



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

28th April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## This Sunday's Reflection

German philosopher and non-believer Friedrich Nietzsche, once observed famously about Christianity: 'If you want me to believe in your redeemer, then you've got to look a lot more redeemed.' Some who profess to be Christians believe, mistakenly and sadly, that there is no place for fun or joy in religion. As people of the Resurrection, incurable hoppers who keep on believing, trusting and hoping, we are invited to live our faith with a sense of joy and life to the full.

Hope is the radical refusal to put limits on what God can do for us. Pope Francis has told us that Jesus administers 'a therapy of hope'. We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: "Go ahead, I am with you".

Historian Manning Clark wrote that there were two types of teachers at his school: *Life enlargers*: who gave their students real perspective, and helped them to see the big picture in life. As St Ignatius would say 'helped students see God in all things and all things in God'. And teachers he deemed, *Life straighteners*: narrow people, with little imagination or creativity, whose teaching remained closely confined to the curriculum, without daring to stray into the detours on which good education can thrive.

As Christians we are called to be people of the Resurrection, people who are joyful, and aspire to be life enlargers, ready to spread joy wherever life takes us. (adapted from Fr Chris Gleeson Madonna Magazine 2021)

*This week, try and seek out opportunities to be a life enlarger – ready to spread joy as people of the Resurrection.*

Life and Faith Team

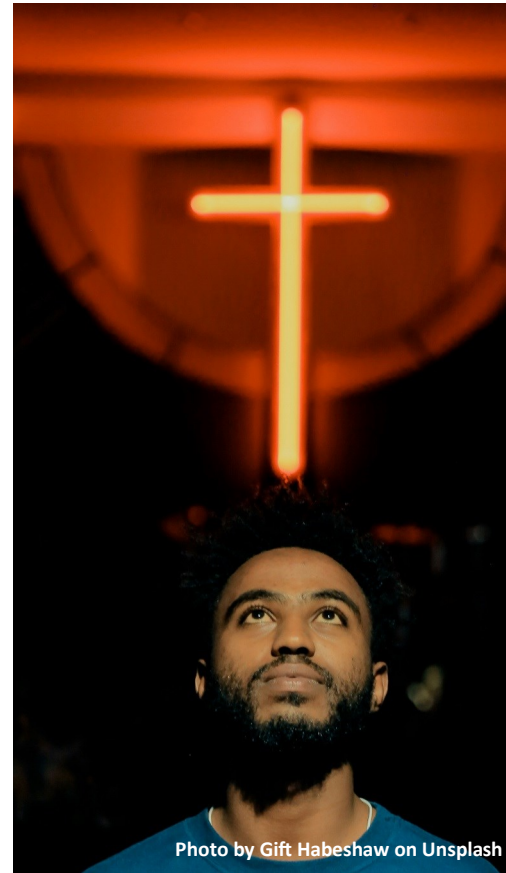


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## The Jewish Jesus: Why it Matters

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 email [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!

## 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!

# Faith B4U...

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

## A Weekend Retreat at the peace-filled Carmelite property at Varroville (45 minutes drive)

**Presenters:** Fr. Paul Maunder (Carmelite Priest) & Cristina Leontini, translator of the thoughts of the following inspirational saint:

**Mariam Baouardy** - later canonised by the Catholic Church as **Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified**, was a 19th century Carmelite nun of the Melkite Catholic Church. She was born to Palestinian Greek parents, was known for her service to the poor and founded a special Carmelite work in Bethlehem known as Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus. She became a Christian mystic who suffered the stigmata and offered her sufferings in union with the Lord for mercy upon sinners. Fr Paul and Cristina will present this special Saint's life in the context of today's sufferings, especially in the Holy Land.

**When:** May 10 - 12, 2024 • 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

**Where:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW - cost \$330

Register at: [www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program)

## 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.**

Mary Aquilina, Joe Iezzi, Tony Pombart

**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.*

Franisca Krizman, Carlito Rivera, Werner Sockel

## Lost and Found

We have a number of lost items found in the church over the past few years, such as:

Reading & Sunglasses | Hats | Bibles | Children's Toys | Jewellery | Umbrellas | Drink Bottles | Car Key etc

A Lost and Found box will be placed in the narthex (main church entrance) for you to look through and reclaim.

For any valuables, please contact the Parish Office on [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) or phone: 9631 8135

## 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

## Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on **Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm**. RSVP via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Catholic Faith Enquiry

Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, wanting to know about Jesus or explore questions to discover more about life and faith?

Please share the gift of faith with others by inviting someone who is interested or thinking about becoming part of the catholic community to contact the parish office ph: **9631 8135** or email: [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) where we can arrange to meet up with them and accompany them in their next steps of their faith journey.

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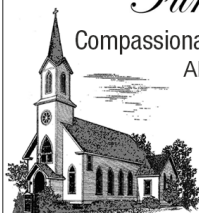
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This is a mandatory requirement by the Government. Visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to sign up and log into your Safeguarding modules. For more information please contact the Parish office.

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

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### This Week's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

9:26-31

#### 2nd Reading

1 John

3:18-24

#### Gospel

John

15:1-8

### Next Week's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

#### 2nd Reading

1 John

4:7-10

#### Gospel

John

15:9-17

### 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.

Meeting ID: 896 7944 2594 | Passcode: rosary

## FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

29<sup>th</sup> Monday **St Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor

2<sup>nd</sup> May Thursday **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor

3<sup>rd</sup> May Friday **Sts Philip and James**, apostles

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