



Welcome to Hornsby Cathedral Parish

Diocese of Broken Bay

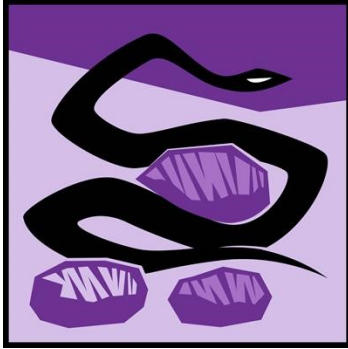
On the land of the Guringai people

Incorporating the communities of

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

and Queen of Peace Church
18 Stuart Ave, Normanhurst

1 March 2020 First Sunday of Lent



Year A

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4: 1-11

Weekend Mass Times

Cathedral: **Sat** 5pm Vigil. **Sun** 9.30am, 6pm
Cathedral (in Filipino): **Sun 9 February**, 3.30pm
Queen of Peace: **Sat** 5.30pm Vigil. **Sun** 8am
Queen of Peace (in Korean): **Sat** 7.30pm Vigil. **Sun** 11am, 5pm

Weekday Mass Times

Cathedral: **Mon- Sat** 9.30am
Queen of Peace: **Tue, Thu, Fri** 8.45am. **Sat** 7.30am
Queen of Peace (Korean): **Tue, Thu, Fri** 7.30pm. **Wed** 9.30am

Sacraments & Prayer

Anointing of the Sick within Mass (followed by morning tea)

Queen of Peace: 1st Tuesday of the month, 8.45am, **3 March**
Cathedral: 3rd Thursday of the month, 9.30am, **19 March**

Reconciliation

Cathedral: Saturday, 10am - 10.30am
Queen of Peace: Saturday, 4.45pm - 5.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (not in January)

Queen of Peace: 1st Friday of the month, after 8.45am Mass.
Cathedral: Every Saturday after 9.30am Mass.
Adoration: 1st Friday of the month, after 9.30am Mass - 10pm at the Cathedral.

Rosary & Daily Prayer

Cathedral: Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday 9am
Rosary: Mon-Fri after 9.30am Mass
Cenacle: Wed & Fri after 9.30am Mass
Queen of Peace: Rosary: Fri after 8.45am Mass
Cenacle: Thu after 8.45am Mass

Baptisms: The Baptism Schedule is available on the parish website and at the back of both Churches.
Note: no Baptisms during Lent (26 February to 10 April 2020).

Weddings: Contact the Parish Office, with at least 6 months notice.

Parish Office closed

Please note that the Parish office will be **closed on Tuesday 3 March** due to staff and clergy attending workshop. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux tour

A warm welcome to the Relics of St Thérèse and her parents Ss Louis and Zélie Martin, to our Cathedral Parish at Broken Bay on the **7 March at 9.15am - 8 March at 6.30am.**

Parishioners will have an opportunity to spend time in groups of prayer welcoming these great saints. As we welcome them, we entrust our Families, Societies, Nation, and very specially the family of our Diocese of Broken Bay into their care.

St Thérèse 'Patron Saint of Missions', affectionately known as the 'little flower', teaches us to find God in the ordinary details of life. Her love for God was very simple and she called it her 'little way'.

The relics will visit **our parish on 7th March:**

- **9.30am** Mass at Cathedral
- **5pm** Vigil Mass at Cathedral followed by overnight Vigil.



To cover the whole day and night for prayers please put your name on any of the vacant time slots on the timesheet at the back of the Cathedral.

Choir for Welcome Relics Mass

Singers are invited to join the choir for 9.30am Welcome of Relics Mass on Saturday 7th March (with rehearsal at 8am). Singers who express interest please email Veronica vhstreet@tpg.com.au or Leonie [waterson.leonie@gmail.com](mailto:watsonson.leonie@gmail.com)



Fr Peter

Fr Peter would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness. Fr Peter is recovering well.

He would also like to thank the visiting priest celebrating Masses in his absence. Please make them feel welcome.

Corona virus update

Bishop Anthony issued guidelines with regards to general community health concern that: The chalice is not to be shared at any Masses but is to be reserved to the Celebrant(s) only.

Stations of the Cross

On every Friday during Lent:

- OLOR Cathedral, 7pm-8pm. (Confessions available during this time)
- Queen of Peace, every Friday after 8.45am Mass.

Message from Fr Peter

My dear Parishioners

Thank you with your support, as we welcome the relics of St Therese and her Parents, there are a number of slots that have been filled, and there are a few that are still to be filled. **Especially between 1.30am and 5.30am.**

I am hoping that our watch and pray hours will be a moment of grace for our families, societies and communities. This is an open invitation— all are welcome, the church is big enough to fit us all in.

While you encounter your time of prayer there might be pilgrim groups arriving and having a Mass around the Relics. Please feel free to join in with them. Pilgrims from all walks of life, as well as a number of chaplaincies, this is a very special time to give thanks for each of our faith communities, and the richness they add to our Country, in glorifying with gratitude, the gift of faith. May the Lord accompany us and our families during this time on this our pilgrimage.

God Bless Fr Peter D.

Save the date—Lenten Program 2020

Lenten Program 2020 - 'Open Your Hearts'

This year, the Young Adults community will be facilitating a four week Lenten program titled 'Open Your Hearts.'

The program will be over four consecutive Thursdays in the Fr Nulty Room at 7pm-8pm. The dates are: **12, 19 and 26 March, and 2 April 2020. (6pm start for 2 April)**

More information about the program to be advised.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Parish office 8379 1700.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation commenced on 25th Feb. Please keep the children and their parents in your prayers. Remaining sessions:

- Tuesday 10th March — Parent talk 7-8pm Fr Nulty room
- Tuesday 17th March — Parent talk 7-8pm Fr Nulty room
- Tuesday 24th March — Sacrament of Reconciliation 5-6pm

Newly Baptised

We welcome newly baptised: Amelia Isabel Cuevas
♦ Banjo John Carmichael ♦ Isabelle Mia Goode



Funeral for the late F Stillitano will be held on Monday 2nd March 9.30am at the Cathedral.

We remember in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: F Stillitano ♦ P O'Connell ♦ K Coen ♦ J Teffer ♦ M Otilio Palacios ♦ H O'Connor ♦ Fr D Callahan

Anniversaries/Birthdays: T Dalton ♦ G Linssen ♦ M Klauer ♦ D Egelhoff ♦ P Sebastian

Prayers For The Sick: L Montesclaros ♦ B Schicht ♦ G Kachel Snr ♦ F & J Bradley

Due to privacy laws, names of the sick & deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of immediate family.

First Friday Exposition



The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday 6th March** after 9.30am Mass until 10pm in the Cathedral.

All are welcome to drop in for prayer at any time.

We have some vacancies during school hours: 12noon-1pm; 1.30pm-2.30pm. Great opportunities for part-time workers, students or other parishioners during the day.

Exposition is interrupted between 7-8pm for Stations of the Cross.

Palms—Palms Sunday



We wish to advise that due to the previous palms we purchased are now being a Section 13 protected Australian species, we are unable to obtain any of these palms.

Fr Peter asks if parishioners could please bring their own Palm or other leaf on Palm Sunday.

Fr Peter would also like to have a few potted palms on loan to decorate our Churches for Palm Sunday. If you have a potted palm and would like to loan it to parish for Palm Sunday please contact the parish office on 8379 1700.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020

Pope Francis' Lenten Message 2020—“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

In this very rich reflection, Pope Francis encourages us to contemplate the paschal mystery, not as a past event, but allowing ourselves to be continually saved through our relationship with our crucified and risen Lord. Read the full message here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/papa-francesco_20191007_messaggio-quaresima2020.html

Project Compassion



Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through Parish envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by phoning 1800 024 413.

Readings for the Week: 2 - 8 March

Monday **Monday of the 1st week of Lent**

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday **Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent**

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday **Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent**

Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday **Thursday of the 1st week of Lent**

Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12

Friday **Friday of the 1st week of Lent**

Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday **Saturday of the 1st week of Lent**

Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday **Second Sunday of Lent**

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9



Parish Groups, Activities & Services. All are Welcome!

Young Adults



- **Sunday BBQ** - next BBQ **Sunday 22nd March**, after 6pm Mass at the Cathedral. Prepared by our Young Adults Group for all parishioners.
- **Young Adults Group** (18-35 years) every Monday, 7pm-9pm in the Fr Nulty Room Waitara. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Follow our Parish Youth Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/hornsbyparishyouth

Social Justice

The Social Justice group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Feb to Nov, 7.30pm-9pm in the Fr Hawe Room, Waitara.

The Social Justice Group is seeking new members to help provide up-to-date, comprehensive and relevant information about local, national and international social problems to our Parish community.

Part Time and Full Time Members from secondary school age and upwards all welcome. We support school and university students with their social justice projects.

Please address any enquiries to the Social Justice Group via the parish office.

FAIRTRADE - It is well known that products such as tea, coffee, clothing and footwear can sometimes be produced using unethical products and services, and practices that include unfair working conditions, including child labour and slavery.



Prayer and Bible Study Groups

- **Christian Meditation** in the Father John Main OSB (1926-1982) tradition, takes place every Sunday, 4.45pm to 5.45pm, in the Fr Baulman Room, Waitara. For 18 years and over. For further information, <http://wccm.org/>
- **Cenacles of Prayer** All welcome.
Queen of Peace, Thursdays after 8.45am Mass. Our Lady invites us all to pray the Cenacle (upper room) with Her as she did in the First Cenacle with the Apostles in Jerusalem.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Wednesdays & Fridays after 9.30am Mass. Includes Rosary (which we pray daily), a reading of a message from Fr Gobbi's book "To the priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons", and an act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- **Maranatha Charismatic Prayer Group**, meets **on Thursday** evening 8pm-10pm in the Fr Nulty room. All welcome.
- **Couples for Christ Australia** meets in the Parish regularly. For further information on meeting times and activities, contact Dom De Guia: dcdeguia@gmail.com or Raj Rajasingam: Orajasingam.raj@gmail.com



Children & Youth

- **Children's Liturgy** takes place 9.30am each Sunday (school term only) in the CatholicCare playgroup building (located behind Cathedral House), Waitara. More Volunteers Needed. Enquiries to the Parish Office.
- **OLOR Primary School & Parish Mass** - once a term at the 5pm Saturday Vigil or 9.30am Mass Waitara. **Term 1 Mass: Sat 14 March, 5pm.**
- **Weekly Children's Bulletin** is available at the back of the Church, or <https://thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com/>
- **Playgroup at QOP** - next meeting to be announced.



St Vincent de Paul Society

New members are welcome. Please attend our next meeting:

- Queen of Peace Conference meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7.30pm in the QOP Hall Normanhurst. Cathedral Conference meets every Monday at 6pm in the Fr Baulman Room, Waitara. Cathedral Conference Red Poor Box Appeal takes place on the 1st weekend of each month.



Parish Activities

- **Parish Craft & Friendship Group** meets every Thursday, 10am-2pm in the QOP Hall Normanhurst. All are welcome, just come when you can and leave when you must.
- **Community Dinner** every Wednesday, 6pm in the Fr Nulty Room, Waitara. All welcome! Enquiries: Bette Stephenson
Email: hcommunitydinner@gmail.com
- **Over 50s Group** outing on Wednesday 4 March will be to Davistown. We will meet on the **CONCOURSE OF HORNSBY STATION** at 9.40am to catch the next train to Woy Woy and then ferry (cost) to Davistown.



Parish Services

- **Parish Library** is open on the 1st weekend of the month after all Masses in the Fr Nulty Room, Waitara (except in January). You can apply for free membership of **The Bishop David Walker Library**, Pennant Hills (Broken Bay Institute, TAITE): <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/library/Borrowing-and-Membership>
Catholic E-Library: <http://sharingtheword.info>
- **Cathedral Piety Stall** is open every 2nd weekend of the month after all Masses at the Cathedral. We accept cash only.
- **Bus service for Sunday 9.30am Mass** Picked up from your front door and home again, for anyone having trouble attending Mass due to transport. Gold coin donation. Limited seating. Enquiries: contact the Parish Office.



BISHOP'S CALENDAR



Tuesday 3 March Attends Clergy/Parish Personnel Workshop Day, Diocese of Broken Bay

Wednesday 4 March Attends Implementation Advisory Group Symposium

Thursday 5 March Attends Advisory Board Meeting for the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation, ACU
5.30pm; Celebrates Mass, Diocesan Schools Staff, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara
7.30pm; Celebrates Mass, and welcome of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents,
Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, Corpus Christi Church, St Ives

Saturday 7 March 5pm; Celebrates Mass, and welcome of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents,
Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

Holy Thursday Choir



Singers are welcome to join a choir for Holy Thursday

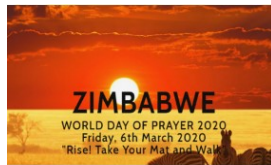
Mass on 9th April. The music is not difficult. Rehearsals are Monday 30 March and Monday 6 April 7pm-9pm.

Please email Dennis if you would like to join the choir
dennis.harris@dennisjharris.com

Beyond our Parish

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6 March

This year World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 6 March, with the theme *Rise! Take your Mat and Walk* and has been prepared by the faithful Christians in Zimbabwe.



Celebrated annually on the first Friday in March, this global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in prayer and action, for justice and peace. The movement aims to bring together people of all races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer.

Alpha

Hi, I am a mother of three boys at OLOR. I am also part of the Hornsby Cathedral community. I am hosting Alpha in my home at Westleigh alternate Fridays starting 6/3/20 from 9.30 to 11.30. We will start with coffee and at 10am show Alpha DVD, approx 25 mins followed by discussion and prayer. Kids are welcome to come. Session 2 Who is Jesus is Fri 6/3.

Please email armstrongfionnuala@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending. Look forward to hearing from you.

Positions Vacant in our Diocese

There are three positions available in parishes at the moment.

- St Agatha's, Pennant Hills – Faith Formation Team Leader (Full Time)
- Frenchs Forest – Parish Secretary (Full Time)
- The Lakes – Administrative Assistant and Sacramental Programs Coordinator (Part Time)

For more information see:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

Donations

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is very much appreciated.

- The **1st Collection** taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The **2nd Collection** taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of our Parish.

You are invited to help our Parish by committing to the Planned Giving Program. Sets of envelope, direct debit and credit card forms are available at the Parish Office.

Regular Credit Card Donations

If you currently give via credit card and have received a new credit card number or new expiry date, please contact the Parish Office.

One-off Credit Card Donations

One-off credit card (Visa or MasterCard) donations to the Parish can be made using the **Tap & Go Device** at the back of the Cathedral or through the parish website. On the website, Select Our Parish > Donations & Online Payments, and then click on BPoint logo to complete the details. Select the biller-code in the dropdown box so that we know where to direct your donation. For example:

- **CWF** will direct your donation to Charitable Works Fund.
- **Planned Giving** goes towards the 2nd Collection for the upkeep of the Parish.

Bequests

Another way to assist our parish is to consider leaving a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our Parish continue our good works and outreach. If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Contact Us

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral: 23 Yardley Ave, Waitara

Queen of Peace Church: 18 Stuart Ave, Normanhurst

Parish Office: 27 Yardley Ave, Waitara

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8379 1700 cathedral@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm

After Hours Emergency Number: 0458 351 843

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/hornsby

www.facebook.com/HornsbyCathedralParish

(Please submit items for the bulletin to the Parish Office by Tuesday.)

Our Clergy & Our Schools

Clergy:

(Most Rev) Anthony **Randazzo** DD JCL, Bishop
(Very Rev) Anthony Peter **deSouza**, Dean/Administrator
(Rev) Vincent Trung **Nguyen**, Assistant Priest
(Rev) Simon Seong Kyeong **Park**, Korean Chaplain

Our Lady of the Rosary School (Kindergarten - Year 6):

Mrs Jacinta **Crowe**, Principal 9489 7000

St Leo's Catholic College (Years 7-12):

Mr Tony **Gleeson**, Principal 9487 3555



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for Lent 2020

The memory of recent bushfires in our Diocese of Broken Bay, and indeed throughout many towns and communities around Australia, has left an unforgettable mark, not only on the landscape, but also on our lives.

Bushlands, forests, animals and human lives have all been marked by ashes. The thick, choking air with its incinerated odour lingered for weeks reminding us that much of what we hold precious had been charred, consumed or changed.

The downpour of rain that has filled our waterways and dampened our neighbourhoods in the weeks following the fires has resulted in the rejuvenation of scorched earth, and the beginning of verdant regrowth of grassy paddocks and forests.

Our Australian environment, while at times harsh and rugged, is a vivid reminder of nature's cycle of destruction and rejuvenation as well as our spiritual cycle of death and resurrection.

It might seem strange to some that as we begin our annual Lenten pilgrimage we are marked with ashes.

They are not a recollection of devastation, destruction, and death. Rather, they serve to remind us, that like the scorched and reborn Australian landscape, our lives too are renewed by faith in Jesus Christ.

Lent is a wonderful, joy-filled time. Pope Francis reminds us that "*Christian joy flows from listening to and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus*" (cf Pope Francis Message for Lent 2020).

It is a time when the believer's heart and mind are renewed in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery.

It is a time when, consumed by the Father's mercy, our lives are purified and God is glorified by our humble, yet sincere effort to live in the image and likeness of our creator!

Lent is not a time of misery and deprivation. It is a time of gladness and abundance in the Spirit. It is not a time of indulgent self-mortification and degradation.

Rather, it is a time of honour and privilege. Honour – because we are sons and daughters of the Father. Privilege - because in Christ we are given a new way of approaching the heart of the Father.

During the Mass of Ash Wednesday, we read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus speaks to his disciples about three things: **almsgiving** ^(Mt 6:1-6), **prayer** ^(Mt 6:5-15) and **fasting** ^(Mt 6:16-18). These three spiritual exercises have been practiced in the Judeo-Christian tradition for centuries.

Almsgiving, prayer and fasting are not currency to buy God's favour but are our response of gratitude for the love received and experienced. They equip us to undertake works of mercy and they assist us to look beyond ourselves so that we might be true witnesses for others who are in need and who seek to be saved by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There is no time for self-indulgence in this vision of things. There is, however, ample time to pray as well as contemplate and reflect upon what needs to be converted in one's own life so that all obstacles that impede the authentic and joyful proclamation of the Gospel might be removed.

And so, my sisters and brothers, this Lent, I invite you to claim time to spend with the Lord in prayer. Don't be fearful. Remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "*the Lord waits to be gracious to you; he will rise up to show mercy to you*" ^(Isaiah 30:18).

I invite you to embrace the spiritual practice of fasting and abstinence with a joyful heart. Not eating meat on Fridays; reducing food portions; or abstaining from sweets or alcohol are all time-tested ways of entering into the Lenten fast. Rest assured that you will notice the affect in your own life, and hopefully, when you take up the fast you won't become penance for others with whom you live. The spiritual alertness that comes with prayer and fasting will assist us to help others.

During Lent, I invite you to make the time to give special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, alone, overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community.

All of that will take its toll on each of us, if we are not prepared well spiritually. No one runs a marathon without the right training and sustenance.

Therefore, my sisters and brothers, I encourage you to make good use of the Sacrament of Penance during this holy season. In this marvellous sacrament, we confess our sins and are reconciled to God and to each other.

Having been reconciled, I urge you also to frequent the Eucharist every Sunday. It is in the Mass that we see most clearly the ultimate gift of mercy – Christ sacrificed on the Cross; for the forgiveness of our sins and for the life of the world.

It is through Holy Communion that we are fed on the Body of Christ. He is our living bread, our food for the journey. He is our salvation and His cup is our communion with the blood of Christ.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, my prayer over these coming weeks is that our Catholic community in the Diocese of Broken Bay will seek to live the new life in Christ. This Lent, may we move with confidence and loving reverence deeper into the heart of the Father who is grace, mercy and love. Amen.