

A great crowd who had come to
the feast
heard that Jesus was coming to
Jerusalem.
so they took branches off Palm
trees
and went out to meet him, crying.
'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord,
even the king of Israel!'
And Jesus found a young ass and
sat upon it; as is written,
'Fear not, daughter of Sion;
behold, your king is coming, sitting
on the ass's colt!'
His disciples did not understand
this at first,
but when Jesus was glorified,
then they remembered that this
had been written of him
and had been done to him.

Jn 12:12-16

The same crowds that throng to greet Jesus in Jerusalem will scream for his execution in less than a week. Jesus rides in on a donkey, witnessing to Jewish prophecy that he is the one who will save them.

We can be fair weather travellers when it comes to faith, soaking up all that is comfortable and affirming, yet struggle with the contradictions within our beliefs, within our self and in the world. Jesus will come to our



Jerusalem, our life, our church and our world. Regardless of whether we welcome him or scream against him, He comes for us all, and loves us beyond measure.

Can we truly believe in the magnitude of His love and can we believe we are worthy of such love?

(Used with permission. Richard McMahon, Crossroads, Walking the Road Towards Easter)

As we enter Holy Week, let us keep the words of the Gospel firmly in our hearts. Let it live and grow and may we find spaces to notice and experience Jesus' love.

Life and Faith Team

SRE (scripture teachers)

Are you looking for a new challenge for the new year.

Now is the time to share your faith with the young people in our local Primary schools. We currently need a teacher for Thursday afternoon. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please contact Patricia Shaw 9631 8135.

PARISH EMAILS LOST

Due to the technical shutdown that was beyond parish control, we regret that any emails sent to the parish team email addresses (@olqp.org.au) between March 9 and March 20 have been lost. At least, however, the system is now fully restored.

Faith B4U...

Helping Others this Lent...

Please consider donating the following items to Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS):

- sugar
- salt
- condensed milk
- nappies, sizes 3, 4 & 5. Other sizes are OK.
- dry chickpeas
- instant coffee
- tea bags
- women's deodorant
- instant noodles

Donated food can be placed into the JRS basket located in the Narthex (main church entrance).

MET FaithLIFE Theology Short Course

Considering learning about theology? Wanting to expand your language for expressing your faith? Seeking ways to deepen the way you put your faith into practice? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Dr John Collins on Tuesdays 16 + 23 + 30 April!

To register, dates & details email: met@parracatholic.org

Exploring Music for the Solemnities following Easter

All are invited to the next music workshop organised by the Office for Worship and presented by Eric Grella. This workshop is perfect for all parish musicians and also for anyone who wishes to learn more about music for the Solemnities after Easter. As there has been a large interest in these workshops there will be 2 locations!!

- **30 April** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm
- **2 May** at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith from 7pm

RSVP by 28 April to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

Mary Anjoul, George Attard, Rita Attard, Amara Bewert, Ellen Boissett, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Ann Bugaya, Karl Croning, Mario Curmi, Maria Golkowski, Margaret John, Margaret Jones, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Tyler Kenedy, Peter Kennedy, Maxine Kroebel, Michelle Makin, Joyce Mifsud, Elsie Moran, Joseph Moses, Alex Noble, Brendon Onorato, Delma Ryan, Benjie Santiago, Carmel Thompson, Connie Tudman, Eddie Vella, Grace Widjaya, Jasper Wilhite, Maureen Zarb

FOR DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, they now know the fullness of life & delight in God - may they pray for our active purpose in God's Mission.

Gabriel Bustamante, Marie Ladley

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope. *Funeral dates listed below when known. Funeral notices are displayed on the notice board in the church foyer. Every attempt is made to stay current, but it is best not to make that your only or final source of personal information.*

Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April

Program starting 2pm at OLQP Greystanes.

- 2pm - Chaplet and Prayer with Adoration and Benediction
- 3pm Mass
- After Mass there will be veneration and time to place petitions alongside the special image
- Fellowship will take place adjacent to the church in the covered space - Welcome to bring a plate to share

Reconciliation: Those seeking the indulgence associated with this devotion can attend Reconciliation within the seven days prior or seven days after the day. Reconciliation is not being offered at Greystanes parish on this day.

Maltese Welfare (NSW)

Speaker: Marie Louise Muscat

Topic: Moving into Aged Care

When: Thursday 4 April, 10.30am to 11.45am

Where: La Valette Social Centre, 175 Walters Rd Blacktown.

All Welcome.

More details phone 9631 9095 or 0404 462 344

Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels deeper. Every Friday at 10am in the Youth Room next to the office. All are welcome!

Contact: Mary Testa 0403 302 283

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes

Please return your compassion boxes and envelopes by 7th April. Thank you.

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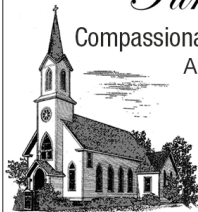
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Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments.

Please contact the Tribunal office on **8838 3480** or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

Help play an active role in keeping our vulnerable safe

Every volunteer **must** complete their Safeguarding modules every 2 years. This is a mandatory requirement by the Government.

Visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to sign up and log into your modules.

- **Modules 1,2 & 3 are to be completed by volunteers who are yet to complete their modules.**
- **Modules 4 & 5 are to be completed by volunteers who need to renew their safeguarding skills**

After completion, please email your certificates to: christine.v@olqp.org.au. If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email **Maria Kervin**, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org or contact the parish office on 9631 8135 / christine.v@olqp.org.au.

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

Central Europe Pilgrimage

Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 17 days from 8 to 24 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia, accompanied by Fr Joseph Lam OSA from St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Prices start from \$5,076 per person, excluding flights.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au

This Weeks Readings	Easter Sunday Readings
<u>1st Reading</u> Isaiah 50:4-7	<u>1st Reading</u> Acts 10:34, 37-43
<u>2nd Reading</u> Philippians 2:6-11	<u>2nd Reading</u> Colossians 3:1-4
<u>Gospel</u> Mark 14:1-15:47	<u>Gospel</u> Mark 16:1-7

EXTRA RECONCILIATION

Extra 1st Rite Reconciliation

Good Friday, after 10am Stations of the Cross to midday

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday 28th March - 8pm

Good Friday (29th March)

Stations of the Cross - 10am

Passion of the Lord - 3pm

Liturgy at the Tomb - 7.30pm to 9pm

The Easter Vigil (30th March)

Holy Saturday - 8pm

Easter Sunday morning Masses (31st March)

7am | 8.30am | 10.30am

NO EVENING MASS Easter Sunday

Regular Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

Tuesday - 9:15am

Wednesday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Thursday - 9:15am

Friday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Saturday - Vigil 5:00pm (live streamed)

Sunday - 7:00am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Memorial Mass - Last Tuesday night of each month (except December) at 7:00pm

Mass for Peace with anointing of the sick - First Saturday of each month (except January) at 10:30am

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Emergency Contact Only 0447 509 207

Join us on...

Parish Office hours: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm Monday to Friday

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