

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

2 August 2020



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August:
The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
among them sailors, fishermen and their families.**

My dear Parishioners,

The weekend's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), to which we will repeat...

"The Hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs,"

in praise of the maternal care of a loving and providing God. In the Gospel of Mathew (Mt 14:13-21), Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by his preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish. This miracle invites us to reflect on the Divinity of Jesus, in God the Father, and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd, and beyond that what have we brought from our persons to be multiple and shared. It is also a Messianic sign, presenting Jesus as the new Moses who fed the Israelites in the desert and the new Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2 Kings 42-44). The Eucharistic wordings used, "He raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing and breaking the loaves, He handed them to His disciples."

The miracle a prefiguring symbol of The Eucharist. Our discipleship is about witnessing, and in the witnessing is the invitation to ***"go and do likewise"***. ***It is a call to do as Jesus would do.***



With every prayer and blessing...

Fr Peter D

Please remember in your prayers, those who are sick, and have died recently and whose anniversaries occur during this time, **especially Fr Frank Vaughan on his birthday – 1 August.** 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.

31 July is the Anniversary of the Dedication of Queen of Peace Church. We remember with gratitude the founding Parish Priest, late Fr Frank Vaughan, the people who assisted him in breaking the ground, building the community and the church itself. We thank God for the blessings we have received over the years and we continue to pray that, as a faith community, we may grow deeper in the love of Christ through His Blessed Mother under the patronage of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

We pray for all our Catechists who have returned in Term 3, to our local public schools.

Calling on... but under COVID19 restrictions:

I do understand, and given the situation, we do not have Congregational Singing within the Community. Yes, it is true, so that we minimise the risk of spreading the virus. But there are ways without engaging the community in singing. We can make our worship meaningful and beautiful in our responsibility for one another and uplifting for a God experience. So therefore, can I ask instrumentalists who would like to offer their talent "that priced Pearl" to play at various Masses over the weekend, I personally am happy to help you out in this venture. Please come forward, and make no hesitation, remember as a **disciple gifted with that priced pearl, you are helping and touching someone on their journey of faith and being enriched yourself.** Fr Peter D

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.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have taken on board the live-streaming project, trained and practiced too. Some of you have moved from the **L-plates to Green & Red Ps.** Your generosity, and that of your family too, has been tremendous. It's a sign of You and Us journeying in faith together. I pray that together we continue to make a difference.

National Vocations awareness week: 2-9 August 2020.

"Lord of the Harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to answer your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things." Pope Francis

Friday 7 August: First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: will begin at 10am and end at 10pm at the Cathedral. **The hour from 7-8pm will be dedicated in praying for Vocations. All are welcome to join** with the Lord in silent, meditative and reflective prayer.

Saturday 8 August: Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop, this year is the **10th Anniversary of her canonisation.**

+The OLOR school children's Mass only will be celebrated on 7 August 2020. **Parishioners and families, please, try and refrain from joining in, for the same.**

+The Parish celebration will be on Saturday 8 August 2020 at 7.00am, with live telecast on YouTube. **Through the intercession of Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we pray that our Land and Country will continue to be blessed.**

Our Lady of the Rosary School Assistant Principal: We are pleased to announce that Clare Boland has been confirmed as permanent Assistant Principal at OLOR Primary School, effective from this week. We know that she will come to be a treasured member of the OLOR team. Congratulations Clare!

**Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Diocese of Broken Bay**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy.
In your mercy, guard and strengthen us
to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our Community of the Church
generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.
May they be zealous preachers of the Word;
faithful teachers of the Truth;
and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation;
open their minds to a lifetime of learning;
and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful,
and to you we offer glory,
in your holy Church, now and forever AMEN.

IMPRIMATUR:
+ Bishop Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay
24 June 2020

**"The Hand of God"
by Yongsung Kim**

