

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Peter de Souza
18 October 2020



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

World Mission Sunday

"Here am I, send me!" (Is 6:8)

Pope Francis said at the conclusion of his message.

"World Mission Sunday will be a day on which we will be able to reaffirm through prayer, reflection and material help our active participation in Jesus' mission in His Church."

My dear Parishioners,

Jesus then said, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar — and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

In other words, we give to the Emperor the coin because his image is on it, and we give to God our own selves because we are created in the image of God (Gn 1:26). By birth, we become the citizens of the country of our birth, and by Baptism we become the citizens of Heaven. A loyal Christian is always a loyal citizen. Failure in good citizenship is also failure in Christian duty. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's," the command really asks us whether we have invested our heart in the right place, in something that will yield a return that's worthy of a whole human life.

With all good wishes,
Fr Peter de Souza



Looking for new members for Parish Missionary Council (PMC) We are looking for new members for the PMC. Our first discernment evening is on Wednesday, 4 November 2020. If you're interested, please call the parish office **8379 1700** or email cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au by 29 October 2020.

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."

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

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.

November is a special month of the Year for prayers for our Faithful departed

"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." (Mac.12.46)

"From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage from them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032)

Remember that the Church teaches us how to put into practice mercy to our fellow men in the seven Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead.

Our priests will be accepting offerings for November Masses to be said for the Intentions of the Faithful departed. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a Faithful loved one, please take *November Masses* envelope (colour yellow) from the vestibule, fill in the details and place it on the plate during the offertory.

Please note that all Mass intentions offered will be prayed for at all Masses in November, however, the names will not be printed on the bulletin.

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.

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.

Our special prayers for all HSE students sitting examinations, may all your hard work be rewarded. We place you all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and may our Blessed Mother accompany you all in Jesus' name.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Technology Centre In celebrating Carlo Acutis, I entrust under his care, protection and patronage two of our ministries namely, Audio Visual Ministry (AV) and Podcasting / Streaming Ministry and all those that Minister. Through his intercession may we continue to be blessed with volunteers with a heart and love for Jesus and his people through the Eucharist accompanied by His Blessed Mother.

God's Word 2021 We are taking in orders for God's Word. Email **Joji** jojiabeleda@optusnet.com.au with your Name, contact number, number of copies, and name of Church to collect order (this is if paying by cash). **Cost per copy \$20.** If you're paying via Electronic Fund Transfer, you may collect order from the parish office.

Account Name	Hornsby Cathedral Parish
BSB Number	062 784
Account Number	1226 8001
Amount	\$20.00

Annual Leave Fr Peter will be on annual leave from 19/10 to 31/10. During this period Fr Biju and Deacon Roger will be looking after the Community. **We welcome Fr Sunny P OCD who will support us with the Masses.**

Scam Alert We have become aware of an increasing number of emails requesting help, purporting to be representing Fr Peter who needs financial assistance. These emails can be quite detailed.

When you hover over the "sender" of the e-mail it appears to be sent from an address that is similar to a Parish Priest's address **but is not an e-mail that you are familiar with or the Priest's "bbcatholic.org.au" address.**

Should you receive scam e-mails or e-mails where you may not recognise the Sender or information in the Subject line, it is recommended that you

- Do not respond to these emails if you receive them.
- Do not action any requests including transferring money to overseas accounts via Skrill or Western Union.
- Do not click on any links that may be included in the e-mails.

We ask that you instead forward any emails you receive to cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au so that we may be able to make an assessment of them and provide advice to the relevant IT management in the Chancery.

Peter's Pence Collection Thank you for supporting Peter's Pence. The money collected will go towards Pope Francis' ministries.

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.**