HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza 20 September 2020



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resource

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

September 2020 is Safeguarding Awareness Month

My dear Parishioners,

"The Parable of Workers in the Vineyard" or "the Parable of the Generous Landlord." (Mt 20:1-16)

The parable invites us to reflect deeply on our sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often seems, in our view, to override His justice, as God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously.

It reminds us that although God owes us nothing, He gives abundantly what each person really needs; it illustrates very well our theology of grace and mercy.

Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

Every blessing and prayer for each of us to see beyond our vision.



Fr Peter d.

"God's Grace seen through the work of human hands"

Blessings, Prayers and Congratulations to Roger Delmonte on his great big step as he gets Ordained as transitional Deacon on the 7th of October 2020. Given the situation we are in, your spiritual support is appreciated, please join me in keeping him in your prayers. *Due to ongoing public health risk of COVID-19, number of people limits apply to the Diaconate Mass, but we will live stream the celebration.*

YouTube Channel reached 1K subscribers this week! I'm grateful to every subscribers of our YouTube channel, many thanks for your support. Above all, I acknowledge with gratitude the work of the Lord through these means of reaching out; may our prayers together help each of us discover this encounter with God and His mission on earth, particularly within our community, and to those who meet us virtually. God bless you and your family.

Sacrament of Penance: Is available on request, and also on Saturdays from 9 to 9.30am at the Cathedral.

Our first appeal was last weekend 5th and 6th of September. Thank you for your financial support to the same; your generosity in this time of great uncertainty is much appreciated. We pray that your donation will help our beneficiaries in making God's love real and meaningful in the Communities of Broken Bay. Thank you from Bishop Anthony https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIVvTxTsDTw&feature=youtu.be

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, those who have died recently, and those 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.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. May I also mention all those who donated cleaning products, your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.

We pray for all our Catechists going back to our local public schools in Term 3.

Rights of the Child Framework: The Diocese of Broken Bay dedicates September to Safeguarding and has chosen as a theme for 2020, "Promoting Rights of the Child". Bishop Anthony Randazzo launched a Rights of the Child Framework as an initiative of Safeguarding Awareness Month. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U8dWeKYStk&feature=youtu.be

International Day of Peace 21 September 2020 Theme: Shaping Peace Together The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace



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We wish to thank you for your help and support for our recent **winter appeal**. It was an amazing result, which we really appreciate. Thank you for your ongoing support of St Vincent de Paul.

It is almost time again to start thinking about the **Christmas Hampers**. We would like to know if you are interested in helping us again this year by providing hampers for our families, we realise it is a very difficult time for you. All safety methods would be in place such as social distancing.

If you are interested, please contact **John Courtney 9487 3780** or **Shirley Kelynack 0401 041 443** or <u>Shirleymyra@optusnet.com.au</u> We will understand if you are not able to help as it is a very difficult time for all.

Sincere thanks, Shirley Kelynack



Laudato Si' 'Actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on Earth is worthwhile.'

- Pope Francis Laudato Si' #212





