rather play a game.

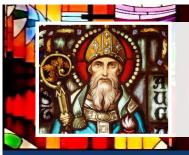
Mission

Every day I will ask my parents, "Do you need any help?"

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Lord, hear me and have mercy. Lord, my God, You are the light of the blind and the strength of the weak, as well as the light of the sighted and the strength of the powerful. Attend to my soul, and hear the one crying from the depths.

Confessions 11, 2 - St. Augustine of Hippo

NEXT WEEKEND (29 SEPTEMBER): 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

1st Reading

Numbers 11:25-29 The Lord bestows his spirit on seventy elders.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14, R. v.9 The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2ND READING

James 5:1-6 Harsh words for those who exploit others.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 17:17 Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48 If they are not against us, they are for us.

ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server LOUISE

Readers BOB Volunteer needed

> Music Parish Choir

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed

28 SEPT, 5.30PM 29 SEPT, 7.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server **ANNA**

> Readers TIM LEA

> > Music

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed 29 SEPT, 9AM ST CECILIA'S

Senior Server Antionette/Ilde

Readers Volunteers needed

> Music CONMEN

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint Volunteer needed

Welcomers **IULIEN**

29 SEPT. 9.30AM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server **CATHERINE**

> Readers **TERRY BRIAN**

Music No Choir AUDIO

Communion Min

Volunteer needed **Powerpoint** Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed 29 SEPT, 5PM ST KIERAN'S

Senior Server

MARISA

Readers **CECILIA** CELESTINE

Music

No Choir AUDIO

Communion Min Volunteer needed

Powerpoint

Volunteer needed

Welcomers Volunteers needed

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 22 SEPTEMBER

Mon 23 Sept: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest

Tue 24 Sept: Tuesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II Wed 25 Sept: Wednesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II Thu 26 Sept: Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

Fri 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul, priest

Sat 28 Sept: Bl Peter de Zuñiga, Thomas of St Augustine, Lorenzo Ruiz & companions

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