

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza
6 September 2020



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources:
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered,
but shared in a just and respectful manner.**

My dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate Father's Day weekend, remembering with gratitude all men who had, have, and continue to have a special place in our lives. I ask you to bring all of them in prayer, and continue to commit yourselves saying a prayer for them all in the coming days.

I thought of sharing this prayer with you on this special occasion, and I invite families in our community and communities all over the world to pray this prayer.

Bless Our Fathers

Heavenly Father,

Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers,
for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity,
wisdom and mercy
that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own
convenience and comfort;
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of
adversity;
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;
for modelling the qualities that would turn us into responsible,
principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals.

Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.
Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that You
offer us all.

Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness,
instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask Your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives
when our biological fathers weren't able to do so.

May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships,
and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children,
grounded in a love for God and other people -
and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is
one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life
have been welcomed into Your loving embrace,
and that our family will one day be reunited in Your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom You entrusted with Your Son,
we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.

- **Tony Rossi** - jesuitresource.org

With prayerful wishes for a blessed day, and hope you have a great day with your families.
Fr Peter, Fr Biju and Roger



*Spring is in the air...
God's creation is in
its full splendour*

My dear Parishioners,

It is important now that **everyone at our celebration wear a mask**. People are encouraged to bring their own mask. For further guidelines about masks, including mask types and who should and shouldn't wear them can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/face-masks>.

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

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.

Sacrament of Penance is available on request, and also 9.00 to 9.30am on Saturdays at the Cathedral.

Happy Onam to our Sisters and Brothers from South India, as you thank God for the first harvest fruits of the Earth, through the month of September, may you be richly blessed, and may your tables extend that generosity, to all you encounter... God's many blessings... Wishing you all a happy and prosperous Onam.



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.

Clergy Retreat: The nominated days were set aside as 7-11 September 2020. Please keep us in your prayers. **We welcome and thank Fr Sunny P. OCD, for his prayerful support through the Eucharist during this time.**

Next 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.

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

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

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 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: Parish Administrative Assistant, The Lakes Catholic Parish, Part Time.

Full advertisement on the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>