

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

14 June 2020



"And by bidding the Apostles to do this in memory of Him, He made clear that He wanted it to be forever repeated. This intention of Christ was faithfully carried out by the primitive Church through her adherence to the teaching of the Apostles and through her gatherings to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice." St. Pope Paul VI.

My dear Parishioners,

In 6:51 Jesus said to the Jews: *"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."*

Corpus Christi celebrates the abiding presence of the loving God as Emmanuel – God-with-us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord living with us in the Eucharist. The feast gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of his "Real Presence," The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: "transubstantiation" which means that the substance of the offered bread and wine is changed by Consecration to the substance of the risen Jesus' glorified, Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents or appearances (like colour, shape, smell, taste etc.) remain the same.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering.

As a Sacrament:

- a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life, and
- b) as a meal it nourishes our souls.

As a sacrifice:

- a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection.
- b) We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the forgiveness of our sins, using signs and symbols.

The feast today highlights the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life, our faith that God becomes present in a real way in ordinary bread and wine – food for the journey of life in the bread, energy and joy for the journey of life in the wine.

With all good wishes...

Fr Peter D

"In an ever-changing world, the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, I am looking forward to restoring one of our old Monstrance that is in the Cathedral cupboard. It may cost a good bit, but with your generosity it may take shape, can we keep the conversation going.

Our annual Clergy Conference was up and about from the 9-11 June 2020. It was different from the usual, we gathered virtually.

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.

For live streaming: Even though we open up for big numbers in the coming days, live streaming will still continue from the Cathedral on Sunday 9.30am and weekday Masses 7am. We are looking for volunteers who will take up this task during the weekdays and weekends. If any of you are out there ready to help, please call the office.

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.

Laid to Rest: Mrs Patricia John last Tuesday 9 June 2020. Our prayerful support to the family and all her loved ones.

Funeral for Mrs Patricia Costello at Sacred Heart Church, Pymble on Tuesday 16 June 2020, at 10.30am. Our prayerful support to the family and all her loved ones.

Funeral for Mrs Betty Green will be at OLOR Cathedral on Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 11am. Our prayerful support to the family and all her loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Friday 19 June 2020: Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Masses for the day: 7.00am OLOR 8.45am QOP 9.30am OLOR School Mass

Mass Bookings for Weekday Masses (OLOR: Mon-Sat 7am, Wed 9.30am. QOP: Tue,Thu,Fri 8.45am, Sat 7.30am): You no longer need to call the office to book for weekday Masses. You are welcome to come BUT please DO come at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass, so that you can fill in the required details.

Mass Bookings for Weekend Masses:

Please call the parish office on Friday from 9.45am to 12.00pm to book in for the weekend Masses 8379 1700: Saturday Vigil: 5pm OLOR and 5.30pm QOP.

Sunday Masses: 8am QOP, 9.30am OLOR, 11am OLOR and 6pm OLOR.

- Arrive 15 minutes before the start of Mass.
- If you are unwell (even with the mildest symptoms) or with pre-existing health conditions, please stay at home.

Refugee Week – 14-20 June 2020. Theme – Celebrating the Year of Welcome

In 2020, we will be bringing you the first ever virtual Refugee Week! We are going online and virtual to educate, celebrate and encourage all Australians to participate. We're delighted to have joined forces with SBS Food Online for Refugee Week 2020 as part of our 'share a meal, share a story' initiative. You'll be able to watch and cook along with people from refugee backgrounds as they share delicious dishes from their home cuisines and tell us what that dish means to them. And that's not all – members of Australia's refugee communities are offering up their talents to help us bring you an exciting week of entertainment. Think creative arts, thought-provoking discussions, movies and more. Also for the first time in 2020, we'll be offering tailor-made resources for schools, workplaces and more. refugeeweek.org.au

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 is available here:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html>

SVdP Winter Appeal Waitara Conference, drive-through collection will be held 27-28 June 2020 on the basketball courts on the Cathedral precinct, 10am to 4pm. More details to follow.