

# HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

Parish Newsletter

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## FIFTH 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 94:6-7**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10**  
Your light will shine like the dawn.  
**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:4-9. R.v.4**  
(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.  
**Second Reading: Corinthians 2:1-5**  
I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.  
**Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12**  
Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light if life. Alleluia!  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16**  
You are the light of the world.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

##### OLOR Cathedral:

Mon 7:00 am  
Tues 7 am & 9:30 am  
Wed 7 am & 9:30 am  
Thu 7 am & 9:30 am  
Fri 7 am & 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month)

##### **Korean Mass**

Tue & Thu 7:30 pm  
Wed & Fri 10:00 am

#### 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**.

 **To follow us on FACEBOOK go to:**  
[www.facebook.com/HornsbyCathedralParish](http://www.facebook.com/HornsbyCathedralParish)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby)

### 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**

Save the dates Feb 21, 28, March 7,14,21,28, April 4,11,18, May 2,9, (Retreat Day TBC)

<https://form.jotform.com/221863143922858>



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Parish office will be closed on the 8th of February from 9.30am to 12.30pm due to a diocesan meeting.

### VIGIL CHOIR — 20 Year Anniversary

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

### GIVING

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

**Parish Giving (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.



Click on QR code for Giving and select Billercode.

## 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](http://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 Freya and Ava. Remember their parents in prayer as they commit themselves to teaching their child to love God and his people.

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,  
Thank you to Jessica, Tevita and Ros for taking SRE classes at Hornsby South, Normanhurst, and Normanhurst West. Please consider becoming a Catechist. There are three 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](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ccd) for further information about Training and Curriculum.

**CATECHIST NEXT MEETING** is on Friday 10 February at 10:30am in the Nulty Room. Everyone welcome to attend. Please come along and meet the wonderful people who have become Catechists. Thank you. - Louise Spencer

### HELP NEEDED—AV/ LIVE-STREAMING MINISTRY

We are looking for a volunteer who can prepare our monthly AV roster. If you can help please contact the parish office.

### HOMILIES FROM DEACON PETER

Deacon Peter publishes his homilies each week on his website. The address is: [www.deaconpeter.org](http://www.deaconpeter.org)

### 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 the floods, those affected by war 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:** Stefania Schaw • Natalie Fornasier • Cardinal George Pell • Pope Benedict XVI • Maria Luca • Marcel Yield

**Anniversary:** Guido Linssen • Noel Christensen • Maureen Bolster • Manuel Royo Blanco • Capt. Cruz Motha

## Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first

Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.



### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**PIETY STALL** will be open on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb (second weekend of the month)

4:30pm to 6:15pm Saturday

7:30am to 11:15am Sunday

Note: CREDIT CARD and CASH payment accepted at stall.

On weekdays, contact parish office for access to stall items

### YOUTH GROUP IS BACK

The youth group is back for term 1 and we Would love for you to join us every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month.

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

For any questions contact Izzy at 0431 883 321.



### 'CATCH-UP' FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to all who have offered to join the ministry and help recommence the Communion visit service.

We would like to invite you to a 'Catch-up' session where you can meet other volunteers and discuss on rosters.

•WHEN: Sunday 5 February after 11am Mass

•WHERE: Fr Nulty Room, OLOR Cathedral Parish, Waitara

Anyone who would like to join the ministry is also welcome!



### Curious about Catholicism?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and practice, and why?

Do you think you might like to become a Catholic?

Contact Peter, Parish Christian Initiation Team leader, on Mobile 0411 389 300 or via email [rcia.hornsby@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.hornsby@gmail.com)

If you are a parishioner and would like to be a friend or become part of the RCIA team to help those on the journey, please also contact Peter.



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to anyone who is joining us for the first time today, or has only begun to come to Mass here recently. It's great to have you. Please contact the parish office for a registration form. Thank you for building your spiritual home with us.



**Congratulations to our Vigil Choir who will be celebrating 20 years on 18 February.**

**Read their story by Dennis Harris below:**

## **The Vigil Choir is 20, by Dennis Harris.**

I have played piano nearly all my life: solo, in bands, pubs and bars in several countries, not professionally, but as a hobby. I love singalongs around the piano. In 1988 Janet and I (and the kids) moved to Sydney, and we became part of this parish. During the next 10 years I did not play piano much but at some time in the 90s, Sue Haertsch showed me how to open the organ in the church (not the organ we now play) and turn it on. My father had an organ in his living room and so I was not a complete novice, but the organ was then, and remains, a challenge I am far from mastering. The piano we had in the church (and is still used in the rehearsal room) was a hand-me-down from Fr Colin Blayney's mother, and was to be avoided if possible, so I started playing organ for Masses in about 2000, twice a month. I played alone but Fr Colin was pressuring me to find some singers.

One Saturday morning I was practicing on the organ in the church when a group of people walked in. Dette (Bernadette) Yu (prompted by her mother), was the spokesperson. Dette said: "We want to sing here". ("Why me?" I thought). Jay Mendoza was to play piano but I did not want to lose my gig so I suggested we work together and on Saturday 1 February 2003 at 6 pm we sang at our first Mass together.

Before rehearsals I would have several cups of coffee. These singers and guitarists knew much more about church music than I did. Rehearsals were joyful chaos, and the singers sang songs I had never heard of, harmonizing. I had to practice long and hard to be ready. I believe (others don't agree) that on that first night we sang "Fiat" and "Give Thanks". "Fiat" was written by a friend of one of the leaders of the group. "Give Thanks" was a bit "happy-clappy" for my taste at the time, but I found that both songs enabled me to bring in my love of jazz arrangements. Together with the inherent group talent for harmony, we had sound and feeling that were very attractive to my sense of music and uplifting and encouraging to the assembly which seemed to like singing along with us.

We became known as the "Filipino Choir", which was not our choice. There were a few of us who did not fit the description, but the name stuck. We tried calling ourselves the "Vigil Gospel Choir" (because we liked "gospel" rhythms) but that did not work. These days we call ourselves the "Vigil Choir".

Des Gaddi (Dette's Sister) was our first conductor but after she and her family moved to the USA in 2006, Amelee Say took over and is still leading us.

Founder members, Leo and Soc Herrera, travel from Marsden Park (closer to Richmond than Waitara) each month. Rachel De Leon travels from Chatswood. Maila Hay, Amelee Say, Ferdie Say, Betty Koh, Alan Villaneuva and Jay Mendoza were all founder members, and they still join us. Others like Inaki Gonzales and his family, joined within the first couple of years and all of them have made music with us from time to time. Helen Lee from the Korean community sang with us while in this parish and taught us to sing "Panis Angelicus" in Korean. In 2006 we sang "Shine Jesus Shine" in the piano bar of the Menzies Hotel and brought the place down. The Menzies manager said he thought "Sister Act" was in town. A fond memory for me was Fr John Wakeling's "that was b..... marvellous" approval of our initial rendition of the Br Colin Smith song "Sprinkle Us With Living Water" (solos by Crystal Amores and Bill Aitken), one of our favourite songs introduced to us by Donrita Reefman.

Over the years we have sung at all the major liturgical events: Easter Vigil, Christmas Midnight, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Pentecost, as well as funerals (including for one of our own – Myrna Rodriguez) and weddings. Nearly 60 people have sung and played with us over the years. (We had quite a bass section back then with Gerry Enriquez, Bill Aitken and Ringo Wenceslao). We have sung at other parishes, notably we sang at the Easter Vigil at Warnervale for Fr John Hodgson. For many years, we composed music for the Responsorial Psalm introducing a little, jazz, gospel, Country and Western and even Rock 'n' Roll.

Members of the original choir founded and performed at Club Muzika, a jazz club which played at Hornsby RSL every two weeks from 2009 to 2013 with the aim of giving singers and musicians an opportunity to perform in public, and my own group with Marian Landers and Sonya Doyle came from the Jazz Club. Fr Jim McKeon and Fr Vince Casey encouraged and supported us in this venture.

Despite the happy and casual nature of the group, and the pressures of young families growing up, we have always taken our ministry seriously, rehearsing for 2 hours before each Mass. We still do.



We will celebrate our anniversary on 18 February at the Vigil Mass by singing “golden oldies”, and at Magpies afterwards. We are hoping many of the people who have been part of this wonderful friendship in music for the Church will join us that evening. (It will be interesting if all 60 turn up to sing!) And then we will set out on our next 20 years of music for the Church.

I just keep on doing what I am told, the best I can, and with much pleasure, in support of my friends:

Musicians: Dennis Harris on piano and organ, Arlen Rivera and Paul Santillan on guitar, Stef Owen on harmonica and Rhys Owen on violin (and as a bass singer).

Singers: Amelee Say (Conductor), Rachel De Leon (also leader - organiser), Leo and Soc Herrera, Janet Harris, Candice Chin, Ofel Cuachon, Maila Hay, Hilda Matthews, Dette Yu, Inaki Gonzales, Jenny Jie, Rod Rodriguez, and Keith Farrelly (the legend).

Jenna Balaton, Lino Cuachon and Vivien Goh run the slide presentations for us, and sing too.

We are joined, when possible, by: Ferdie Say, Marian Landers, Gabbi Landers, Juliet Landers, Sonya Doyle, Jeremiah Cuachon (organ and vocals).

We are always looking for new members.

Dennis Harris



Christmas 2022



Easter Vigil 2006



Easter Vigil 2005