HORNSBY CATHEDRAL PARISH

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

Website Facebook YouTube

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B | 29 NOVEMBER 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalms: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



Stay Awake, the Lord Is Coming

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of hope, expectation, and preparation as we await the coming of Christ. In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 13:33-37), Jesus calls His disciples to be watchful: "Stay awake, because you never know when the master of the house is coming."

Advent reminds us that Christ comes to us in three ways: in His birth at Bethlehem, in His presence among us each day, and in His glorious return at the end of time. While the world around us can become busy and distracted in the lead up to Christmas, the Church invites us to slow down and prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord.

The readings speak of a God who is faithful to His promises and who never abandons His people. Advent is an opportunity to renew our prayer, deepen our trust in the Lord, and look forward with hope. As we light the first Advent candle, may we open our hearts to God's grace and allow Christ to find us ready when He comes.



Reflection Question

How can I make more room for Christ in my heart and daily life this Advent?

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.

Thank you to all who gave during the Mass and online. If you still would like to contribute you are welcome to put the envelop on any of the collection bags. Envelopes will be available in the pews, or you can also donate using the QR code below.
Our quota for this year's appeal is $47,628.

SCAN HERE

DONATE

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

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Last Wednesday night we celebrated our annual Volunteers' Thank You Dinner. It was a great night and it was nice to see so many of our volunteers attending.

For all those volunteers who couldn't be there we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for giving so generously of your time, energy, and talents to support our parish. Whether you serve in liturgy, hospitality, maintenance, or outreach ministries, you are the heartbeat of our community. Your hard work makes our parish a welcoming and vibrant home for all. May God bless you a hundredfold for your kindness and dedication!

Yours in Christ,
Hornsby Cathedral Parish Team.

HOUR OF GRACE – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Join us at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for an afternoon of prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction as we honour our Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

🙏 Tuesday, 8 December 2026
🕛 12:00pm – 1:15pm
📍 Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

Refreshments will follow the prayers. Come and spend an hour with the Lord, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome!

PIETY STALL

God's Word 2027 now available at the stall. If you pre-ordered, contact the parish to pick up your book.

MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

To mark the new Liturgical season, we will be singing the *Mass of Our Lady, Help of Christians* musical setting of the Mass throughout Advent. Written by one of Australia's greatest Catholic composers, Richard Connolly (1927-2022), this musical setting was one of five chosen by the Australian Bishops' National Liturgical Music Council for inclusion in *Catholic Worship Book II*, and will be familiar to Cathedral parishioners from Advent 2025 & 2024:

Kyrie

Richard Connolly

Cantor intones; All repeat.

Ky - - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chris - - - te, e - le - i - son.
Ky - - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho_ ly Lord_ God_ of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord._ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in_ the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your Death,_ O Lord,_ and pro - fess your Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come_ a - gain.

Amen

A - - men. A - - men.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
world, grant_ us peace.

ADVENT 2026



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist 4th December at OLOR Cathedral 10am-10pm. All welcome to spend time in private prayer before the Lord.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS



Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Simbang Gabi (Christmas Novena Masses) from

Date: 15-23 December at 7:00pm
Church: OLOR Cathedral

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, let us gather in prayer, faith, and joyful anticipation of Christmas.

Following each Mass, please stay and enjoy a light supper and fellowship with our parish community. All are welcome!

SEASON OF ADVENT

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a season of hope and joyful preparation for the coming of Christ. While the weeks leading up to Christmas can be busy with celebrations, shopping, and end-of-year commitments, Advent invites us to slow down, make space for prayer, and keep our focus on Jesus, whose birth we prepare to celebrate at Christmas.

A reflection guide for Advent is available at the back of the Church.

"Prepare the way of the Lord."
Mark 1:3

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Join us in bringing the love of Christ to our elderly friends in nursing homes through Christmas carols, warm smiles, and the gift of your time. You don't need to be a singer! Your presence alone can bring so much joy and remind someone that they are loved and not forgotten.

Date: 13 December (Sun)
Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Venue: Kogarah area

To join or enquire: email Michelle at nolo09272014@gmail.com

OLOR WORKING BEE



As we prepare for the season of Advent, we invite parishioners to join us for a Parish Working Bee to help tidy, clean and prepare our church and grounds for the coming season.

Whether you can lend a hand for the whole morning or just an hour, every helping hand is welcome! Let's come together in fellowship and get our parish ready for Advent.

Date: Saturday, 28 November 2026
Time: 10:00am (after the 9:30am Mass) to 1pm

Light lunch will be provided.

All are welcome! Thank you for your generosity and support.



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

NOVEMBER
28 Working Bee at OLOR
29 First Sunday of Advent

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)

CATENIAN MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at QOP Church Hall.
The last meeting for the year will be 3rd December and our first meeting for 2027 will be on 4th February 2027.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on the following Mondays:
Monday 30th November
Monday 7th December

Apologies for any inconvenience.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SCAN ME!

Clergy Giving (1st Collection) supports the Clergy 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:
Dolores Capati, Tilly Theunissen, Jill Bradley, Michael O'Brien, Carl D'Silva, 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:
John Baynie, John Thew, Lynne Cusack, Lidwina Briley, Teresita Zafiro.

ANNIVERSARY:
Clara M Dancel, Kathleen Toshack, Elvira Medalla, John Boyce, Judy Cura, Vita Vitale, Anna Asnicar, Fortunato M. Dancel, Vita Vitales, Dolores Royo Blanco, Maria Cristina, Victoria Evangelista Robinson

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 Elizabeth, Finnley and Archie, who are being baptised this weekend.
Through Baptism, they become children of God and a members of Christ's Church.
We pray that they and their 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.

CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Craft group is completing it's 16th year. Not such a big group these days but membership is constant & we look forward to our get-togethers. meeting are 10am-2pm in QOP Church Hall. Our last day this year will 3 December and resuming on Thursday 28 January.
Wishing all a lovely Christmas break.

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 - 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
Children's Liturgy - Sundays at the 9:30am Mass during school term
QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH
Every 4th Sunday of the month following 9am Mass during the school term.