





15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

	<p align="center">Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July</p> <p align="center">Social Friendship</p> <p>We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.</p>	<p align="center">Vox Episcopi - The Voice of the Bishop</p> <p align="center">My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,</p> <p>In the past week I had the opportunity to speak at the Tri-Diocesan social justice twilight gathering via Zoom. The three local Churches that participated are Broken Bay, Parramatta, and Sydney. About 100 people participated, which was a tremendous effort considering the last-minute arrangements caused by the latest episode of COVID in our community.</p> <p align="center"><i>(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)</i></p>	
--	---	--	---

First Reading Amos 7:12-15	Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14 R.v.8	Second Reading Eph 1:3-14	Gospel Acclamation Eph. 1:17-18	Gospel Mk 6:7-13
--------------------------------------	---	-------------------------------------	---	----------------------------

Reflection by Fr Peter	Sea Sunday 11 July 2021
-------------------------------	--------------------------------

My dear Parishioners,

While I pen down these few lines, I'm reminded of the reality of life "we are still in lockdown", and I'm not sure as to what will happen the next minute, let alone tomorrow. During this time, I would like to offer each of you as a Community of Faith, the gift of Faith and the challenge to live in Faith. As each moment unfolds for us during this time, the gift of Faith, is where we surrender each moment of our lives in the hands of our creator and maker, "Our God".

In today's first reading from the Prophet Amos, 'The Lord took me from herding the flock and said "Go". (Amos 7:15) Amos went, and this going was his personal encounter with God, the gift of his personal faith, accompanied with God. This might sound as a story, but my life and your life have stories, such as these, but we need to build upon them so that, our Gift of faith, accompanied with God, in Jesus through the Spirit, may lead us through this time of uncertainty.

St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, which is our second reading today, has this powerful statement of affirmation for each of us: "Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ." All that St Paul wants us to do is to count our blessings, and offer them as an act of thanksgiving. The gift of Faith becomes real when acknowledged, lived and shared as we carry our daily task.

And finally, in the Gospel of Mark for this weekend; each of us, you and me are called to be both a disciple and an apostle. As disciples, we are called to listen and learn from our master Jesus. As apostles, we are called to be Jesus in the world.

With these thoughts what are we called to do and be? Let us listen deeply to our very selves, and be that the Lord is asking us to be.

With prayerful wishes... Fr Peter D


Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living.

Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: bit.ly/secsunday2021



SEA SUNDAY APPEAL
11 July 2021

Stella Maris provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers visiting Australia. Our Chaplains, managers and volunteers are always ready to help seafarers.

Winter Appeal postponed:

Please note that this weekend's St Vincent de Paul—Winter Appeal had to be postponed due to the continued Covid lockdown.

We will notify you of new dates once things have settle down again.

Learning Hub—Safeguarding

Learn more about the Rights of the Child Framework published by the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Consider how your personal practices reflect the human and spiritual rights of the child in everyday encounters with children and young people.

Visit link below:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/diocesan-safeguarding>



SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE: A strong connection of Safeguarding practices and the human and spiritual Rights of the Child is essential for a child safe Parish. Did you know it is not the responsibility of the child to make their rights possible... it is the responsibility of all adults to make the right possible for the child? It is not just to recognise that all children have rights, but to ensure that every child enjoys those rights. It is not just to advocate for children's rights, but to take concerted action that truly enables children and young people to thrive.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS

for your generosity to the various appeals the parish has to assist in the work of Evangelisation. I am grateful for your financial contributions and pray that you will be blessed by our loving God.
Fr Peter deSouza

TAX RECEIPTS 2020-2021

Parishioners who would like to receive a Tax Receipt for their Project Compassion or Charitable Works Fund donations can do so by emailing or phoning the parish office. Project Compassion & Charitable Works Fund carry a 100% tax deductibility.

Please note that Planned Giving and Peter's Pence carry a 0% tax deductibility. If you would like a receipt for your Planned Giving contributions please also email or phone the parish office.

Sydney Lock Down

The current stay at home order for the Greater Sydney Area, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Wollongong, effective from 6pm Saturday 26 June 2021 is still in place and will go through to at least 11:59pm 16 July 2021.

Our Church buildings are closed but our livestreaming service is still available from our Cathedral on Sunday mornings at 9.30AM as well as weekdays at 7AM.

May the Lord keep us safe during this time.

Plenary Council agenda announced

On Friday 18 June, the agenda for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia was announced.

The agenda has been developed in the form of a questionnaire, with a total of 16 questions captured under the themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

The two-page agenda is available on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.

We remember those who died recently – Vincenzia Randazzo • Eileen Velasco • John Kennedy • Adelina McAlpine

Anniversaries – Stephen Brodie

We pray for the sick —Pope Francis • Bishop Emeritus David Walker

Mass For You at Home

This coming Sunday, 11 July, Broken Bay Clergy and staff are featured on Mass For You at Home. Fr Chima Ofor from Lower North Shore Parish will be celebrating the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass, with Kelly Paget and PJ Almendras reading.

It will be broadcast on Channel 10 at 6.00am Sunday, and is available to watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/MassforYouatHome>

Boundless - Young Adults Group

Join Boundless over Zoom as we discuss questions from the Plenary Council Agenda. The agenda can be viewed on our website.

When: Monday 12 and 19 July 2021

Where: Online via Zoom (Zoom link will be provided on our Facebook page) Time: 7:00pm

For all the latest updates and Zoom links, visit our Facebook page: Hornsby Cathedral Parish Youth (www.facebook.com/hornsbyparishyouth)

We hope to see you then!

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July 2021

As part of the celebrations for the Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family, Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This year the **first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on **Sunday 25 July**.

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term.

All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person.

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au. Or watch a video see link below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui_n1wZ_0dk

ONLINE PARISH GIVING

In light of the extraordinary circumstances, we are experiencing due to pandemic, please know that ONLINE Parish Giving is available. To donate, please click on the button below.

1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

2nd Collection is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of Church, Presbytery, offices, other buildings and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.