



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

My dear Parishioners,

The refusal of the wise virgins to share may appear selfish. But here, we are not talking really about lamps and oil, but about people and life. The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. Yet, the parable warns us that it is possible to exclude ourselves from the banquet of eternal life. It was only those who were ready, who went in with the bridegroom to the wedding hall. When God comes to bring us, will we be ready?

With prayerful wishes for the same,
Fr Peter de Souza



Prayers and Blessings To our Parish Priest Bishop Anthony Randazzo, on his first anniversary of being installed as our Bishop, many more prayerful support and wishes, as you continue to lead us and the faithful entrusted to your care. Thank you for your gift of vocation as a shepherd of His flock.

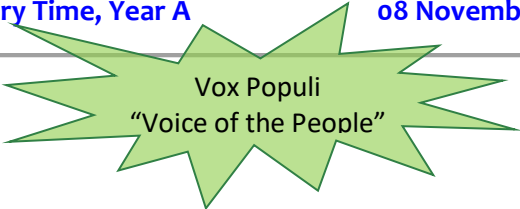
Institution into Ministry of Lector for five Men in the Diocese Huy Tran, Tân Nguyen, Shayne D'Cunha, Richard Houwing, Eric Leahy. Our Prayers and wishes to each of them and their families.

Thank you to Fr Sunny P. OCD, who helped us with masses while I was away for my annual leave, thank you for your generosity, in prayer and the gift of the Eucharist, we pray for God's special blessing upon you in the coming days.

Thank you to those who joined us for the first discernment evening for the Pastoral Missionary Council, we had number who responded generously to their Baptismal calling, please keep these members in your prayer, as they journey in faith in the days to come.

First Friday Adoration All are welcome to spend time with the Lord at the Eucharistic Adoration at the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am to 10pm. Prayer for Vocations and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be led by Deacon Roger from 7pm to 8pm.

Message from the Bishop – Vox Populi Welcome to the first edition of *Vox Populi*, the "voice of the people". In this fortnightly column, I hope to give expression to the voices from around our community, so that we might listen and discern what the Spirit is saying to us as the community of the Church in Broken Bay. This first message comes from Alison Newell, one of our Broken Bay delegates for the Plenary Council.



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"Voice of the People"

The Family – A Blessing for the Church

One of the earliest memories of my childhood is kneeling by my bed at night with my parents and brothers and sisters to pray the Rosary. Dad's devotion to the Rosary underpinned all we were as a family in those early days of my life. Prayer held us together, nourished us and formed us for our future lives. Whilst there wasn't a lot of spare money around in those days and raising a large family was tough, mum and dad's devotion to the faith of our family was a witness to what they believed; that in Jesus Christ, we were all rich.

When I was raising my own family, this same faith, and the promises that we made to our five children at Baptism were always at the forefront of my mind. I raised my children with Jesus Christ at the centre of our daily lives. The daily tasks of work, education, washing, shopping, cooking, taxi-ing to sport or music and simply loving them, became my spirituality even as they frequently challenged my parental decisions. I used to call it the spirituality of the clothesline. Sometimes, prayer was done on the hop, or at the clothesline, and sometimes it was as simple as marking them with the sign of the cross at bedtime.

Christian families are places of evangelisation and catechesis as they witness to their faith in the living out of their daily lives. This witness has the capacity to spread the Good News beyond their family unit. Families provide fertile ground for evangelisation through the building of trust and friendships.

Love in families is expressed through fidelity to each other. This faithfulness of family members provides strength for the day ahead and helps to overcome challenges which families face daily. God is in the joys and sorrows, the good times, and bad times. God is in the calm and the chaos of family life. The spirituality of the home is where parents and children learn to make sacrifices for each other. It is where children first experience love, friendship, and forgiveness. These things are 'caught' not 'taught' in families. These spiritual experiences form children in the ways of love; the love which Christ has for the world.

The domestic church is the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. Jesus promised to be where two or three are gathered in his name (Mt 18:20). The term domestic church dates to the first century AD. The early Church fathers understood that home was a holy place.

My domestic church now lives in several different households, with most of my children married with children of their own. When my children or grandchildren visit my home, which they do regularly, I mark their foreheads with the sign of the cross (we call it Nan's blessing) to remind them of their Baptismal call to holiness. Sometimes, if they are driving past my home, mum or dad will pull up out the front just because one of the grandchildren 'needs' a blessing. This simple practice has brought peace and hope to my children and their children. It provides a moment of the sacred in the chaos of busy lives and it is a constant reminder of the presence of Jesus Christ in the joys and challenges of relationships and life.

We know that today, many families are struggling with disability, sickness, unemployment, domestic violence, mental illness, or loneliness. Putting food on the table and paying bills is a challenge for many. Brokenness in families is a space where Christ enters to provide healing and love. The Church has much to learn from ministering to families. In their struggles, we see the sufferings of Jesus.

Families are the backbone not only of the Church, they are the foundation of society. As a community of Christian believers, let us value the dignity of all families and appreciate the blessings which families bring to our parishes and to our world.

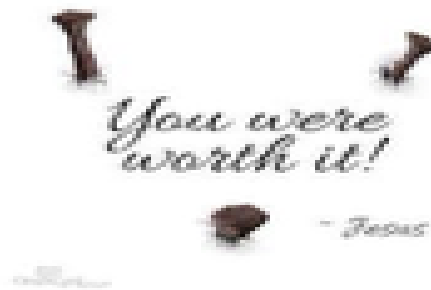
Alison Newell

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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.

***We remember with gratitude, all those gone ahead of us.
Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord.***

Month of November – We remember our faithful departed with gratitude. Thank you to all those who generously responded to the invitation and those many who could not attend due to various circumstances. 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 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.

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.

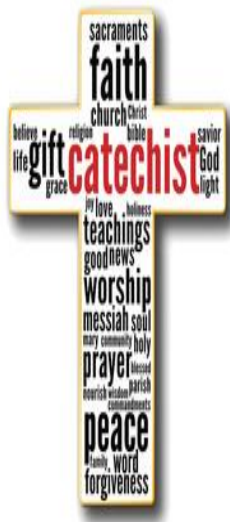
My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. May I also mention all those who donated cleaning products,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

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Invitation to become a Catechist in 2021

A journey of discovery, and an opportunity to reflect on your personal vocation, and commitment to and sharing of your faith opportunity.



14 & 15 November at Queen of Peace, Normanhurst
21 & 22 November at OLOR Cathedral, Waitara

It will be also a celebration of our Catechists who have reached milestones, of journeying in our faith communities through their involvement in our state schools.

Can you help?

The original meaning of “catechist” is one who “echoes God’s word”, however catechists are much more than that. Facilitating a child’s faith formation is a rewarding experience that does not require a teacher’s degree or an advanced degree in theology: all it requires is enthusiasm, as well as generosity in sharing your time with others.

Accepting the invitation to become a catechist would give you the opportunity to teach Scripture to children who would love a Scripture teacher. They are children in the following schools and years:

- Hornsby South Public School: Tuesday afternoons times to be announced for Kindy, Yr 1 and Yr 2.
- Waitara Public School: Wednesday 9:20 – 10:00am for Yr 1 and 10:00 – 10:40am for Yrs 3 and 6.
- Normanhurst Public School: Wednesday 10:30 – 11:00am for Yrs 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.
- Normanhurst West Public School: Thursday 10:30 – 11:00am for Yrs 1, 2, 4, and 5.
- Thornleigh West Public School: Wednesday 2:15 – 2:45pm for Kindy and Yr 2. Thursday 2:30 – 3:00pm for Yrs 5 and 6.

Classes are once a week and run for 30-40 minutes. *Resources, lesson plans, teacher’s manuals, student workbooks, support and training are provided free of charge.*

You may have some questions you would like to discuss. Please contact either the Catechist Coordinator or the Parish Office for a commitment-free discussion about how you can add value to our community’s youth. *(see details below)*

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Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November 2020 Appeal Next weekend **14/15 November** is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support. The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. Amount raised will go towards supporting 5 charities that make a difference on the lives of people in the Broken Bay diocese.

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