



33rd 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.

Sunday Gospel Reflection by Fr Biju Mathew



Another parable of challenge!

The parable of the Talents makes it very clear that far more is expected of us. We are expected to make an active and positive contribution to the work of the Kingdom and to the Christian community as the Body of Christ. In practice, that might mean taking an active part in our Church, in our parish, volunteering for social justice initiatives etc. So that it is important for us to spend some time reflecting on our unique 'talents' or gifts or abilities bestowed upon us by God.

When we explore all the gifts and graces that we have received from God, they are too numerous to list. We have received the gift of life, family, friends, work, education, home, and all the conveniences of life. In a higher level of appreciation, we are given gift of faith, forgiveness of sins, and other graces through sacraments and prayers. How much do we value them and take efforts to multiply them for the use of our fellow human beings? Or are we selfish and lazy with what God has given to us?

The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

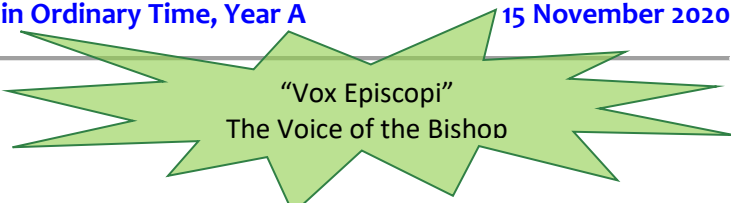
Monstrance She has arrived our 'Restored' Monstrance. Originally gifted to Fr Michael Farrell on his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood in 1945. My dear parishioners, you made it happen! Thank you for your generosity. God bless you and your families. Fr Peter and Parish Team.



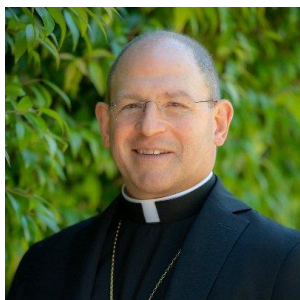
Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November 2020 Appeal 14/15 November is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support. The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

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.

Message from the Bishop – Vox Episcopi

“Vox Episcopi”
The Voice of the Bishop



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past few months there have been some wonderful areas of growth in our community of the Church.

We have a new Director of *CatholicCare Broken Bay*, Tim Curran. Together with the Team of dedicated workers, they have been the visible face of Jesus Christ to many people in need during these challenging times. Their vibrant and positive ministry which engages people where they are, no matter what their circumstances, is a reminder that God is merciful and compassionate.

Our *Catholic Schools Broken Bay*, under the leadership of Danny Casey and the Team, have commenced the opening up of the Towards 2025 vision for the education and formation of our children. The vision is stated simply so that we will commit to authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. Our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be. All of this is underpinned with the values of faith, joy, witness, compassion, and courage.

This week I have advertised six new positions for the new look team at *Evangelisation Broken Bay*. The link can be found ([here](#)). My desire is to build a unified team of people passionate for mission, evangelisation and the communication of the Word, who can contribute their talents and use their gifts in fresh and innovative ways. I am looking for people who want to bring their prayers and ingenuity to the mission of the diocese in a Catholic context that is courageous, dynamic, and new. I am looking for people who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and want to put that relationship into action.

I am also delighted that I have been able to visit every parish in the first year as Bishop of the Diocese. Normally this can take two or even three years to complete. One of the unforeseen opportunities provided by the COVID environment has been the possibility of these visits. It has been a delight to meet so many people, even if we have been restricted in our gatherings. I look forward to continuing these visits as we commit ourselves anew to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Finally, I would ask your prayers at this time. Over these past couple of months, I have been praying and thinking about the upcoming transfer of clergy in our Diocese. During my visits I have been having conversations with the clergy and I have also had the opportunity to consult with people throughout the community. My hope is that the movement of our priests and deacons will ultimately allow them to thrive in their vocations and that our communities of faith will have happy, healthy, and holy priests and deacons to lead and serve.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me with the gift of wisdom. Pray also for the priests and deacons that they may respond with generosity and availability. Finally, pray for our communities of faith, that they will be welcoming and accepting of the gifts God gives, especially the gift of our clergy.

May God continue to bless you and your families,
+Anthony

Message from the Fr Peter



My dear Parishioners,

The two weekends ahead of us invites us to reflect deeper, on our *Baptismal Calling*. The weekend of **November 14/15 and 21/22** are opportunities for us to support the **Mission of faith in our State Schools**. With that in mind. I express my deep gratitude along with yours to our Catechist Coordinator, **Louise Spencer** and our Parish Catechist Team who share their faith day in and day out with one goal in mind i.e., *faithfully hand on the teachings of Christ as handed on by the successors to the Apostles, our Bishops, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit*. Each of them responded to their Baptismal calling in the words, “receive this light, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly”. I ask you my dear Parishioners to come forward to be that light in the minds and hearts of our young ones. It is a great journey, a journey richly rewarded, and your reward is seen in the eyes of these young ones. **“Be there for them.”**

The next is our **CWF appeal**, your generosity supports the Charitable Mission of the Diocese, which is in turn ours, and in this climate, when situations have not been easy, each of you have shown your best and been there in the forefront to support the same. I thank you for your support, you make the Charitable Works happen. I ask you to generously support the same. The current Broken Bay Neighbourhood news explains in detail the amount spent for the purpose, in supporting the CWF you help the Parish too.

With gratitude I acknowledge the work of our **Finance Committee**, and their efforts, to meet the demands of finances through each of your support, your prayerful support, encouragement and generosity, is greatly appreciated.

Once again, I say a big thank you to you all for your constant support and encouragement. May the good Lord continue to bless our efforts.

God Bless

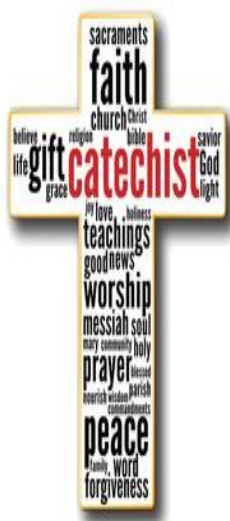
Fr Peter de Souza

Thank you to our Music Ministers who came to our meeting last Wednesday, 11 November. We had quite a number who responded generously to their Baptismal calling. Please keep our Music Ministers in your prayer, as they help create an atmosphere of celebration and reverence to God through music for all worship services.

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.

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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Congratulations and Blessings to Our Catechists, on their service awards. **Ann Bradshaw** (10 years) **Katherine Co-Elliott** (5 years), **Sarah Keen** (20 years), **Marianna Kenderes** (30 years) and **Adeline McGuire** (15 years)

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.

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