

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza
27 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.*

World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 27 Sept 2020



My dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate: Migrant and Refugee weekend and the theme is "Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee". "During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees. Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality."

With prayerful wishes,
Fr Peter de Souza

*God's greatest gift of wonder ... shaped by
human hands.*

Extract from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 106th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2020 [27 September 2020] where Pope Francis concluded his message with a prayer:

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2020, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.

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.**

Celebrating 52nd Wedding Anniversary Renato and Lulu San Diego, two of our very much involved parishioners celebrated their wedding anniversary last Tuesday. Congratulations on your 52 years of love for each other. May God bless you with many more wonderful years together.



Webinar - Social Justice Around the Bay

An afternoon webinar to explore what it looks like in Australia today to support those who have been forced like Jesus to flee.

Date 27 September 2020 (Sunday)

Time 2-3pm

Register <https://bit.ly/3mr6uYn>

Zoom details will be provided after registration

For more info, contact Zoe at zoe.grant@jrs.org.au

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>

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary: May I request all families within the community to say at least one decade of the Rosary as a family together. As Patrick Peyton popularised the phrases "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

Daylight Saving Time on 4 Oct (Sun) begins at 2am when clocks are put forward 1 hour.

As we end Term 3 we wish our school staff, students and parents a safe and relaxing break.

Transport Access Program : Waitara Station Upgrade – Have your say Planning is underway to improve accessibility at Waitara Station to make it easier for people with additional mobility requirements, parents/carers with prams and customers with luggage. **Feedback on the early concept design is invited until 7 October 2020.** For more info call 1800 684 490 or Email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/waitara

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.

My Gratitude to those who are returning back to various Ministries: Given the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, thanks for making the effort. I trust the Lord will be with you to guide you through these unprecedented times.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Waitara – Christmas Hampers It is almost time again to start thinking about the Christmas Hampers. We would like to know if you are interested in helping us this year by providing hampers for our families. 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 Shirleymyra@optusnet.com.au. We will understand if you are not able to help as it is a very difficult time for all.

First Friday Adoration 2-Oct-20 from 10am to 10pm time to be with the Lord. We will continue to devote our time for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life between 8-9pm.

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