

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Letter from Fr Biju Mathew
25 October 2020



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



My dear Parishioners,

A scholar of the law tested Him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

"The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Mt 22:34-40).

Jesus has made it clear that His followers must identify with the boundlessly generous and inclusive ways of his Father which has its full and final expression in love of neighbours. If we do not recognize our neighbour as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love Him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says, 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbour is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20). Let us welcome our neighbours, treat them with respect, and provide them for their needs. This is love of neighbour in action.

With all good wishes,

Fr Biju Mathew

Children's Week 24 October – 1 November 2020 Children's Week is a national celebration of children's rights, talents and citizenship held on the 4th Wednesday of October in Australia to coincide with Universal Children's Day. Each year the theme of children's Week highlights a particular Children's Right. **The theme for 2020 is Article 15 – 'Children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.'**

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 HSC 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 Place your orders by 2 Nov. 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.

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BSB Number	062 784
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Annual Leave Fr Peter is 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.**

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.**