



— OUR LADY —
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

21st April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's Reflection

The Gospel reading for this Sunday focuses on Jesus' depiction of himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus uses the imagery of a shepherd caring for his sheep to convey profound truths about his relationship with his followers.

Firstly, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. This shows the sacrificial nature of Jesus' love for humanity. Unlike a hired hand who might flee when danger arises, Jesus demonstrates his unwavering commitment to his flock by willingly giving up his life for their sake. This act of selflessness underscores the depth of Jesus' love and his desire to protect and guide his followers.

Secondly, Jesus speaks about the intimacy of his relationship with his sheep. He emphasises that his sheep know him and recognise his voice. This signifies the personal connection Jesus desires to have with each individual. Just as a shepherd knows each of his sheep by name, Jesus knows and cares for each of his followers intimately. He calls them by name and leads them with love and compassion.

Moreover, Jesus draws a stark contrast between himself and the thief, as well as the hired hand. While they come with destructive intentions, Jesus comes to offer abundant life. This sharp distinction underscores the genuine care and provision Jesus extends, in contrast to the deceitful motives of those who seek to exploit and harm.

Lastly, Jesus speaks about his relationship with the Father, emphasising his obedience to the Father's will. He highlights the unity between himself and the Father, stating that he lays down his life of his own accord in obedience to the Father's command. This underscores Jesus' divinity and the harmony within the Godhead.



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Engaging with this passage in deep reflection invites us to plumb the depths of Jesus' love for us and the level of intimacy he desires to have with each of us. It beckons us to listen intently to his voice, to place our trust in his guidance, and to follow him faithfully as our Good Shepherd. By doing so, we can partake in the abundant life and eternal security that Jesus promises to those who belong to his flock.

Fr Jack

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 or calling the Parish Office to secure your spot in this exciting virtual event!

Faith B4U...

Parish Pastoral Council

As has been promoted the past two weeks, OLQP will be starting a new Parish Pastoral Council in June of this year. If you've been away or missed seeing the news about this, simply check back to the bulletins of 7th and 14th April at www.olqp.org.au - There is a widespread trend in the Church in this era not to hold elections for groups such as Pastoral Councils. At first this might seem strange, but many people across the Australian Church have found that Parish Pastoral Council elections can be a bit ineffective in terms of many of those voting not knowing the candidates beyond, perhaps a name or two. This has been particularly noted as the case in large parishes.

Hence, a frequently preferred approach to sourcing members for a Parish Pastoral Council is by individuals discerning their calling and suitability for such a ministry, with the support of relevant parish staff. So, that's the gentle process we're in at the moment. A number of people have been in touch for a chat so far, to start seeing if this or some other channel of service would be most suitable for their gifts. This first step will be open for another couple of weeks where any individual parishioners from age 18 to senior are welcome to jot a note to Fr Paul via parishoffice@olqp.org.au to express interest.

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.

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

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, John Costa, Karl Croning, Mario Curmi, Nerida Fabri, 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.

Mons. Joseph Agius, Joseph Vella

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.*

OLQP church turning 50! Any history buffs?

2025 is the 50th birthday of OLQP church. Very shortly, the parish will be consulted about the first of a series of repair, maintenance and renovation works intended to carry the church, buildings and property into its next chapter of life. But as well as that essential focus, it's also an important time to get something in print to celebrate key stories of the 50 years. So, the parish is calling for:

1. People with the skills and interest to collect, organise, choose, write and assemble a range of interest pieces of the parish story
2. People who have bits and pieces of articles or written info and interesting photos that could become part of a printed collection of stories

Once we have 1. and 2. above, we could call for some people who'd be happy to be 'interviewed' and tell parts of the story that they know and treasure!

We Remember them on ANZAC day Thursday 25th April

We pray for our fallen, and those who returned carrying painful memories and lifelong injuries. May you find peace through our Lord.

We fervently pray, that we learn from our past, and turn to loving and forgiving each other, just as Christ did as he was nailed on the cross.



Please note: Parish Office will be closed on ANZAC day.

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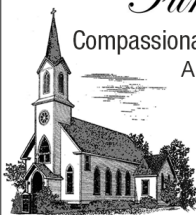
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Do you volunteer your time at the parish? Did you know that every volunteer **must** complete their Safeguarding modules every 2 years AND parish volunteers who work alongside or care for children must *also* hold a Working with Children's Check?

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

Thank you for working together to keep our community safe.

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This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

4:8-12

2nd Reading

1 John

3:1-2

Gospel

John

10:11-18

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

9:26-31

2nd Reading

1 John

3:18-24

Gospel

John

15:1-8

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, 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.

Meeting ID: 896 7944 2594 | Passcode: rosary

Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels more deeply. Every Friday at 10am in the Youth Room next to the office. All are welcome! **Contact:** Mary Testa 0403 302 283

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

26th Friday **St Mark**, evangelist

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