

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

28 June 2020



My dear Parishioners,

"I will sing forever of your love, O Lord." (Psm 88) illustrates the fact that the psalmist has found God's word alive in the lives of people. It encourages me to continue to reflect on how God found a space in my life. I will inevitably return to the influence of a human agent. The Gospel's emphasis on hospitality is presented in the form of a strange equation: ***"He who welcomes you, welcomes me."***

Openness to life! The woman in the first reading was open to life; she welcomed the prophet into her home, was aware that he was a holy man of God, and set about facilitating his mission.

Hospitality of heart – In the Gospel, Jesus' words to His disciples and us to listen to His words addressed directly telling us how we are to open our lives to Him. Give Him pride of place over family and friends even to the point of bearing His cross. Our welcome is to be whole-hearted, "He who welcomes you, welcomes me." Nothing could be clearer. Christ is all around me. He is present in my home, at work, in those who pass me in the street. He is present in myself!

Our Blessed Mother is the model of Christian hospitality: she made a space in her heart for the Word just as she made a space in her womb for His body. She pondered His words in her heart so that gradually her whole life was filled with His presence.

In the Eucharist, we welcome Christ and are also welcomed by Him, strengthened for our journey. With his grace, we try to extend the same welcome to others whose lives touch our own.

With prayerful wishes...

Fr Peter D



Parishioners in Ministry: I wish to acknowledge with gratitude all those in Ministry. I thank those who come at various Masses and help us out in different roles. At the moment, we do not have any rosters going on except for the **9.30am Sunday Music Ministry**. We will continue to follow the music ministry roster until such time our videographers are ready to work out and execute complex issues. Those who are **instrumentalists** and would like to accompany for other Masses on the weekends, you are welcome. Please email Bella in the office for further guidelines. May I request our **Senior Servers**, you are welcome to assist in setting and clearing after Mass; the **readers** are welcome to meet us at the start of Mass but prepare the reading before you turn up both for weekdays and weekends; to our **junior servers** you are not forgotten; to all those involved in the **cleaning of the linen**, you are welcome to support us; **counters and wardens** too. **Please be aware that your Ministry is for the growth of our personal selves and that of our community.**

Live-streaming Ministry: With the installation of the cameras, and the facility available for use, we are looking for a group of personnel to be trained, I have received 6 names so far. Many more young at heart and mind can come forward. Please send the office with your request.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, I did mention to you all that I'm looking forward to restoring one of our old Monstrance that is in the Cathedral cupboard. It dates back to the 1900s, and homemade by W J Sanders & Company with all its ornate intricacies. It's worth good money today. To restore it to its original glory, does cost us **\$7,700/-** which includes GST but with your generosity, it may take shape, can we keep the conversation going. ***I acknowledge with gratitude those who have already mentioned their support and contributing for the same, thank you in advance.***

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.

We pray for all our Catechists going back in Term 3, to our local public schools.

Planned Giving Envelopes: To all those on our planned giving system, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude your generosity. Your contribution is a great help to the Mission of the Church and especially to our Community, within and beyond the Parish. I'm ever grateful for your ongoing support. This year, the new envelopes are delayed due to uncertainty of the situation. For your continued support, **may I request you to please if possible:**

1. Continue using a plain envelope with your number on the same, **until the envelopes arrive OR**
2. Switch over to a direct debit or credit card system through the Parish Office, ask our staff to help you out.

For our Non planned givers: your continued offering is a great support. Thank you for your generosity in your own way. May I request you to join our planned giving programme. It gives us a better understanding in terms of budgeting. Together we all make a difference, in various ways.

Donate to Charitable Works Fund before 30 June and claim a tax deduction when submitting your tax return for this financial year. Donations to the CWF can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf and will support our Parish quota when you select "Hornsby Cathedral".

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.

Parish Office timings: Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 4.20pm. Please try and avoid unnecessary visits to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

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Temporary Weekday Masses

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

You no longer need to call the office to book for weekday Masses.
You are welcome to come but please do arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass, so that you can fill in the required details.

Temporary Weekend Masses

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

Call the parish office on 8379 1700 on Friday from 9.45am to 12.00pm to book in for the weekend Masses.

- **Arrive at least 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.**