

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

31 May 2020



My dear Parishioners,

“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.” (Jn 20:21)

After Pentecost, the Apostles were never again the same. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and given the gift of speech. As they spoke, their listeners – many of whom were foreigners – could hear and understand them in their own languages. The Apostles now acted as members of a united and committed community. At Pentecost, the Church became manifest in the world for the first time. It became obvious that God was working powerfully through the Church. At Pentecost, the Church earnestly began its mission to the whole world. This mission centres on preaching about the saving name of Jesus and about the wonders of God. The feast of Pentecost celebrates a promise realised. It acknowledges that the Holy Spirit is at the heart of the Church’s life.

The Feast of Pentecost is a wonderful celebration of the missionary Church. As we continue to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us reflect on our personal missionary efforts in our homes, places of worship, schools and workplaces. How are we to live the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in our lives and leading us to make the urgency of the Gospel message of salvation a reality for everyone we meet?

St. John Henry Newman’s favourite little prayer,

*“Come Holy Spirit:
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. AMEN.”*

With prayerful wishes...

Fr Peter D.

NSW Government COVID-19 Restrictions from 1 June 2020
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29/5/2020: Premier Gladys Berejiklian said from Monday 1 June 2020, up to 20 people can attend weddings, 50 at funerals and 50 at places of worship, subject to the four-square metre rule. People attending a place of public worship will be required to provide their name and contact details when they enter so that they can be used for contact tracing.

Stay safe

As our community becomes more active and gets back to business, it's important that we:

- follow the NSW rules for gatherings that apply to individuals and businesses
- maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres from others
- practise good hand hygiene
- stay active and healthy
- take extra care if you're around vulnerable people
- get tested if you have any symptoms, even if they are only mild
- stay home until you get the test result or are medically cleared.

Private Prayer

Our Cathedral Chapel was reopened on Saturday 16 May for private prayer. **It is necessary for everyone who enters the chapel to record their visit on the sheet provided. Failure to do so, will mean we need to close the Chapel.** Please maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres from others and ensure you have washed your hands before you enter the chapel.

Mass Schedule from Monday 1st to Saturday 6th June 2020 at OLOR Cathedral only:

Monday:	7.00am
Tuesday to Friday:	7.00am and 9.30am
Saturday:	7.00am

Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule commencing Saturday Vigil 6th June 2020:

	OLOR	QOP
Saturday	5pm Vigil	5.30pm Vigil
Sunday	9.30am 11am 6pm	8am

Temporary Weekday Mass Schedule commencing Monday 8th June 2020:

	OLOR	QOP
Monday	7am	-
Tuesday	7am	8.45am
Wednesday	7am & 9.30am	-
Thursday	7am	8.45am
Friday	7am	8.45am
Saturday	7am	7am

Booking procedure to attend Mass:

- **The day before** (or Friday for Sat-Mon Masses), call the office to secure your space and register your details.
- Call between 9.45am and 12 midday: 8379 1700.
- Bookings via recorded messages (voicemail) or emails cannot be accepted.
- Calls cannot be taken on the day to attend Mass that day.
- Arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass.
- Unfortunately, walk-ins cannot be accepted.
- **If you are unwell (even with the mildest symptoms) or with pre-existing health conditions, please stay at home.**

Live streaming will continue from the Cathedral for both Sunday and weekday Masses.

Volunteers

We call for volunteers from those attending Mass to assist with the deep cleaning required after each Mass. Please consider assisting us in this important way so that we might respect the rules for health and safety and keep the chapel open for Mass, and advise the office if you are able to help.

Due to current restrictions, there can be no social gatherings at the Cathedral and QOP precincts.

Thank you for your prayer and understanding.

Peace in Christ
Fr Peter

Parish Finance Report

Greetings from your Parish Finance Team and we trust that though these difficult times that everyone is remaining safe and well. We would like to say thank to everyone for their continued support of the Parish in so many ways and for looking wide to help each other through this crisis.

As a note, planned giving envelopes can be dropped in or sent to the Parish office, or alternatively you can switch to credit card or direct debit. You can also do one-off payments via the Parish website or <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/hornsbyparish>
Select the biller-code from the drop box menu - "1002518 Planned Giving".

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL 2020

Whilst we acknowledge the difficulties many of us personally face, it is often worth reflecting on how others are doing. As we move into the final collection for the Charitable Works Fund for 2020, I ask you to reflect on the needs of others. Your assistance with raising the remainder of our Parish quota of \$29,334 will be assisting others who are in need. Donations to the CWF are distributed to five charities that directly support the people in our Diocese.

1. CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program
2. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
3. St Lucy's School
4. St Edmund's College
5. The Ephpheta Centre

To watch a video and get more information on the charities the CWF appeal supports, visit the website - <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Remember all donations to the CWF Appeal are 100% tax deductible. Ways to contribute are:

1. Use the CWF donation envelope for **cash or credit card donations**. Envelopes can be returned to the Parish Office.
2. Pay via Online:
 - a. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/hornsbyparish>
Use the biller-code - "1004933 Charitable Works Fund" and follow the prompts entering the information.
 - b. <https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

The CWF appeal is your chance to make a difference to many people.

Wes Leverton
Chair, Parish Finance Committee

Our Congratulations and blessings to *Laurie & Ann G* on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary, and *Alvaro and Aureen M* on their 45th Wedding Anniversary. May the goodness of the Lord surround you and your families and thank you for what you generously do for our community. It's a special blessing for us all.

Parish Keys QOP and OLOR: We are doing an audit of all parish keys. Could you please return your keys to the parish office during office hours (9am to 4.20pm Monday-Friday). Keys will be redistributed after the audit is complete.

Month of June: Traditionally has been a month dedicated to praying to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our homes and communities. May I request you in your families to do the same, and entrust our intentions of our Families, Communities and Nation into the care of Jesus who embraces us all in love.

Monday 1 June 2020: This year celebrates the Feast of the Patroness of Our Diocese "Mary Star of the Sea", through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we pray for our Bishop, Our Priests, Deacons and the faithful of our Diocese that we may be embraced with Her Maternal care.

Friday 5 June 2020: First Friday of the Month; after the 9.30am Mass at the Cathedral, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right up to 10.00pm. The hour from 7-8pm will be dedicated for Vocations. You are welcome to join and spend time in deep personal encounter with the Lord.

Sunday 7 June 2020: Celebration of Admission to Candidacy for Sacred Orders for Roger Delmonte at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Thanks to the generosity of three Parishioners, who contributed towards a new vacuum cleaner for the Cathedral. Your generosity means a lot to us, we are grateful for the same, and pray for many blessings upon you all and your families. A big thank you to you all.

Please remember in your prayers, those who are sick, and have died recently and whose anniversaries occur during this time. May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

SVdP Winter Appeal Waitara Conference, drive-through collection will be held 27-28 June 2020 on the basketball courts on the Cathedral precinct. More details to follow.