HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | 25 October 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalms: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51.R. v.2
I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



The Greatest Commandment

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His answer goes to the very heart of the Christian life:

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You must love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39)

For Jesus, love is not simply a feeling but the foundation of discipleship. Our relationship with God is meant to engage our whole being, heart, soul, and mind. As we grow closer to Him through prayer, the sacraments, and the Eucharist, His love transforms us and shapes the way we relate to others.

The Lord teaches that love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. We encounter Christ not only in prayer but also in those around us, especially the poor, the lonely, the sick, and those in need of encouragement and compassion. Every act of charity, forgiveness, and kindness becomes a response to God's love for us.

As we gather around the altar this weekend, may we ask the Holy Spirit to deepen our love for God and help us become living witnesses of Christ's love in our families, parish, and community.

Reflection Question

How is God inviting me to love Him more deeply and to make that love visible in my daily care for others?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, World Mission Sunday celebrates its 100th anniversary, with the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." Through our Baptism, we are all called to share Christ's love and hope with the world.
This year's appeal supports the people of Malawi through Catholic Mission's work in education, healthcare, and pastoral care.
Please support the appeal by using the QR code provided. Envelopes are available at the church.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued by **Catholic Mission** by filling out the envelope with your details.

OLOR SCHOOL MASS

We warmly welcome the **Kindergarten 2027 and Year 4 students, staff, and families of Our Lady of the Rosary School** to our 9:30am Mass this weekend. We are delighted to celebrate with you and thank you for being part of our parish community. May God continue to bless you and your families.

As we continue through the **Month of the Rosary**, let us turn to Mary and pray this beautiful prayer with renewed devotion. Through the Rosary, Our Lady gently leads us closer to Jesus and helps us grow in faith, hope, and love.

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave. Waitara 2077

Queen of Peace Church
18 Stuart St Normanhurst 2076

OUR CLERGY

Very Rev Brendan Lee
Moderator

Rev Vitalis Oguh
Assistant Priest

Rev Huy Tran
Assistant Priest

Rev Mr Kevin McGregor
Deacon

OUR WEEKEND MASSES

OLOR CATHEDRAL

Sat	5:00pm (Vigil)
Sun	8:00am
	9:30am (livestreamed)
	11am
	6pm

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

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

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

OUR WEEKDAY MASSES

OLOR CATHEDRAL

Mon	7am
Tues	7am & 9:30 am
Wed	7am & 9:30am
Thu	7am & 9:30am
Fri	7am & 9:30am
Sat	9:30am (livestreamed)

All 7am Masses are livestreamed

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:45am
Wed	8:45am
Thu	8:45am
Fri	8:45am
Sat	8:45am

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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(02) 8379 1700
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RCIA TEAM

"Come and see." John 1:39

Curious about the Catholic faith, thinking of becoming Catholic, or wanting to return to the Church?

RCIA is a journey of discovering faith and encountering Jesus—come as you are and explore where the journey may lead.

To be part of the 2026-27 program, please contact us right away, scan the QR code to fill up an enquiry form or email the Parish Office - cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au

RCIA Sponsors Wanted

Would you like to accompany someone on their journey of faith? The RCIA Team is seeking parishioners to serve as sponsors for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. To learn more, please contact the parish office.



Get into the Christmas spirit and join us for a fun afternoon of Christmas Craft at Queen of Peace Hall, Normanhurst.

📅 Saturday, 28 November
🕐 12:00pm – 2:00pm
📍 Queen of Peace Hall, Normanhurst

Bring a plate to share and enjoy an afternoon of creativity, friendship, and festive cheer. A $5 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Rania on 0404 870 267 by 20 November. All are welcome! 🎄✨

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU

SAVE THE DATE

24 September to 1 October 2028

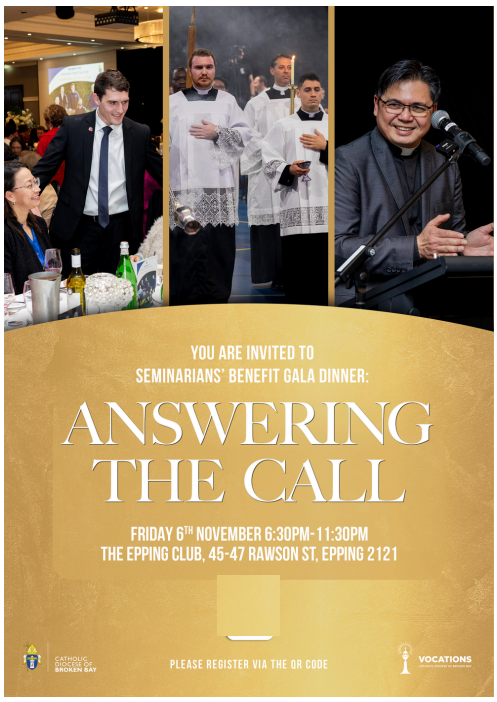
PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV



United with Catholics throughout the world, we pray for Pope Leo XIV as he continues his recovery. May the Lord grant him healing, strength, and peace, and may Our Lady watch over him with her loving care.

Heavenly Father, watch over our Holy Father. Grant him healing, strength, and peace. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, restore him to health and sustain him by your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VOCATIONS BROKEN BAY



Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner – Answering the Call

Support the formation of our future priests by attending the Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner. Enjoy an inspiring evening while helping to support those discerning God's call to the priesthood.

📅 Friday, 6 November 2026
🕐 6:30pm – 11:30pm
📍 The Epping Club, 45–47 Rawson Street, Epping

The parish is organising a table, if you wish to come, and join the group, contact the parish office.

Let us continue to pray for vocations and support those who have generously answered God's call.

MUSIC

Diocesan Music Formation Day

Facilitated by Cathedral Director of Music Joshua Willard, this Mission Broken Bay formation day will explore the Church's rich musical tradition, offering insight and practical guidance for all interested in Music Ministry.

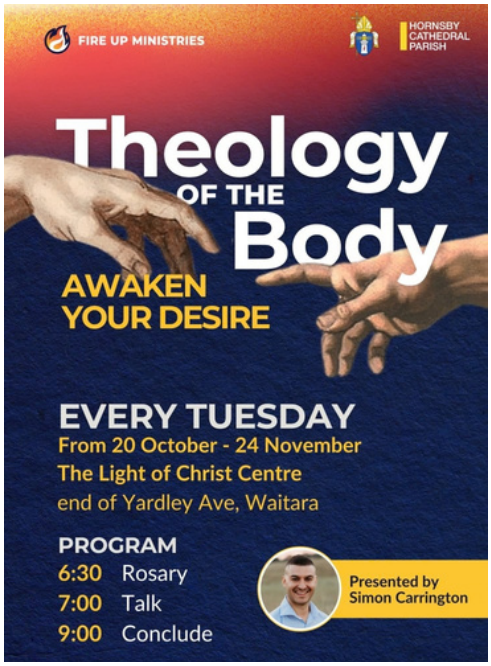
Grounded in the magisterium and vision of Vatican II, participants will renew their understanding of the vital place music holds in the mission and life of the Church.

Date: Saturday, 14 November
Time: 9:30am - 3pm
Location: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

REGISTER:



PARISH EVENTS



What is the Theology of the Body? In this 6-week course, Simon systematically works through **St John Paul II's Theology of the Body** to answer the deepest questions of the human heart and love, life, sex and purpose. This talk will help you experience true sexual freedom, heal sexual woundedness and much more.

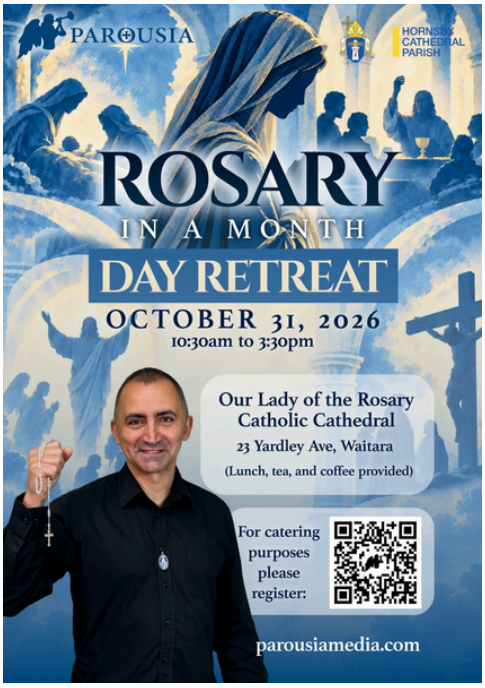
REMEMBRANCE MASS | 8 November

For those families who have lost a loved one during the past year and who were farewelled from our Parish our **Annual Remembrance Mass will be held on Sunday 8th November 9.30am Mass at OLOR Cathedral.**
All welcome! Please bring a framed photograph of your loved one to put on the sanctuary during the Mass.
Please let the office know if your loved one was not farewelled from our Parish so we can include them too.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

There is a clipboard at the back of the church for you to write the names of your loved ones who **have departed in the past 12 months only** to be included in this year's Remembrance Book. Please add the names (with permission from family of course) and print clearly.
Names to be entered before Tuesday 27th October 2026 as the updated Remembrance Book is printed in the last week of October.

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS OR CREDIT CARD DETAILS?
Please contact the Parish office so we can update your information.



Discover the Beauty of the Rosary

Embark on a comprehensive journey through the Rosary with Charbel Raish of Parousia Media. Explore the rich history of this cherished prayer, learn practical ways to meditate on the Mysteries, and gain simple tips for developing a lasting daily Rosary habit.

Saturday, 31 October 2026
📍 OLOR Cathedral, Waitara
🕥 10:30am – 3:30pm

Whether you are new to the Rosary or seeking to deepen your prayer life, all are welcome to join this enriching day of faith and reflection.

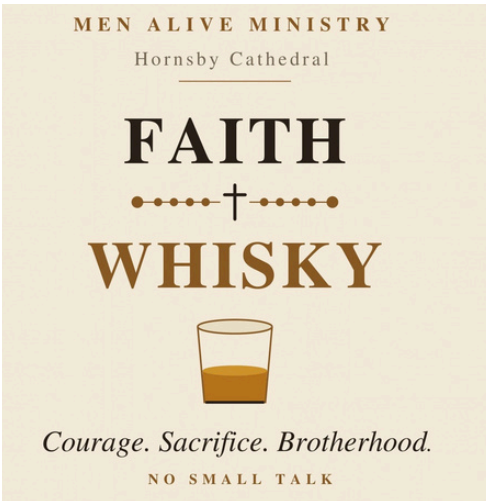
VOLUNTEER DINNER | 25 NOV

Our parish is blessed by the generosity and dedication of our many volunteers who contribute so much to the life of our community. As a small token of our gratitude, all current parish volunteers are warmly invited to our Volunteer Thank You Dinner.

📅 Wednesday, 25 Nov 2026
🕕 6:30pm
📍 Hornsby RSL
(Dinner provided. Drinks available for purchase.)

RSVP is essential for catering purposes by Wednesday, 11 November 2026.

Please contact the Parish Office on 8379 1700 or email cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au to RSVP. We look forward to celebrating and thanking you for your faithful service to our parish community.



Men are invited to Faith + Whisky, a monthly evening of courage, sacrifice and brotherhood. Join us for fellowship, faith and a small whisky tasting (tasting note included. A $5 contribution requested.

- 6 November | 8pm to 10pm
- 21 Barkala Place, Westleigh
- RSVP via WhatsApp to:
  David Armstrong - 0459 848 496
  Chris Greedy - 0401 384 785

PWBB NOVEMBER APPEAL

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Throughout November, our parish joins the **Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal, supporting life-changing ministries that bring Christ's love and care to others across our Diocese.** Through PWBB, we help fund faith formation in schools, hospital chaplaincy, and outreach to those who are vulnerable or in need.

A special PWBB collection will be taken up on the weekend of 31 October / 1 November, marking the beginning of the appeal month. Envelopes will be available in the church, or you can also donate using the QR code below.

PWBB is more than an appeal; it is our shared mission in action. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

DONATE ♥

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Welcome

Hornsby Cathedral Parish

A special welcome to all visitors and those who are new to our parish. We are blessed by your presence and hope you feel at home among us. May this parish be a place where you encounter Christ, grow in faith, and find friendship and support.

Morning Tea



OLOR CATHEDRAL: Every Sunday following the 9:30am Mass.

QOP CHURCH: Every 4th Sunday of the month following the 9am Mass.

PARISH DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

24 Gladys Collingridge Memorial Music Scholarship Concert
25 OLOR School Mass (OLOR, 9:30am)
27 TOB Session 2 (TLOCC, 6:30pm)
31 Whole Day Retreat on Mary

NOVEMBER

1 All Saints' Day
2 All Soul's Day
8 Remembrance Mass (9:30am)
21 Sacrament of Confirmation (3pm)
22 Feast of Christ The King
25 Volunteer Thank you Dinner

DECEMBER

8 Immaculate Conception of Mary (Solemnity)
Hour of Grace (12noon)
15 - 23 Advent Novena Mass (Simbang Gabi) - OLOR Cathedral
25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Have you misplaced something at church?

A Lost Property Box is located at the back of the church underneath the bulletin shelf. In addition, a number of items have been handed in to the Parish Office, including a coin purse, ring, eyeglasses, hearing aid, and a watch.

If you believe any of these items may belong to you, please contact the Parish Office on 8379 1700.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE

Clergy Giving (1st Collection) supports the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.
Parish Giving (2nd Collection) supports the Parish ministries, maintenance and staff salaries.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) supports Diocesan Charitable Communities. Donations to PWBB over $2 are tax deductible. Scan the QR code to donate

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

CONFESSION OR RECONCILIATION



OLOR Cathedral
Saturdays 8:15am - 9:15am
Queen of Peace Church
Saturdays 4:30pm-5:15pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



OLOR Cathedral
HOLY HOUR
Saturdays 8:15am - 9:15am
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
10am to 10pm

PRAYING THE ROSARY



OLOR Cathedral
Weekdays after the 7am and 9:30am Masses.
Online Rosary (Zoom)
Please note that the Online Rosary (Zoom) is on hold during the Theology of the Body series and will resume on 1 December.

PRIVATE PRAYER



The Cathedral Chapel is open daily from 8am to 8pm.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please Remember in Your Prayers

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:
Tilly Theunissen, Pope Leo, Tom Meagher, Jill Bradley, Michael O'Brien, Carl D'Silva, Lynne Cusack, Val Bromley, Barbara Cunneen, Maryann Dela Cruz, Warly Clemente, Catherine Underwood, Sosefo Ali, Anthony Webster, Chang Lee Tsu-Sheng

WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:
Teresita Zafiro, Jacob Robert Hillier, Victor Zonca, Fr Robert (Bob) Brogan

ANNIVERSARY:
Elvira Medalla, John Boyce, Judy Cura, Vita Vitale, Anna Asnicar, Fortunato M. Dancel, Vita Vitales, Dolores Royo Blanco, Maria Cristina Victoria Evangelista Robinson, Joe Pereira, Tony Machado, Cecille Medalla

New to the Parish?

To find out more about the parish and wish to register as a parishioner, visit:

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby/our-parish/new-parishioners

We look forward to welcoming you!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

With great joy, we welcome **Samuel**, who is being baptised this weekend. Through Baptism, he becomes a child of God and a member of Christ's Church. We pray that he and his family will be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit in the years ahead.

To enquire about organising a Baptism, scan the QR code or visit the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Diary Date:
28 October, 7pm - Session 2 at The Light of Christ Centre. Parking available at the basketball court.

We ask the parish community to keep the 64 children who are preparing for their Confirmation in the next 4 weeks.



Expressions of interest to be part of World Youth Day 2027 - Open
If you wish to take part of the WYD27 in Korea, kindly register your interest. For more information go to the diocesan website for World Youth Day: https://bbwyd27.org.au/

YOUTH GROUP

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month during school term.
Term 4 Dates:
November - 1, 15, & 29
December - 6 & 20

Where: Fr Nulty Room.

- Ages 7 to 11: 4:30pm - 6pm
- Ages 12 to 17: 6pm - 8:30pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OLOR CATHEDRAL
No Children's Liturgy this week (25 Oct) due to school Mass.

QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH
Every 4th Sunday of the month following 9am Mass during the school term.