GOSPEL SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Healing in its rays

This Gospel uses language known as ‘apocalyptic’, commonly used in this period, to describe the end of time. The language is symbolic and should not be read literally. Ultimately, this text is designed to give faith and hope to those who were suffering persecution. God will protect and sustain them.

**Readings for next week**

24th November:

- 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- Colossians 1:12-20

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

This weekend, a parish Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in both churches especially for all those families who have lost a family member, relative or close friend during these past 12 months, but also for anyone else who has lost loved ones. The purpose of this Mass is to honour the memory of those who have died and to bring a sense of inner peace and to offer support to those who have been bereaved.

Two masses will be celebrated on Sunday 17 Nov.

- 9.00am at St. Cecilia’s Church and
- 9.30am at St. Kieran’s Church.

“May our farewell express our affection for our loved ones; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet them again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of his kingdom. Therefore let us console one another in the faith of Jesus Christ.”

**Donate to Typhoon Haiyan appeal by going to www.caritas.org.au**

Caritas Australia has now committed $1,000,000 to support the international Caritas network’s multi-million dollar pledge to help communities affected by this devastating crisis with emergency aid and longer term relief.

**Many parishioners will be relieved to hear the news from Sr Josie that she and her family are in no immediate danger following the recent typhoon in the Philippines and she thanks all for their concern.**

**“I wish to express my closeness to the people of the Philippines and of that region. Unfortunately there are many victims and the damage is enormous. We pray now in silence...for our brothers and sisters and we will seek to also send concrete help”**

**Pope Francis**
Mary MacKillop Chapel Centenary Mass 8/12/2013

10am—an open air Mass will be celebrated on Glenroy Green, Mary MacKillop Place, Nth Sydney, to commemorate the centenary of the first Mass in the Chapel in 1913. All welcome.

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre
247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, 2566 (near Campbelltown)
Retreat—Christ’s Coming in Grace—December 13-15  Cost $220  Bookings phone 8795 3400
Retreat: - “God’s Mercy Above Justice”-29 November to 1 December 2013  Cost $170 1 night, 270 2 nights
Bookings:  0468871810 or 96039702 email: divinemercylife@hotmail.com

From St. Augustine:
Lord, with Your help we have done what You commanded.
Reward us as You promised.
Sermon 31,6

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
‘You will have a moment to testify’  Luke 21: 13
At school:  When did I last say, ‘that’s not the right thing to do!’
At work or study:  When did I last speak out for fairness, forgiveness, self-giving?
In my family life:  Do our neighbours know we value our Christian faith?

Words for this week.  Repeat frequently with love.
Jesus, you are the hope of the world... and so we witness to you’

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 12TH NOVEMBER
The Parish Council convened for the last time this year at the parish centre last Tuesday evening. The council considered further the need to address the situation of state school catechetics in our area and the need to recruit further catechists. Will Camphin was complimented on his parish presentation on the use of ‘Social Media’ and plans for the coming Seasons of Advent and Christmas were discussed.

The major item of the evening was the tabling of a draft of the Parish Pastoral Plan for 2014-2016 following the work of a council subcommittee. As the document is finalised it will be presented to the parish early in the new year.

Updates on other matters which included the good news of the approval of our development application for the renovations at St. Kieran’s were also received. The position of pastoral associate remains vacant and discussions continue as to the best way to proceed.
Child Protection and Work Health Safety issues were routinely discussed and an update on current diocesan protocols regarding Working With Children was provided. The Parish Council will be in recess until February 2014.
A TIME TO REMEMBER AND REFLECT
The week began with the annual commemoration of Remembrance Day for our fallen soldiers and concludes this weekend with Remembrance Masses for the deceased members of all our parish families, in particular those who have been bereaved in the past twelve months.

In the interim we have again been reminded of the precariousness of human life as we saw the effects of the devastating typhoon wreak havoc and the plight of refugees around the globe from Syria to our own borders.

Our thoughts turn to those we know personally in the Philippines, Sr. Josie and the Augustinian Sisters as well as our seminarians at Brookvale and their families. We await further news of their families and friends.

Sadness came too to our own Fr. Senan Ward, currently on sabbatical leave overseas, with the news of the death of his mother, Agnes Ward in County Cork, Ireland. I have extended our condolences to Fr. Senan and his family on behalf of the parish community and assured them of our prayers on this occasion.

The final weeks of the liturgical year before Advent and the start of a new year traditionally are sombre as well as comforting, and invite us to reflect on the deepest mysteries of life, death and the passage of faith’s journey towards eternity. As we celebrate our Remembrance Masses this weekend may the prayers and sentiments of the season restore hope and renew our faith.

Truth, Justice and Healing Council
Brochures regarding the Catholic Church’s response to the Royal Commission are available at the church entrances or downloadable from the website.

A donation envelope for the second Charitable Works Fund (CWF) collection for this financial year should be attached to this bulletin, if not envelopes are always available in the Church foyer. The CWF is a centralised fund for the support of charitable and pastoral activities of the Diocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. The funds are raised by bequests, public donations and parish quotas. There are three CWF collections in the parish each year to enable us to raise funds towards our quota. Donations to the CWF are fully tax deductible. The money raised by the CWF is used to support many charitable organisations in the Diocese including the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St Lucy’s School, St Edmond’s School, Ephphata Centre and Catholic Care Broken Bay.

Attention Volunteer Readers at Masses:
New ‘Break Open the Word’ books for 2014 are now available for collection from the sacristy at both churches. Please remember to return your 2013 copy.

Positive thinking isn’t about expecting the best to happen every time, but accepting that whatever happens is the best for this moment.

Bishop David Walker Retires
The Holy Father Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop David Louis Walker of Broken Bay. The Bishop turned 75 on 13 November and his resignation became effective the following day.
Fr. Vince Casey will act as Diocesan Administrator until the appointment of a new bishop. We thank Bishop David for his service to the diocese and pray the Spirit will guide the selection of his successor.

Understanding Dementia Let’s help end the confusion—join us for a free ‘Understanding Dementia’ workshop.
21st November, 2013
6.30-8.30pm
Belrose Bowling Club
146 Forest Way, Belrose.
Light supper provided. Bookings are essential—9487 6300 or visit www.guardianfunerals.com.au

Family Synod Consultation - Pope Francis wants to hear your views
A quick survey on the Broken Bay Diocesan website invites you to help the Church develop concrete proposals for a Family Synod in 2015 which in turn will produce specific guidance on the pastoral care of the family for our times. To read more go to the website www.dbb.org.au
To go directly to the short survey click on the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySurvey2014
NOVEMBER
18 Dedication of Basilicas of Peter & Paul
21 The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Cecilia
23 Clement I
25 Catherine of Alexandria
27 Friends of St Augustine
30 Andrew
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St Kieran’s 2014 Kindergarten Blessing Mass
02 Youth Music Ministry 0411809072
03 John Damascene
04 Catechist Mass and Luncheon
06 Nicholas
07 Ambrose
08 St Cecilia’s 2014 Kindergarten Blessing Mass

Sisters of St. Joseph urgently require UNCUT-USED STAMPS. These stamps are trimmed, sorted and sold—the proceeds going to Sisters Mission in Peru. If anyone has a business or access to large numbers of stamps please contact Carmel 9938 1103 to arrange for collection.

1300 PRIEST
The 1300 PRIEST phone number will be answered 24-hours, seven days a week.
Weekdays - the phone number will be answered by staff in the Diocese of Broken Bay’s office from 9am – 5pm.
After hours - the phone number will be answered by Pastoral Care Practitioners associated with the major hospitals in the Diocese.

1300 PRIEST will put you in contact with a local Catholic Priest in times of need. If there is illness or death in the family, and you need a priest urgently, call 1300 PRIEST

Legion of Mary
10.30am Meeting every Monday at St. Cecilia’s Church
1.00pm: Rosary every Wednesday at St. Cecilia’s Church during school term.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR PERSONNEL
Office (Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm) 9949 4455

PASTORS
Fr Brian Buckley, OSA Parish Priest
Fr Senan Ward OSA Assistant Priest
Fr. Dipi Kattathara OSA Assistant Priest
Fr Pat Fahey OSA (retired)

Pastoral Ministers (contacted through Parish Office 9949 4455)
Ricki Hayes Sacraments of Initiation and Pastoral Associate
Rosemary McKinnon Counsellor 0400 495 076
Ben Marshall Youth Music Ministry 0411 809 072
Nic Osborne Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

School Principals:
Suellen Garey 9948 3069 St Cecilia’s
Terri Paterson 9949 3523 St Kieran’s
Tim Cleary 9938 8200 St. Augustine’s

Administration:
Chris Burrows Parish Manager
Anne Ross Parish Secretary
Cath Hillier Parish Secretary

WE PRAY
Come to me! I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Recent Prayer Requests: Rosalyn Bott, Keith Kettell,
John Killick, Grahame Wilson, Stephen Ward,
John Morrisey, Madeleine Pace, Fr Pat Fahey,
Maria Kogovsek, Colin Rowntree, Michelle Ritossi,
W. John Kupczyk, Jim Smyth, Kevin Smith, Eddie Sharp, Jack Homan,
Louise Allara, Sean Bellenger, Henry and Flavio Cataldo,
Kathleen Bunting, Phil Ristuccia, Dorothy Smith, Simone Young,
Leo Sensink, Thrisr Oliverra, Ian Houston.
Jarred Timm, Arthur Murphy, Eddie Robinson, Chris McAluliffe

(The families of those above thank parishioners for their prayers)

For our recently deceased: Kevin Lee, Agnes Ward,
James Patrick Murphy, William Sutcliffe, Stan Hickie, Linda Tanner

On their anniversaries for: Antonio & Giuseppa Monteolene,
John Mangraviti, Colin Filocamo, Ersilia & Italo Tassone,
Frank & Emolina Simonetta

Next Week’s Liturgy Roster 4th Sunday
Please swap with someone else if you can’t make it

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MASS TIME     St Cecilia      St Kieran
SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00pm
SUNDAY
9.00am       6.00pm
7.30am       9.30am
8.30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat
10.00am Wednesday
St Cecilia 9.00am Wednesday

WEEKDAY MASS  St Kieran
8.30am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat
St Kieran 10.00am Wednesday

RECONCILIATION  St Kieran
5 – 6pm Saturday (or by appointment)

BAPTISMS
Bookings essential and Preparation course required.
St Cecilia 10.30am Sun or
9.00am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month
St Kieran 11.30am Sun or
9.30am Mass on 1st Sundays of the month

MARRIAGES
Require 6 months notice and includes Catholic Care course as part of the preparation.