

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Parish Newsletter

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH CLERGY

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo—Bishop of Broken Bay
Very Rev Brendan Lee - Moderator
Rev Anselam Lakra - Assistant Priest
Rev Roger Delmonte - Assistant Priest
Deacon Peter McCulloch - Deacon
Mr Rosan Mathew - Seminarian

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 12:6
First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R.v.8
Second Reading: Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 2:5
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - 22 FEBRUARY 2023

Weekend Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Sat 5:00pm (Vigil)
 Sun 8:00 am
 9:30 am (live-streamed)
 11:00 am
 6:00 pm

Filipino Mass 3:30 pm
(Every 2nd Sunday of month)

QOP Church:

Sat 5:30 pm (Vigil)
 Sun 9:00 am

Korean Mass

Sat 7:30 pm (Vigil)
 Sun 11:00 am
 5:00 pm

OLOR Cathedral:

7am/ 9:30am/ 12pm (OLOR attending)/ 8pm

QOP Church:

8:45am/ 12pm/ 6pm
 10am/ 7:30pm (Korean)



STATION OF THE CROSS - OLOR CATHEDRAL

Friday nights during Lent at 7:30pm Olor Cathedral. All welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule

OLOR Cathedral:

Mon 7:00 am
 Tues 7am & 9:30 am
 Wed 7am & 9:30 am
 Thu 7am & 9:30 am
 Fri 7am & 9:30 am
 Sat 9:30 am (live-streamed)

All 7:00am Masses are live-streamed

QOP Church:

Tue 8:45 am
 Wed 8:45 am
 Thu 8:45 am
 Fri 8:45 am
 Sat 8:45 am
(Healing Mass QOP Church 1st Tuesday of the month)

Korean Mass

Tue & Thu 7:30 pm

ALPHA 2023

OUR PARISH ALPHA 2023

Alpha introduces people to the first proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, otherwise known as the Kerygma: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you, and now he is living at your side to enlighten, strengthen and free you.' (EG, 164) Alpha invites parishioners to respond to the good news through a decision to follow Jesus and bring the freshness and joy of their encounter with Christ into the life of the parish.

Parishes around the world have seen significant growth in numbers and a new enthusiasm for mission. Please join us this year beginning Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 6:30pm, QOP Church Hall, by registering with the link or QR code.

Our ALPHA DATES are Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, April 15(Full Day retreat), April 18, May 2, 9, 16.
<https://form.jotform.com/221863143922858>



Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

OLOR Cathedral Saturdays 9 am - 9:30 am
 Queen of Peace Church Saturdays 4:30 pm-5:15 pm

Holy Hour

Every Friday 7pm-8pm Olor Cathedral (please note that time will change to 6-7pm from Feb 23)

Exposition—in Olor Cathedral

Every First Friday of the month from 10am– 10pm

Praying the Rosary—OLOR Cathedral Chapel weekdays after each 7am and 9.30am Mass

Cenacle prayer group meets every Thursday after 8.45am Mass at QOP church. All welcome!

Private Prayer Our Cathedral Chapel is open for private prayer from 8am-8pm.

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

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www.facebook.com/HornsbyCathedralParish
Parish Website:
www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby

CATECHIST SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

ANSWER
THE
CALL
TO
MISSION!

becoming a catechist

Pope Francis said:
 "Being a Catechist
 is a vocation"
 Is It Your Vocation?
 Join us and find out.

Dear Parishioners,
 Please consider becoming a Catechist. There are 3 classes that are in need of someone special to teach children in;

Year 1 at Thornleigh West Public (Wed, 2:15pm-2:45pm)

Year 5 at Thornleigh West Public (Thurs, 2:15pm-2:45pm)

Year 6 at Waitara Public (Wed, 2:30pm-3:10pm)

For more information ring me Louise Spencer 0475 887 735.

You can also contact Alison Newell on 8379 1638 at CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine).

If you would like to explore, visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/ccd for further information about Training and Curriculum.

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM PROGRAM 2023

Baptisms are now available any Saturday (except first Saturday) or Sunday at 12 noon in both QOP Church and OLOR Cathedral.

Visit our website on www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby for further information and baptism enrolment form.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND This weekend we welcome our newest members to OLOR Cathedral as they receive the sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for Savannah, Evie, Xander and Julian. Remember their parents in prayer as they commit themselves to teaching their child to love God and his people.

HOME COMMUNION VISIT

If you are homebound needing Home Communion visits by our volunteers, or if you know anyone who would need the service, please contact the Parish office.

LENTEN GROUP

You are invited to join the Lenten Group over four Wednesdays during Lent. It is an opportunity for us to listen, pray, reflect and grow in our faith journey. We will be using the Lenten resource produced by Evangelisation team at Broken Bay Diocese.

- **Dates:** Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March 2023
- **Time:** 7 PM—8 PM
- **Venue:** Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara
- **Leader:** Rosan Mathew, Seminarian

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION—26 FEBRUARY 2023

Catechumens of the Diocese, parish RCIA teams, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend this year's Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony Randazzo, where Catechumens will be presented to the Bishop and officially enrolled into the list of the Elect for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The Rite will be held at OLOR Cathedral, Waitara, on Sunday 26 February at 2.00pm.

We ask you to pray for those who are affected by war, natural disasters, and those who are sick.

We pray for the sick: Marc Manjon • Yana Mercado • Carmen Blanco • Zenaida Capati • Maribel Ronquillo • Lilian Maglipon • Michelle Manjon • Martin Palisi

We remember and pray for those who have died recently: Bill Swiggs • Stefania Schaw • Natalie Fornasier • Cardinal George Pell • Pope Benedirct XVI • Maria Luca • Marcel Yield

Anniversary: Lilian D'Souza • Jane Misquitta On • Ronaldo & Flordelis Revira • Guido Linssen • Noel Christensen • Maureen Bolster • Manuel Royo Blanco • Capt. Cruz Motha

GIVING

Clergy Giving (1st Collection) is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

Parish Giving (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.

Click on QR code for Giving and select Biller code.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

- Confirmation: Sunday 28th May
- First Confession: Wednesday 2nd August
- First Holy Communion: Sunday 26 November

Dates and enrolment form for Confirmation 2023 is available from the back of the church or Parish website to download.

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

OLOR CATHEDRAL:

Sunday morning tea following 9:30am Mass

QOP CHURCH:

Every 4th Sunday of the month following 9:00am Mass (except January)

*Please come & join us on 26th February for our next morning tea after the 9am Mass



QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Children's Liturgy at QOP church takes place every 4th Sunday of the month following 9am Mass.

Every child is most welcome!

CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Craft & Friendship group at QOP church Hall meets every Thursday at QOP church from 10am till 2pm.

All are welcome.

PIETY STALL

Piety stall volunteers needed for Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9:30am Mass.

Please contact parish office if interested.

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK

When: every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month.

Where: Fr Nulty Room 6pm - 8:30pm

For any questions contact Izzy at 0431 883 321.

Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800024413

HOMILIES FROM DEACON PETER

Deacon Peter publishes his homilies each week on his website. The address is: www.deaconpeter.org

VIGIL CHOIR — 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to our Vigil Choir who are celebrating their 20-year anniversary this Saturday 18th February. A copy of their story written by Dennis Harris is available from the back of the Cathedral.

menALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

Date & Time:

Sat 11 March registration from 8am, Day1 ends at 9pm

Sun 12 March 8:30am-1:30pm

Venue: Prouille Catholic Primary School, Wahroonga.

RSVP: 28 Feb 2023

Enquiry: Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 or Steve Lia 0412 667 657, Email: Holyname@bbcatholic.org.au

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CFECK>

Hi! I'm Christine.

For 7 years now, I have had the greatest pleasure of being a catechist/Catholic SRE teacher/scripture teacher. Being a catechist is an extremely rewarding ministry that brings immense joy, and I invite you to consider joining us.



Why should you join our team of catechists?

1. **Opportunity to serve God and share God's love.** Each week we look forward to teaching the enthusiastic children who are eager to learn from us about our infinitely loving and merciful God, and about how to walk with Jesus as we go about our day.
2. **Opportunity to enrich your faith.** You learn more about our Catholic faith from the teachers' manual and from connecting with the students. Your faith will also be strengthened as you witness the Holy Spirit working through you and your students.
3. **Opportunity to make new friends and receive plenty of support from our team.** Collaborate with our friendly and supportive team of catechists. We have regular meetings to discuss issues and ask for advice.
4. **Opportunity to have lots of fun.** The students will delightfully surprise you with their questions, comments, and ideas. It is such a joy to nurture the faith of the beautifully unique personalities of God's children in the classroom.

We have a big shortage of catechists, and we can't let these students miss out on their scripture lessons. For many of them, the short half-hour scripture lessons are the only time they are exposed to our Catholic faith. We need YOU to join us in telling them that they are infinitely loved by God.

What it involves: For primary schools, the lessons are just half an hour each school week. High school scripture lessons have various times depending on the school. You will begin as an assistant helping another SRE teacher, and only if you want, you can transition to being the main SRE teacher. You won't even need to design your own lessons or know everything about our faith because you will receive a teacher's manual containing very detailed lesson plans and background information that corresponds with the student workbooks. You will receive plenty of support, and we have plenty of visual resources you can borrow, like posters, big books, and puppets.

As catechists, we are instruments of God, **planting seeds of faith** in the young students. We are praying for them and inspiring them to grow in their personal relationship with God and as disciples of Jesus. Indeed, I am so grateful for the SRE teachers who taught me when I was in school and inspired me to likewise share God's love in the classroom. If you're thinking "I'm too scared" or "I'm not ready", or "I'm not sure", sign up anyway and give it a go.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 **"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."** So contact your parish SRE coordinator to join our team of catechists for this beautiful opportunity to share God's love as you plant seeds of faith in the students.

Being a Catechist – by Eveline

Around this time last year, after attending Mass and learning about the genuine need for catechists to spread the word to school students, I considered actually becoming a catechist and helping out. I have to say part of me was secretly hoping that I will be told there were too many volunteers and that I didn't need to join anymore. I mean, I am a pharmacist by profession, not a teacher. We studied science not religion. However, as a pharmacist, I see first-hand the importance of preventative treatment. For example, if one gets diagnosed with high blood pressure, the first step is to lower the salt and try exercise and relaxation techniques before starting out any medications. Same for cholesterol, a change in the diet is usually tried before medication. We now know the importance of starting habits early, for example brushing teeth, applying sunscreen, limiting blue light emissions etc, all steps taught at school to prevent health problems later. But what about our kids " Soul's " health? Their drive and reason to live? Already every day more adults and children are being diagnosed with depression and anxiety and this number has been steadily increasing. While there are numerous underlying causes for this, prayer and a strong faith have been shown to greatly help improve mental health. And thus, if we miss teaching our kids early about God, love, faith and Hope, how do we know that they will actually one day decide to investigate and join a faith? What if by the time they are 18 they already have decided not to believe because no one had actually spoken to them about religion?

As a mum myself, I know that I want my children to know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, that we are but travellers here and that in itself makes us stronger because with God by our side who should we fear?

Our faith teaches us to be resilient, hopeful, loving and kind, forgiving (all easier said than done) it encourages us to persevere, to give, to be better people- all attributes that lead to better health and personal satisfaction.

By introducing our students to our faith we are giving them the choice to believe and to lead more fulfilling lives.

As the saying goes, one hand doesn't clap by itself. We need to all join together and help our kids to get acquainted with our faith. The diocese provides guidance every step of the way, the classes are organised, the students are keen to listen, I would encourage any parishioner with flexible working hours to consider becoming a catechist. It could just be the preventative "Hope" medicine our kids need!