



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

Third Sunday of Advent

15th December 2019



Year A

First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm:

Second Reading:

Gospel:

Isaiah 35: 1-6,10

Lord, come and save us.

St James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Please note from the 1st Sunday of Advent:

- Weekend readings will be Year A
- Weekday readings Year 2

Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday 24 December:

5pm Vigil	Cathedral
5.30pm Vigil	Queen of Peace Church
7.30pm Vigil	The Light of Christ Centre - in Korean
8pm Vigil	Queen of Peace Church (Carols from 7.30pm)
8.30pm Vigil	Cathedral
12am Midnight	Cathedral (Carols from 11.30pm)

Wednesday 25th December:

8am	Queen of Peace Church
9.30am	Cathedral
11am	Queen of Peace Church in Korean
5pm	Queen of Peace Church in Korean



Sacraments & Prayer

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

Queen of Peace: 1st Tuesday of the month, 8.45am, **4 Feb 2020**
Cathedral: **Thursday 20 February, 9.30am**

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fr Vincent on Annual Leave

Fr Vincent Nguyen is on annual leave until 30th Dec. We wish him a well deserved break and safe travels. We welcome Fr James Duck who will be celebrating Masses during Fr Vincent's absence. Please note the different weekday Mass Schedule.

Mass Time Schedule: 16-29 December

	Cathedral	QOP	Other
16 Dec (Mon)	9.30am	No Mass	
17 Dec (Tue)	No Mass	8.45am	
18 Dec (Wed)	9.30am	No Mass	11am McQ Park
19 Dec (Thu)	No Mass	8.45am	
20 Dec (Fri)	9.30am	No Mass	
21 Dec (Sat)	9.30am	No Mass	
21 Dec (Sat)	5pm Vigil	5.30pm Vigil	
22 Dec (Sun)	9.30am, 6pm	8am	11am McQ Park
23 Dec (Mon)	9.30am	No Mass	
24 Dec (Tue)	<i>See Christmas</i>	8.45am <i>timetables</i>	
25 Dec (Wed)	<i>See Christmas</i>	<i>timetables</i>	10am McQ Park
26 Dec (Thu)	No Mass	8.45am	
27 Dec (Fri)	9.30am	No Mass	
28 Dec (Sat)	9.30am	No Mass	
28 Dec (Sat)	5pm Vigil	5.30pm Vigil	
29 Dec (Sun)	9.30am, 6pm	8am	11am McQ Park

Giving Tree

My dear Parishioners

The third weekend of Advent readings, invites us to “*Gaudete in Domino semper,*” i.e. “Rejoice in the Lord always.” So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour into our hearts and lives, as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebrations.

As we continue to walk our pilgrimage of faith, I assure each of you my prayerful support, and may I request you please say one for us your Priests.

The Parish gifting tree is on display again with tags on it. It's another opportunity for us all gathered to think in what best way we can be of help to the Parish, with our time, talent and treasure. We are invited to open our hearts in prayer at this time, and make a commitment in action, so that we might be able to grow as a community in faith. Our generosity is a great gift of our persons, to the incarnated Christ we carry daily through our efforts of being human.

As we spent time, on reflecting on our personal gifting do consider, the Parish in the same way, Your community of faith.

As we continue to express our joy at the nearness of Christ's birthday, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

I thank you on behalf of the clergy for your generosity. May this time help us grow together as one family of faith. With prayerful wishes and gratitude in our hearts.

Fr Peter D



Cathedral Nativity Scene 2019

The young adults community have been exploring ‘Christus Vivit’ an apostolic exhortation to young people by Pope Francis which focuses on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

“*Christ is alive*” and he wants you to be alive (CV1). These words are the very first words in Christus Vivit that Pope Francis addresses to the whole Church, not just young people.

Pope Francis states “Jesus, himself eternally young, wants to give us hearts that are ever young” (CV 13). Thus, instead of defining youth by a number Pope Francis states ‘true youth means having a heart capable of loving, whereas everything that separates us from others makes the soul grow old’ (CV13).

Subsequently Pope Francis urges us to be filled with the love of Christ and be witnesses of the Gospel by the way we live. Inspired by our discussions the theme for the cathedral Nativity scene this year is Christus Vivit – Christ is alive. We would like to collect stories from a range of individuals in our Church to show how Christ is alive each day in your lives. These stories will be collated to form a backdrop for the Nativity scene.

We invite interested parishioners to answer 3 questions and provide us with a photo of yourself. These responses need to be emailed to Claire.donnelly@dbb.catholic.edu.au by 16th December.

- ◆ **How are you involved in the Church?**
- ◆ **How do you find your parish ministry rewarding?**
- ◆ **How is ‘Christ Alive’ in your life this Advent / Christmas season?**



Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

Thank you to Marie S & Vanessa B for volunteering to organise this year's re-enactment of the Gospel for the Children's Christmas 5pm Vigil Mass at the Cathedral. **Rehearsal after 9.30am Mass on 22nd December.** If your child/children would like to be a part of the play, Marie marie@mariestephensot.com.au and Vanessa nursenessbrown@yahoo.com.au can be contacted by email.



Carols & Pizza

7pm Saturday
21 December, Fr Nulty Room.
Please join us for a fun night of Christmas Carols and pizza.
Rsvp preferred but not essential.
Feel free to email Christina at Christina.crasto@live.com.au



New Zealand Volcano eruption

Our prayers go out to the families who are injured, missing or deceased. Special prayers for D Ho, S Ooi & L Ooi who were badly burned and are the family of our parishioner J Loh.

We remember in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: H McKeon (mother of Fr J McKeon) ◆ J Macri ◆ P Henry ◆ C Randazzo (Father of Bishop A Randazzo) ◆ J Geary ◆ Fr B Nobbs ◆ M Ferguson ◆ S Fernandes

Anniversaries: B Gilfedder ◆ D Boyce ◆ F Knudsen ◆ C Dighton ◆ R Strotz ◆ A Fraietta ◆ M Lombardo ◆ R Bromley ◆ M Davey ◆ L D'Souza

Prayers For The Sick: G Kachel Snr ◆ P Wild ◆ G Powell ◆ U Saunders ◆ K Butler ◆ Fr D Callahan ◆ C O'Leary ◆ A Rego ◆ F & J Bradley ◆ L Solinap ◆ A Cruz

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

Parish Bulletin/Parish Office Closure

Please note that our last Parish Bulletin for this year will be on **21/22 December**.
The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December 2019 to Monday 27 January 2020 (inclusive).

Readings for the Week: 16-22 December

Monday	Monday of 3rd week of Advent Num 24: 2-7, 15-17; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Tuesday of 3rd week of Advent Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Wednesday of 3rd week of Advent Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
Thursday	Thursday of 3rd week of Advent Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Friday of 3rd week of Advent Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Saturday of 3rd week of Advent Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Parish Groups, Activities & Services. All are Welcome!

Young Adults



- **Sunday BBQ - next BBQ Sunday 22 December** 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, 7.30-9pm in the Fr Hawe Room, Waitara.

STATION UPGRADE

Information on the planned upgrade of Waitara Station has been obtained from the government website via Matt Kean's office. The response is as follows: "Planning is underway for an accessibility upgrade at Waitara Station. As part of the planning process, preliminary investigations will be undertaken to help identify what upgrades will be required to make Waitara Station fully accessible. The upgrade may include new lifts, accessible pathways, and new accessible amenities such as a family accessible toilet."

All affected parishioners should continue to pursue this matter with the office of Member for Ku-ring-gai, Hon. Alistair Henskens and with the office of the Minister for Transport.

Prayer and Bible Study Groups



- **Christian Meditation** will resume on Sunday 2 February 2020, the first Sunday in February, at 4.45pm. We wish you many Christmas and New Year blessings.
- **Study Sacred Scripture** Thursday evening Scripture Group. All welcome on Thursdays 7pm in the Queen of Peace Hall, Normanhurst. **Last meeting 19 Dec. Resumes 30 Jan 2020.**
- **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. **Meetings resume 2nd January 2020.**
 - 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**, is now on their Christmas break and will resume weekly meetings on Thursday 9 January 2020. Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas!
- **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: rajasingam.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 Mass Waitara.
- **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 **Last meeting on 11th Dec. Resumes on 8th January.**
- Cathedral Conference meets every Monday at 6pm in the Fr Baulman Room, Waitara. **Last meeting on 16th Dec. Resumes on 6th January.** Cathedral Conference Red Poor Box Appeal takes place on the 1st weekend of each month.



Parish Activities

- **Parish Craft & Friendship Group** Meetings will resume on Thursday 30th January 2020.
- **Community Dinner** Community Dinner will hold its annual **Christmas Party on 18 Dec 2019 at The Light of Christ Centre from 6 to 9pm. The ministry will have a three-week break over Christmas and will resume on 15 January 2020.** Enquiries: B Stephenson
Email: hcommunitydinner@gmail.com
- **Over 50s Group** will meet again first Wednesday in February 2020. Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas.



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. Copies of God's Word 2020 are now available at the stall. Cost is \$15. 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. **If you are interested in attending Christmas Midnight Mass, pickup from 10.30pm onwards, contact the Parish Office.** Gold coin donation. Limited seating.



Christmas Midnight Mass Choir



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR

Inviting singers and musicians
2 Monday rehearsals:



16 December & 23 December from 7-9pm in the Cathedral
All are Welcome - if you don't usually sing in the Choir
but would like to, come along! Contact Dennis Harris on
dennis.harris@dennisjharris.com

Christmas Day 9.30am Mass Choir

All are welcome to join the Christmas Day 9.30am Mass
Choir. The rehearsal is Thursday 19 December in the
Cathedral, 7pm to 10pm.

Enquiries: Parish Office 8379 1700

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux Tour

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of
St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of
modern times, will visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month
pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zélie Martin.
The relics will visit the following parishes
in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

5 March: St Ives Parish

6 March: The Lakes Parish

7 March: Hornsby Cathedral

8 March: Gosford Parish

9 March: The Entrance Parish



Find out more about this significant event as Australia
prepares for the Plenary Council by visiting:
catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 Dec

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents an opportunity to
pray for the intercession of our most honoured Mother for
pregnancy intentions. As there is no specific Diocesan Mass for
this intention in 2019, please consider having a
special blessing at the end of Mass for both
expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive.



Prayer for Expectant Mothers

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you,
the protectress of unborn children, and ask that you
intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve
to join you in protecting all human life.*

*Our Lady who cared so perfectly for your Son please bless all
the expectant Mothers in Our community. Bless their sons or
daughters that they may be delivered safely into this world and
watch over them as they live out their vocations that have been
planned from all eternity.*

*For those in our community who are hoping to conceive,
encourage them with your Motherly love. Where there is
illness, heal them and show God's great power for those who
have faith. Lift up their marriages and if it is God's will bless
them with a child.*

*O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, present our
petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant
life. Amen*

Safeguarding Message December

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are
committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all
people, especially for children and others in the community
who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our
faith in Jesus Christ.

Donations

Thank you for your financial contribution to support 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

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(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):

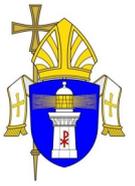
Mrs Jacinta **Crowe**, Principal 9489 7000

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

Mr Tony **Gleeson**, Principal 9487 3555



MESSAGE FROM FR PETER



My dear Parishioners,

The third weekend of Advent readings, invites us to "*Gaudete in Domino semper,*" i.e. "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour into our hearts and lives, as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebrations.

On behalf of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Frs Vincent, Simon and Myself, I wish to extend to each of you and your families, my personal gratitude:

To my Brother Clergy, Frs Vincent and Simon, and all the visiting Priests, for their Vocation, gifts, talents and generosity shared during the year.

To our Office Staff: Marlies, Bella, Angela and Lucia, along with Bob Partington, for their day to day engagements and managements of so many tasks that happen unnoticed, and are carried out so efficiently.

To our Parish Finance Committee, Missionary Council, and Liturgy Committee, the mind and heart of the Parish, your efforts and commitments are truly appreciated.

To our Vincentians, who meet the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters after the heart of St Vincent de Paul, may our combined efforts, in prayer and alms giving, be a gift, of a giving of one self.

To our mission appeal supports: for CWF, Catholic Mission, Yakhumndeni appeals, thank you for your ongoing support, may the joy of the lord accompany you and your families.

To our Principals and their Staff and Students of St Leo's and OLOR, may our continued and joint efforts of learning be recognised and blessed.

To our Catechists Co-ordinator, Louise Spencer, and all our Catechists in our State Schools who bring the joy of the Gospel to the young children of our Parish, and in helping them know that they are loved by God and that He has a message for them to live by.

To our Sacramental Co-ordinators, Marie Gately and Greg Wilson, thank you for the faith, joy and enthusiasm you bring to our families. On their continued journey of faith, there are a few challenges, but our willingness to accept and give, with a bigger picture does help us to experience the love of God in the most challenging times. Thank you for that generosity you bring in.

To our Children's Liturgy Helpers and their assistants, that spread their joy of faith in little ways, helping various groups every Sunday in School terms to experience the joy of being together and growing in faith together.

To our Groundskeepers and cleaners: for their care for cleanliness and professionalism, in making it happen — a clean home makes you feel welcomed.

To our Welcomers, for extending hospitality to all who arrive; Pope Francis reminds us "the Church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one."

To those who extend Hospitality, through preparing and serving refreshments. St Paul reminds us "make hospitality your special care".

To those involved in our Community dinners, who extend their time and talents and treasure, in reaching out to our hungry souls, of mind body and spirit, in you what Isaiah says becomes real. Then the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it together.
(Is 40:3-5)

To our Bus drivers and those who travel on them every weekend, you together travel with our Lord, who makes great things happen.

To our Prayer groups, Devotions, Meditations and RCIA members who reach out to meet the practical and spiritual needs of many in our local community.

To our bulletin photocopiers and office volunteers, for their help with printing the bulletin and supporting our office staff.

To our Youth/Young Adult Group, under the able leadership of Fiona Brown, and the young at heart that join together, to make a difference and live by that difference.

To our Senior and Junior servers, for setting up for the Liturgy where we welcome and receive the Lord in our midst, especially in Word and Sacrament, and for assisting the Priest who represents Christ and for assisting the assembly of the baptised, where Christ is also present.

To our Minister of the Word, and those who train them, for proclaiming the Word of God with conviction and passion to the assembled community. You bring to life the words of the psalmist: "Your Word is a light unto my path."

To our Musicians, Singers and AV operators, for bringing greater beauty, joy and focus to our Liturgy through the special gift of sacred music and song, helping us celebrate the liturgical seasons of the year and in Word and Sacrament.

To our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for assisting in distributing the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, food for the journey on our pilgrimage through life. And for carrying forth Holy Communion to the Hospitals, Nursing homes and those housebound, connecting them with us who gather for the Liturgy.

To our Wardens and Money Counters, for helping us gather money and gifts given by God's people for the welfare of our Parish and Diocese, and for those who are poor and in need.

To our Flower Arrangers and Altar Society, for making our Church a beautiful and worthy place to meet the Lord, a house of prayer for all people.

To our Piety Stall and Library volunteers, for your time and effort in serving our Parish Community.

For our unknown **but** known brothers and sisters, those who carry out the Lord's task day in and day out, doing simple things with great love, you are the unsung heroes.

For all those who worship — You are special too, your presence reminds us of something beautiful 'Ministry of Presence' - The people of God.

Finally for all your Contributions in time, treasure and talents.....

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." — Teresa of Avila

On behalf of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, and my Brother Clergy, many thanks for all that you are and choose to be.



Fr Peter deSouza

