



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

7th April 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## A Big Easter Thanks

Along with Frs Jack and Jobi and the parish team members, I'm confident that all parishioners would want their thanks expressed to all who gave such great support to make our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter ceremonies possible. The activities every Friday night through Lent and all the enrichment initiatives offered through those weeks required lots of background preparation. And the final 'Stations' presentation was powerfully dramatised on Good Friday thanks to Vera and a great crew!

### **When we sing we pray twice! (*Saint Augustine*)**

Lech Madry and the senior choir served remarkably, musically, across several key liturgies of the season and Triduum, after very many hours of practice. And various other musicians and singers beautifully supported every other crowd that gathered. For example, just between Palm Sunday vigil and Easter Sunday, there were fourteen liturgies to cover musically! New groups covered the 7am and 8.30am Easter Sunday Masses – great news and great job! And after the 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass my nephew and his wife (among the more than 1000 people at that Mass) asked: 'Where did that amazing band come from?' Thanks to all of our music ministry!

### **And there were lots more involved too**

Newly commissioned parish liturgical MCs; Pierre Onano and Anne Augusthy, along with newly commissioned sacristans Jane Refalo and Joe Teuma – and the respective serving, acolyte and senior serving, reading, decorating, cleaning and organising teams were sensational. Carmen and Jane in visuals ministry and our background tech operators, screens and



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projections all kicked in - and various logistics people with ministry communications and constant thankless rostering – as well as collections, chairs, welcoming and the care of thousands of people through the church! All these areas represent people saying 'yes I will'. To each one of you, your fellow parishioners say a big and faith-felt thank you!

*May our parish be graced anew in this Easter Season with a continued 'yes' to receive Jesus' risen presence with us – and to be his presence of mercy, service, joy and welcome to many!*

**Fr Paul and team**

## 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)

## Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

All OLQP Youth are invited to attend a special faith night on **11th April at 7pm**. It will be an enriching opportunity to explore the topic 'Is this it?'

Bring a friend and your thinking caps to the Youth Room!

Instagram: [OLQPGreystanesYouth](https://www.instagram.com/OLQPGreystanesYouth)

# Faith B4U...

## A New Parish Pastoral Council Expressions of Interest.

### 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*

## 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.

Thomas Adams, Michael Baptiste, Mary Carmen Zahra

## Thank you

### For Supporting The JRS Lenten Foodbank Drive

Dear Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Greystanes,

We extend warm Easter greetings to you all and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support during the Jesuit Refugee Service Lenten Foodbank Drive. Your donations have been instrumental in providing essential assistance to the 150 families we serve weekly through our Foodbank Program.

Your kindness and solidarity have brought joy and hope to those facing hardship, and we are deeply thankful for your ongoing support. Your partnership enables us to continue our vital work, empowering individuals and families to rebuild their lives with dignity.

May the blessings of Easter fill your hearts with joy and peace. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and compassionate spirit.

With sincere appreciate,

Zoe Grant

Community and Schools Engagement Manager  
Jesuit Refugee Service Australia



### Preparation for First Sacraments

We pray for families who continue their sacramental journey, as they begin preparation this week for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

If you know someone who needs to prepare for their sacraments please visit: [www.olqp.org.au](http://www.olqp.org.au)

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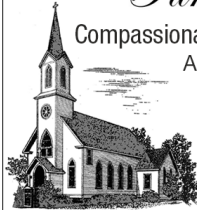
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# Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

## 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.

## 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, umbrella's etc. 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)

## Project Compassion donations

Please return your compassion boxes and envelopes ASAP.  
Thank you.

## 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.*

## FEAST DAYS



### This week we celebrate

8<sup>th</sup> Monday **The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD**

11<sup>th</sup> Thursday **St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr**

### This Weeks Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

4:32-35

#### 2nd Reading

1 John

5:1-6

#### Gospel

John

20:19-31

### Next Weeks Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

3:13-15, 17-19

#### 2nd Reading

1 John

2:1-5

#### Gospel

Luke

24:35-48

## 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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