

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza
23 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,

Mt 16:13-20: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" But you, "Who do you say I am?"

In Matthew and Mark, Jesus asked certain questions about his identity. He asked a question in two parts. The first part of the question: "What is the public opinion?" The Apostles' answer was, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." The second part of the question: "What is your personal opinion?"

For the first time in their relationship, Peter, speaking for the other disciples, declared publicly: "You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." Peter was the first Apostle to recognise Jesus publicly as the Anointed One. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour should become a living, personal experience for each of us. This means that we have to see Jesus as our Good Shepherd, our Saviour, and our Redeemer. He is our beloved Friend, who walks with us, loves us, forgives us, helps us, and transforms. 'Who do you say that I am?' is my personal answer to this question, it's my personal experience that I bring together in worship.



On our journey in faith...

God Bless.

Fr Peter D

My dear Parishioners,

I need to stress with the utmost urgency: ***If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have any flu-like symptoms you must cease work, stay home, isolate and get tested.*** This advice is paramount to those who are in contact with such a wide range of people in the course of their ministry. ***Please be hyper-vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms. These include: Fever (37.5°C or higher). Cough. Sore/scratchy throat. Shortness of breath. Loss of smell or loss of taste.***

If you have been in a COVID-19 hotspot cluster, immediately self-isolate until 14 days after you were last there and get tested even if you have no symptoms.

Let us be sure to look after one another with great care during these challenging times.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Peter de Souza

Place of Worship COVID-19 Safety Plan. We have been registered for the same, may request all those who part take in worship and use the Cathedral and Queen of Peace, please be mindful of our responsibility as a Community of faith responsible for the well-being, of one another. Failing to fulfil our duty and obligation, we are bound by a heavy penalty.

A warm Welcome: to those who were Baptised into the faith and welcomed into the community. As I welcome the little ones, may your families continue to be blessed. I welcome you all 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.

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.

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.

Tuesday 25 August – Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral (1991)

With gratitude we remember, all those hearts and hands, that have been instrumental in not only building a physical building, but a Community of the Human Church.

You are welcome to join us online: 7am live streamed from the Cathedral.

The Livestream link can be found at the top of the parish website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby

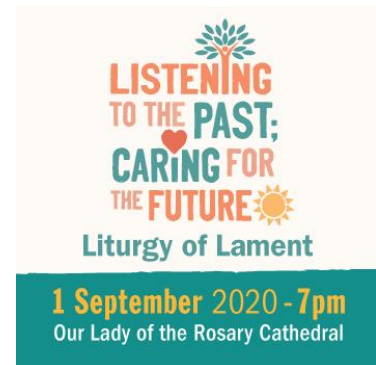
Month of September: Safeguarding Month

This is the fifth year that the Diocese of Broken Bay will highlight Safeguarding in the month of September. The theme for this year's Safeguarding Month is "Promoting the Rights of the Child".

Liturgy of Lament

The month will begin with the annual Liturgy of Lament to acknowledge and pray for those who have suffered harm by the Catholic Church. The theme for this year's Liturgy is "Listening to the past; Caring for the future".

The Liturgy will be held on Tuesday 1 September at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. With restrictions still in place, a limited number of people will be present at the Liturgy, and for the first time it will be **live streamed for people to view at home**. You can view by clicking on the link provided on the Diocesan webpage.



CFW first appeal collection for this financial year will be held 5-6 September 2020.

Donations can be made through the parish website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby/our-parish/donations-online-payments>

Clergy Retreat: The nominated days were set aside as 7- 11 September 2020.

However, this year we will not be having a large gathering due to the circumstances given, but we shall be spending those special days...please keep us in your prayers...

During the week Monday 7 to Friday 11 September:

- **There will be only one daily Mass at the Cathedral at 7.00am.**
- **No Wednesday OLOR Mass at 9.30am & No English Masses at QOP.**
- **Cathedral Chapel will close at 4.30pm.**
- **7am Mass live streaming will continue.**

Mass of the Oils

Due to the risk at this time in the pandemic, Bishop Anthony has decided to limit the number of clergy and people who will gather with him on **Thursday 17 September for the Mass of the Oils**. The Mass will continue but will be celebrated with a small, representative group of clergy and laity. It will be live streamed, and all will be encouraged to join with Bishop Anthony online. Further details of the ceremony will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Position Vacant – Catechist Coordinator, Lower North Shore Parish, Casual Role. View the full advertisement on the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>