



# 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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019



Year A

First Reading:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

Second Reading:

Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel:

Matthew 1: 18-24

## 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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent



Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Christmas Message from our Bishop

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has recorded a Christmas Message for 2019. Here is a link to our website with the video and text: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/christmas-message-from-bishop-anthony-randazzo>  
Here is the link to the YouTube video: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-events/latest-news/christmas-message-from-bishop-anthony-randazzo>

## Fr Vincent on Annual Leave

Fr Vincent Nguyen is on annual leave until 30th December. We welcome Fr James Duck who will be celebrating Masses during Fr Vincent's absence.  
Please note the different Mass Schedule.

## Mass Time Schedule: 23 Dec—1 Jan

	Cathedral	QOP	Other
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	
<b>28 Dec (Sat)</b>	<b>5pm Vigil</b>	<b>5.30pm Vigil</b>	
<b>29 Dec (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am, 6pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>11am McQ Park</b>
30 Dec (Mon)	9.30am	No Mass	
31 Dec (Tue)	9.30am	8.45am	
1 Jan (Wed)	9.30am	No Mass	11am McQ Park



**Wishing all our parishioners, their families and visitors a Merry Christmas and Blessings for 2020. Also safe holidays and travels.**

My dear Parishioners,  
 As we celebrate an amazing mystery — God is born into human history. The eternal God has taken human flesh, has pitched his tent among us. With joy in our hearts, we contemplate the mystery of the Word made flesh. The Christmas invitation is, ‘come to Jesus and feel welcome’. No matter what we have done, or how badly we may feel — he can help us become all that we are meant to be: beloved sons, beloved daughters of God. Come to him, to those who accept him this Christmas day, he gives power to become children of God.  
 Pope Francis says: ‘There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us – happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God’s coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God’s biggest gifts. What is the good news of Jesus for us just now?  
 Like the shepherds, we must search for Christ, hasten to him with eagerness, and in the quiet times of prayer understand anew our need for Christ. St Augustine held that before conceiving Christ in her womb, Mary first conceived him in her heart, by her faith. In some sense we too can bring Christ to birth, by fully embracing God’s will, as we perceive it in our own lives.  
 May this Christmas be a special one for you and your families, and may the same continue to unfold in the New Year 2020. Be blessed and stay blessed.

Fr Peter deSouza.

## Thank you

My dear Fr Simon and the Korean Chaplaincy Community. The Working Bee with your community on Saturday did make a big big difference at our Queen of Peace Church at , in preparations for the coming of our Lord once again in our lives. Thank you to you and your families, may we continue, to grow in the love of our persons and the place we worship.  
 I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for the year ahead 2020. Be blessed and stay blessed.  
 Fr Peter deSouza.

### We remember in our prayers:

**Recently Deceased:** G Ranson (father of Fr D Ranson) ♦  
 H McKeon (mother of Fr J McKeon) ♦  
 C Randazzo (father of Bishop A Randazzo) ♦  
 J Macri ♦ P Henry

**Anniversaries/birthdays of deceased:** B Gilfedder ♦  
 R M Panopio ♦ D Boyce ♦ F Knudsen ♦ T Dalton ♦ L D’Souza

**Prayers For The Sick:** D Ho ♦ S Ooi ♦ L Ooi ♦ 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 this is our last Parish Bulletin for 2019. Next Parish Bulletin will be 1st/2nd February 2020.  
**The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December 2019 to Monday 27 January 2020 (inclusive).**

## Giving Tree

My dear Parishioners  
 The fourth weekend of Advent invites us to our celebration of the birth of Christ which is very near. We bow in reverence for that great event, worshipping God who was made flesh to bring us to glory.

The Gospel of Matthew however mentions the divine origin of Jesus. Although he has a human mother, he has not a human father, but was conceived in Mary by the power of God. This unique way of coming into life, with God as father and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is: both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God. This kind of faithful acceptance is asked from each of us, when Christ comes into our lives, as “God-with-us”.

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 deSouza.



## To all Year 6 Students of our Parish

We congratulate the Year 6 students from all the schools within the parish. We wish you well for your years of Secondary school which begin in 2020.  
 A special mention of the Year 6 graduation from OLOR Catholic Primary School which was held last Tuesday. We thank you for all you have contributed to OLOR Catholic Primary School. We wish you success and happiness in Secondary School and we look forward to you continuing to be members of our parish community.  
 Frs Peter, Vincent and Simon and the Parish Community.

## Congratulations to our HSC Students

Congratulations to our 2019 HSC students. Their fine results reflect the effort, dedication and sheer hard work in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate Examinations. We are extremely proud of the results, the diversity, and of the personal achievements of every one of our students.  
 Frs Peter, Vincent and Simon and the Parish Community.

## Readings for the Week: 23 - 29 December

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday of 4th week of Advent</b> Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday of 4th week of Advent</b> 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Christmas—The Nativity of the Lord</b> Various readings	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St Stephen, the first martyr</b> Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St John, apostle, evangelist</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, martyrs</b> 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23	

# Parish Groups, Activities & Services. All are Welcome!

## Young Adults



- **Sunday BBQ - next BBQ THIS Sunday 22 Dec.** after 6pm Mass at the Cathedral. Prepared by our Young Adults Group for all parishioners.
- **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** Planning meeting 20 January 2020. First meeting for 2020 3 February 7pm-9pm in the Fr Nulty Room Waitara. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

Follow our Parish Youth Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/hornsbyparishyouth](https://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](mailto:dcdeguia@gmail.com) or Raj Rajasingam: [rajasingam.raj@gmail.com](mailto: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 will resume on 15 January 2020.**



Email: [hcommunitydinner@gmail.com](mailto: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 please contact the Parish Office before 24th December.** Gold coin donation.





## Special Prayers

- Our prayers go out to the families from the New Zealand Volcano eruption tragedy, to those 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.
- Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the fires. To those who have lost a loved one, their property and their livestock, we send them prayers, love and support. May they find strength, friendship and personal power in the toughest of situations.

## Sacramental Program 2020

The registration days will be

- 12th January
- 19th January
- 9th February



after 9.30am Mass in the Fr Nulty room.

Children who turn 7 years before 31st May are eligible to be included in the Sacramental program.

**Reconciliation Program starts Tuesday 25th February 2020.**

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention Dec

### The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

## National Biennial Liturgy Conference

Next year's conference will focus on liturgy in the local worshipping community. The importance of fostering and forming the people of God at prayer has been an emerging national focus. In the Final Report for the Plenary Council Phase I, the link between prayer, liturgy and renewal was a common theme. Many Catholics highlighted their desire and need for better training and formation as well as greater reflection and emphasis on liturgy and ministry in their local community.

The gathering provides a marvellous opportunity for pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in the Church's liturgy to network. The keynote speaker is Fr Paul Turner STD from the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph, Missouri, USA.

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 March 2020, Novotel, Parramatta  
Registration: \$370 (Ex GST) before 1 February 2020,  
\$450 (Ex GST) after 1 February 2020

More information and Program: [bit.ly/nlc2020event](http://bit.ly/nlc2020event)

## 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](http://catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux)

## 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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**After Hours Emergency Number: 0458 351 843**

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

 [www.facebook.com/HornsbyCathedralParish](https://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