



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

14th April 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## This Sunday's Reflection

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

The Bishop of London had prohibited religious-themed performances on London stages, but the public still craved biblical stories. In response, German-born English composer George Frideric Handel composed *Messiah* in just 24 days and it premiered in Dublin on April 13, 1742. Initially, it received a modest reception, but over time, it became one of the most frequently performed choral pieces in the West. *Messiah* celebrates the story of Christ, blending the human and divine aspects. *Messiah* centers on the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Jallianwala Bagh is a public garden in Amritsar, where a brutal massacre took place on April 13, 1919, on a peaceful gathering of thousands of commoners, who were celebrating Baisakhi, a harvest festival, and a religious occasion during the Indian freedom struggle. Those wounds are getting healed after a long journey of forgiveness, tolerance, and peace-sharing. Desmond Tutu, the revered South African Anglican bishop and social rights activist, held a transformative vision that resonated with people across the globe. "The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ put the issue beyond doubt," he says: "Ultimately goodness, laughter, peace, compassion, gentleness, forgiveness, and reconciliation will have the last word and prevail over conflicts. He was a tireless advocate for justice and equality and championed several social causes throughout his life. He was marked by courage, compassion, and a commitment to justice. He was also a prominent voice against apartheid in South Africa. He actively supported the struggle for racial equality, and human rights.

His role as the first black Archbishop of Cape Town and Bishop of Johannesburg allowed him to use the church as a platform to address the atrocities



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committed during apartheid by promoting truth-telling, forgiveness, and healing. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging past wrongs, seeking reconciliation, and moving forward as united nations. His commitment to dialogue helped bridge divides during tense times.

Jesus opened the minds of his disciples to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer, and to rise from the dead on the third day." The peace Jesus offered surpasses the peace offered by the world because he has overcome death, aggression, and revenge.

**Fr Jobi**

## Lost items

We have a number of lost items found in the church over the past few years, such as: Reading and sunglasses, hats, bibles, children's toys, jewellery, umbrellas, drink bottles, even a car key. Please contact the parish office during office hours to see if your lost item is here on 9631 8135 or email [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

# Faith B4U...

## The Jewish Jesus: Why it Matters

Have you ever wondered about Jesus and his Jewish heritage? Join us for a presentation by world renowned speaker Professor Amy-Jill Levine.

We will gather in the Youth Room to connect to this presentation via Zoom followed by sharing and discussion. Gain valuable insights from Amy and the richness of the post-presentation discussion.

**Tuesday 7 May at 6pm - 8.30pm in the Youth Room**

Dinner provided

Register now by emailing [anne.hines@olqp.org.au](mailto:anne.hines@olqp.org.au) or calling the Parish Office to secure your spot in this exciting virtual event!

## Maximus Men's Ministry Network

Camino of St Joseph on April 26/27 – An overnight walking pilgrimage for men (18+) in honour of St Joseph. This is the largest annual pilgrimage for men in Australia (Sydney) encompassing 7 churches.

**Starting Friday April 26 at 8pm:** Holy Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Austral with Bishop Richard Umbers. Then process and pilgrimage overnight to Holy Spirit - Carnes Hill, Good Shepherd – Hoxton Park, St Therese – Sadleir-Miller, St Francis Xavier – Lurnea, All Saints – Liverpool.

**Finishing Saturday April 27** at St Joseph's, Moorebank with 6am Holy Mass followed by BBQ feast, celebration and fellowship.

To register & more info visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQDJL>

## SRE (scripture teachers)

We currently need a SRE teacher for Thursday afternoon at a local public school. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please contact Patricia Shaw 9631 8135.

## 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.**

Carmen Teuma

**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.*

Violate Fernando (Fr Neil's mum), Ruth Smith

## Help play an active role in keeping children & the vulnerable safe

Do you volunteer your time at the parish? Did you know that every volunteer **must** complete their Safeguarding modules every 2 years AND parish volunteers who work alongside or care for children must *also* hold a Working with Children's Check?

This is a mandatory requirement by the Government. Visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to sign up and log into your Safeguarding modules.

- **Modules 1,2 & 3 are to be completed by new volunteers or those 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 at: [christine.v@olqp.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) or contact the parish office on 9631 8135 / [christine.v@olqp.org.au](mailto:christine.v@olqp.org.au).

To obtain a **Working with Children's Check**, please visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/working-with-children> Once you have received your clearance from Services NSW, please email a copy of your clearance to Christine at: [christine.v@olqp.org.au](mailto:christine.v@olqp.org.au) for processing and next steps.

*Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.*

## Children's Liturgy Volunteers needed

**Children's Liturgy-** Once a month with a small team to share the Gospel with our young children during either the 8:30am or 10:30am Mass. School Terms only. For details call Parish Office on:

P: **9631 8135** / E: [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

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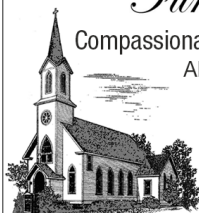
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# Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

## A New Parish Pastoral Council Expressions of Interest - *Sharing this info for a further week*

### The Role of the PPC

As a Parish we will start a new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) after Pentecost this year. The parish **mission** statement, now quite long held at OLQP, is: **'To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ'**. The role of the new PPC, on behalf of the parish, is to ask how the **mission** is being experienced – or how it could be happening more – in four foundational areas of:

1. Faith Enrichment
2. Welcome and Belonging
3. People's Participation in Ministry and Mission
4. Parish Outreach in the World

Through faith-filled assessment and reflection, the PPC then plans response actions. But this calls for shared wisdom to choose between what might be ten or twenty ideas and possible actions – to reach the *why and how* of a priority action for parish commitment.

### The term and special focus

The next two year term of a PPC will overlap with important parish plans for repairs, maintenance and renovation needed on our property, church and buildings here at OLQP. And such plans align with the upcoming 50 years anniversary of the church. It is intended that this next PPC will have a strong focus on the community building aspects around those plans. And so the PPC will ask how it can connect those foundational areas of 1-4 above with the plans of parish renewal. PPC commitment is significant, needing up to an average of two hours service a week.

### Expressions of interest

Enough details for now – but I wanted to express some of those particulars about the new PPC, to help start seeing who in the parish might feel called to such involvement. Those 18 to senior are welcome to write a message of interest via [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) – from where we can talk further towards seeing if this involvement or another would be your best fit.

*Blessings to all in your areas of service – and can I please ask the parish to pray for this important process to form a new PPC. Fr Paul*

## Project Compassion donations

Please return your compassion boxes and envelopes no later than next week. Thank you.

### This Weeks Readings

1st Reading  
Acts  
3:13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading  
1 John  
2:1-5

Gospel  
Luke  
24:35-48

### Next Weeks Readings

1st Reading  
Acts  
4:8-12

2nd Reading  
1 John  
3:1-2

Gospel  
John  
10:11-18

## 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

### Reconciliation:

Saturday - 4:00pm - 4.45pm

Please join us via Facebook or Website, [olqp.org.au](http://olqp.org.au), every Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

**Rosary in the church:** Weekdays at 8:30am & Friday nights at 7:30pm

ZOOM option available Friday night for those who cannot travel to the church for rosary.

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