

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza

4 October 2020



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October:

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of Baptism, the laity, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4 October



I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers, at the moon and the stars, you set firm. (Psalm 8:3)

My dear Parishioners,

The 4th of October has been always celebrated as the memorial of St Francis of Assisi, of the many accounts we have read and heard of him I wish to share one thought "His life was a putting into practice of the beatitudes, and was marked by faith, joy, service of others, prayer and love of all created things."

The readings this weekend are an invitation for us to bear fruit in and through our Christian life, The Gospel, reminds us Christians we are the "new" Israel, enriched with blessings and are called to bear fruits in our lives and bring them forth into our communities.

With prayerful wishes,
Fr Peter de Souza

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."

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.***

This school holidays we wish our school staff, students and parents a safe and relaxing break.

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.

Seeking COVID-19 Safe Hygiene Marshals: Parishioners interested in helping-out as COVID Marshalls for our various Masses during the weekend, please contact the Parish office. Your help is a great gift to our community.

QR CODES: Both our Churches have their respective codes, if we enter in one we will have to do the needful, when we enter the other church, we have to repeat the same entry for the next one, please note the same.

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

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.

Peter's Pence Collection The annual appeal is usually taken up all over the world around the time of the feast day of St Peter and St Paul (29 June). This year, due to COVID-19, His Holiness Pope Francis has asked that the annual appeal take place on 4 October, which is the Feast of St Francis Assisi. We will undertake collection on the weekend of 10th & 11th October 2020 at the church courtyard.

10th Anniversary of Mary MacKillop's Canonisation

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invites us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint. The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877. Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/>

Month of November: We remember our faithful departed with gratitude.

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Given the situation we are in, the Memorial Mass will be held on **1 November 2020 at 9.30am**. Invitation will be sent out to those who have lost loved ones during the year, and will be prayed over at the Mass.

Our usual practice of writing names of deceased family and friends on our November list will not happen in the Church due to various reasons relating to COVID-19. In lieu of this, please email the names to cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au or drop a note in the Parish mailbox. We will do our best to include them in the Book of Remembrance.

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.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a face mask. Masks, bandanas, scarves, and cloth coverings are accepted.

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

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

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>

ACU Lecture: "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"

Parish Staff, clergy and parishioners may be interested in the free public lecture "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics" to be given via Zoom. For more info contact centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au or call **9701 4751**

Date : 12 October 2020

Time : 10:30 AM

By : Sr Prof Julia Upton, RSM

Register at www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpon

Administrative Assistant, Toukley

Toukley - Lake Munmorah Parish wishes to employ a casual Administrative Assistant to provide general admin assistance in the Parish Office. For more info email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or call **8379 1667**