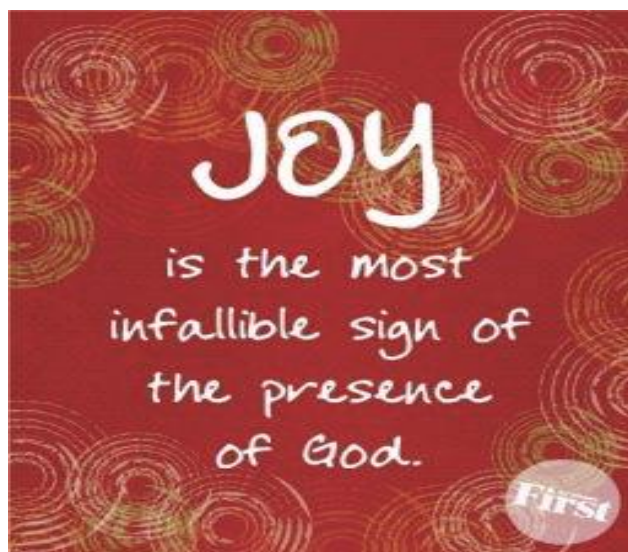




***Pope Francis's prayer intention for the month of July:
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.***



My dear Parishioners,

The Gospel of Mathew offers us three Invitations, in the name of Jesus.

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

This is directed toward all those who live their religion as a heavy burden. If they personally meet Jesus, they will learn to be alive, trusting in God as Father. They will discover an inner joy that they don't know yet. They will follow Jesus, not out of obligation, but out of attraction.

Shoulder my yoke; it is easy, and my burden is light.

Living in the presence of Jesus doesn't weigh anyone down. On the contrary, he frees up what's best in us, since he proposes that we live our lives making them more human, worthy and whole.

Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

We need to learn from Jesus how to live like him. Jesus doesn't complicate our life. He makes it clearer and simpler, humbler, more whole. He offers rest. He never puts onto his followers something that he hasn't lived himself. He invites us to follow him on the same path that he has walked.

Every day/weekend we gather because we have heard the Lord's invitation: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.' We rejoice that God in His generosity has given us this day of rest, this day of rejoicing, this day when we can just be happy and reflect on the wonder of the creation. We do need to reflect regularly on this and be 'thankful' to God for all his gifts – of which life is basic. That is why we Christians call on ourselves to stop regularly, relax and reflect on life and work and leisure, and to bless the Father for his goodness, and that is: The Eucharist.

With prayerful wishes for the week ahead,
Fr Peter D

Public Health Order – 1 July 2020 Update

My dear Parishioners,

With the new guidelines from the Public Health Order, I wish to share a few important thoughts:

What's new from 1 July 2020?

Under the Public Health Order (No 4) 2020, effective from 1 July 2020 the following restrictions have been revised:

- The number of people allowed inside indoor venues (including places of worship) will be determined by the 'one person per 4 square metre' rule, with no upper limit. All activity must be seated only.

What does this mean for places of worship?

- The number of people in a public place of worship must not exceed one person per 4 square metres. At the Cathedral we can hold 97 people at a time, and QOP Church 64 people.
- The calculation must be made by measuring the floor space of the areas open to the public. For our Churches, this means the sanctuary, sacristy, or other areas where people would not congregate are not included in the calculations.

Therefore, for the Cathedral and at QOP, we shall not take further bookings. You are welcome for any of the services. But please remember to come 15 minutes earlier so that you may sign in your name and telephone number. Remember it is our civic responsibility, and our Christian calling to care for one another, and to be charitable.

God Bless
Fr Peter D

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.

Meeting of Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

May I request all those in the above-mentioned ministry be present at the Cathedral on the Thursday 16th July 2020 at 7.00pm. It's important that all in the Ministry please join in the same. **RSVP to the Parish office.**

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 am ever grateful for your on-going 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 debits system, through the Parish, 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.

2019-2020 Tax receipts for Charitable Works Fund & Caritas (Project Compassion): If you wish for a printed copy or an email copy of the same, we are happy to support your request. Please call or email the parish office. Receipts for planned giving envelopes are also available. But please note only donations to Project Compassion & Charitable Works Fund are Tax Deductible.

Email: cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au

Phone: 8379 1700 (Monday-Friday 9am-4.20pm)

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.



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.***

The word **Monstrance** comes from the Latin word *monstrare*, while the word *ostensorium* came from the Latin word *ostendere*. Both terms, meaning "to show", are used for vessels intended for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (Wikipedia)

Congratulations and Blessings

to all our children and their families on completing the formation and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May you all experience the generosity and merciful love of our Lord, and his warm embrace. Thanks to Marie Gately and her band of helpers in all the preparation for the same. God Bless you all.



Term two holidays: Have a relaxing break, stay safe and healthy, and return with great passion for Term 3.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 5 July 2020

- Archbishop Pat O'Regan will celebrate a nationally live streamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at 11.30am EST. The link will be available at www.natsicc.org.au
- Along with Torres Strait Islander hymns and interactive activities, Youth Resources are also available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html>

Jubilee Prayer and Statement of Commitment

Father our Creator
You created all things, seen and unseen,
Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.
As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons,
Back to those days where my people walked.

The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth
and their images become real to me.
I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of long ago.
I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit moves within me.

They told me of the emus fighting; picking the scent of our hunters.
The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.

I can hear the cries of my Grandmothers as they cry for their children.
Grandfather, You can see me as I stand here and feel this hurt.

Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here?
Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once again the proud race it once was?
Let me walk with you and my Grandfathers towards the dawning of a proud and new nation.
I thank you for my Sacred Being.
Amen.

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Apostleship of the Sea Sunday (Sea Sunday) – 12 July 2020

The Annual Sea Sunday Appeal is to be held on Sunday, 12 July 2020.

On Sea Sunday, the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.
This year marks the centenary of the Apostleship of the Sea. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of seafarers working on cruise ships, risking exposure to the virus, prevented from returning home and caught in critical situations of isolation on sea vessels.

An annual appeal runs on this day to support this ministry. Further information can be found at:
<http://www.aos-australia.org/>