

## HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

7 June 2020



My dear Parishioners,

A warm welcome back! From the 1st of June, we have been able to welcome you face to face for our worship, and more so for the Eucharist. It has been a great experience once again to see familiar faces in the pews. Thank you for those who are making the efforts to be with us and join in prayer, and also the many who still love to continue in worship with us through live streaming.

In the light of the feast of the Trinity this weekend, there are a number of thoughts that have been crossing through my mind. The more deeper I enter into the mystery of the Trinity, the more communitarian dimension is drawn out of it, and the reality is that, our faith is personal yet communitarian. All this make us realise that we are indebted to a God who loves and cares for us individually and collectively.

Hence the Most Holy Trinity is the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as a faith community. Scripture assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God. How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p.211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues, "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "God is he who made us." For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen. <https://www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie/2020/06/07-june-2020-sunday-of-the-most-holy-trinity/>

The Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. Our lives should be a reflection of the Trinity.

Prayerful blessings...

Fr Peter D.

**Temporary Weekend Mass Schedule:**

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

**Temporary Weekday Mass Schedule:**

	OLOR	QOP
Monday	7am	-
Tuesday	7am	8.45am
Wednesday	7am & 9.30am	-
Thursday	7am	8.45am
Friday	7am	8.45am
Saturday	7am	7.30am

Live streaming will continue from the Cathedral for both Sunday 9.30am and weekday Masses 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.**

**Congratulations, blessings and prayers** for Roger Delmonte on his Admission to Candidacy for Sacred Orders. May we continue to accompany him on his journey of faith and commitment.

**My Gratitude to those Parishioners** who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your generous service to the community. We still need many hands to continue the good work. Please feel free to support us.

**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.

**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.

**Private Prayer**

Our Cathedral Chapel is open 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.