





**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sunday 15th August 2021, YEAR B**

	<p><b>Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August</b></p> <p><b>The Church</b></p> <p>Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.</p>	<p><b>Vox Populi - The Voice of the People</b></p> <p>This week's Vox Populi comes from Bill Aitken. Bill enjoyed an eclectic and varied career as an actor, writer and marketer. He formed his own marketing company Centerprise through which he edited and produced The Monthly Chronicle community newspaper for 26 years. Bill is a parishioner at Hornsby Cathedral Parish and has shared 47 years with his wife Carmel, and they have ten children.</p> <p><b>Searching for Justice—By Bill Aitken</b></p> <p><i>(To read the full message go to our website or facebook page)</i></p>	
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<b>First Reading</b> Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Ps 44:10-12,16 R.v.10	<b>Second Reading</b> 1 Cor 15:20-26	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Gospel</b> Luke 1:39-56
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**A Ministry beyond boundaries...PARISH LIVESTREAMING MINISTRY**

<p>In March 2020, the world was faced with a global pandemic that this generation has never seen before. The spread of Covid-19 reached most countries and affected many people of all ages, colours and backgrounds. In Australia, all the Bishops in line with the government orders, ordered their churches and places of worship closed. Our Cathedral was closed, and no parishioners were allowed inside or outside. At our last Mass before the lockdown, Fr Peter deSouza, Dean of the Cathedral, approached Roslyn Rajasingam to think of how we could bring the Mass to the parishioners online. Initially, she suggested to have a video recording of the Mass, uploaded on YouTube and posted on Facebook. On 21 March 2020, she recorded the whole Mass on her iPhone. The daily Mass was still being held at the sanctuary so it had to be celebrated at 7.00 am in order to discourage people from coming to church. As the parish did not have a YouTube channel, she Googled how to do it and quickly created one. She then uploaded the video of the Mass that day. After a few days, Fr Peter informed Ros that the advised received is that it had to be a "live" Mass. Ros then went on Facebook Live so parishioners can join live. As the Wi-fi inside the Cathedral could be unstable, Fr Peter, in discussions with Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the Curia, set out to install a more reliable livestreaming system. The system was installed and the provider trained Ros for less than two hours. The next day, 2 April, she streamed the Mass directly to our YouTube Channel, this time using a video camera. A week after, a more permanent livestreaming system with two PTZOptics (pan-tilt-zoom) cameras were installed. Ros had to be trained again for less than two hours. Again, the following day, she had to livestream using the newly installed cameras through OBS (open broadcaster software) linked to YouTube. On 27 June, Ros trained the first batch of Mass livestreamers, then started a daily roster on 29 June 2020. She then named this as the Parish Livestreaming Ministry.</p>	<p>Volunteers were encouraged to read the scriptures for the day before coming for Mass to prepare themselves spiritually and to confirm the Mass title for the day. The ministry volunteers have follow-up training and communicate through a Facebook messenger chat group. In the meantime, on 10 October 2020, a young Italian named Carlo Acutis was beatified at a Mass in the city of Assisi, Italy. As a teenager, he was into computers, video games and the internet. He also loved the Mass and attended daily, persuading his mother to also attend. One of the projects of Blessed Carlo Acutis was designing a webpage that listed miracles of the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, believed by Catholics to be the body and blood of Christ. His life involved the weaving of the wonders of computer technology with the sacredness of the Eucharist. This inspired Fr Peter to entrust this ministry under the guidance and patronage of Blessed Carlo Acutis on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of online/virtual Masses in the Cathedral. He blessed the volunteers of this ministry and their families during the Sunday Mass. With the new variant of the virus, lockdowns are implemented once again in many parts of the country. Our Cathedral has been closed to protect all our parishioners. However, together with our clergy, cantors and readers, our livestreaming ministry volunteers continue to serve our parish community and beyond. Our Band of Volunteers and their Mission to the world: God's love shared and multiplied. Thanks to your generosity and presence in the early hours of the morning faithfully... You all are special. Glen D' Souza; Cynthia Alipalo; Clarissa Baptista; Hazel Lim; Philip Rodrigues; Thomas Mitchell Friend; Danielle Matthew; Cassandra Crasto; Lachlan Loh; Ethan Loh; Elijah Lim; Roslyn Rajasingam; Raj Rajasingam. <i>By: Roslyn Rajasingam</i> If anyone would like to join this ministry please email us on <a href="mailto:cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au">cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au</a> or phone us on 8379 1700.</p>
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**SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE:** Children and young people identify clergy, staff and volunteers as being very important in helping them feel safe in their Parish community. Research shows when adults are engaging, trustworthy and involved children and young people feel safe in their community.

My dear Parishioners,

This week end we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it's not just a celebration of Dogma, but the Person of Mary in Salvation History, as receiver of the fullness of grace and holiness because she is mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son, God's Son Jesus, the Redeemer. For me and you we are given the assurance of hope in our resurrection, and as St Paul says: "Our mortal bodies will be raised by the presence of his spirit in you." (Rom 8:11)

Prayers and blessings at this time...

Fr Peter D

### Blessings and Prayers to Our Indian Community:

On their 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day 15<sup>th</sup> August, the largest Democracy in the World. May our Blessed Mother continue to bless your gifts, talents, strengthens, so that you may be His disciples to the world at large.

### Fairtrade Fortnight – 6-19 August 2021

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual celebration of people, including farmers and families, who are working to make the world fairer. It's a great time to reflect on the power of our choices to create a better future for the planet and its people. Your dollar is your vote!

Why not learn more at: [www.fairtradeanz.org/products](http://www.fairtradeanz.org/products)

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay



Bishop Anthony Randazzo is delighted to announce the new name and brand Pastoral Works Broken Bay, replacing the Charitable Works Fund (CWF).

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

For more information, go to <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks>

**Congratulations to** Ramon and Annie Coloma who are celebrating their 49th Wedding Anniversary on 15th August. Wishing you a wonderful day and may God bless you and your families.

**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 –

June D'Souza • Patricia Paxton • Brian Niven • Edociana Fernandes • Patrick Rock • Graciela Rojas • Sister Sylvia Markulin (Sisters of St Joseph)

**Anniversaries –** Sr Phil Tiernan • Manoj Koshy

**We pray for the sick** — John Bolster • Lisa Hogarth • Megan Sarich

**COVID Update** 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.

### Catechist Corner

Interested in attending a Zoom training session on Teaching Strategies (teaching skills) on Mondays, 10-12pm

- Listening & Questioning – Monday 6 September
- Miracles and Parables – Monday 13 September
- Prayer in the Classroom – Monday 20 September

Register at least 6 days before by contacting:

[sueanne.sherwood@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sueanne.sherwood@bbcatholic.org.au)

### Catechists

Be part of this worthy Ministry:

- **teach or assist in the classroom**
- **team teach** every other week
- If you work or work from home, many of our Catechists now **take an early lunch break** to teach/assist.
- **assist the Co-ordinator** with admin

Find out if  
being a  
Catechist  
is for you

Trust in your call from God and answer that call by contacting Louise Spencer – [spencerxyz2427@gmail.com](mailto:spencerxyz2427@gmail.com)

### ZOOM Meeting

All Parishioners are welcome. COME AND JOIN US for a prayer and catch up with Fr Peter on Tues, 17 Aug at 11am on <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/j/97234565129?pwd=TmpmQnNic1U1citIRC9SY2JtZzZ6Zz09>

### National Day of Prayer in this Time of Pandemic – Sunday 22 August

An ecumenical National Day of Prayer has been organised for Sunday 22 August, calling Australia to come together in prayer in light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy', as we make this verse from Ps. 123 our own: "**Our eyes look to the Lord our God till He shows us His mercy**" (Ps. 123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to 9pm on Sunday 22 August, will feature Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Participants can join for as long as they wish.

In addition, daily prayers will be offered in the week prior, from 16 August.

For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

### 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.

[Donate to our Parish](#)

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.