

**HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH**

*Letter from Fr Peter de Souza*

*9 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,

Reflecting on the theme of the readings this weekend, Christ is always with us Calming the storm and bringing peace, I thought I would share with you this poem, it expresses the poet's belief, in God's unseen presence.

*The Kingdom of God*

Francis Thompson (1859–1907)

***The Oxford Book of English Mystical Verse***

***Chosen by D. H. S. Nicholson and A. H. E. Lee***

O world invisible, we view thee,  
O world intangible, we touch thee,  
O world unknowable, we know thee,  
In apprehensible, we clutch thee!

Does the fish soar to find the ocean?  
The eagle plunge to find the air —  
That we ask of the stars in motion  
If they have rumour of thee there?

Not where the wheeling systems darken,  
And our benumbed conceiving soars!  
The drift of pinions, would we hearken,  
Beats at our own clay-shuttered doors.

The angels keep their ancient places; -  
Turn but a stone, and start a wing!  
'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,  
That miss the many- splendoured thing.

With all good wishes...

Fr Peter D



But when so sad thou canst not sadder  
Cry; — and upon thy so sore loss  
Shall shine the traffic of Jacob's ladder  
Pitched betwixt Heaven and Charing Cross.

Yea, in the night, my Soul, my daughter,  
Cry, — clinging Heaven by the hems;  
And lo, Christ walking on the water  
Not of Gennesareth, but Thames!

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**A warm Welcome:** to those who have joined the Faith through RCIA, and those who have completed their Sacraments of Initiation, as you join the Community of Faith, I welcome you with God's special grace and blessings. May He continue to be part and parcel of your commitment. Count on Him every day of your lives.

**A word of gratitude to our RCIA team and their sponsors,** for walking with you all through this journey, and sharing their personal faith storey, with you...Many blessings Upon them and You All.

***Our Congratulations and blessings to John and Margaret Courtney on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*** May the goodness of the Lord surround you and your family and thank you for what you generously do for our community. It's a special blessing for us all.

**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** 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.

**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***

**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**



**Saturday 8 August: Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, this year is the **10th Anniversary of her canonisation.** The Parish celebration will be this weekend, 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.***

**From OLOR Primary School Sacred Space ...  
Celebrating Mary of the Cross MacKillop**