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QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

12th May 2024

The ASCENSION of the LORD

This Sunday's Reflection

Theodore Roosevelt has the following beautiful advice to all mothers: "Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us. Surely, she who can thus train her sons and her daughters is twice fortunate among women".

On Mother's Day families pay special tribute to their mums in various ways, like giving cards, flowers, breakfast in bed, lunch at a fine restaurant, long-distance calls, and special gifts. These are just some of the ways families will say thanks to Mum, and that is as it should be.

Proverbs 31:10-31 presents us with God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother look like. 1. *She is a devoted wife.* 2. *She is one who has the confidence of her husband.* 3. *She is devoted to the needs of her family.* 4. *She is well groomed, attractive, organized, and disciplined and as such, is a testimony to her children.* 5. *She is a woman full of God's wisdom.* St. Paul exhorts husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church (Ephesians 6: 25). Husbands have the solemn duty to sacrifice themselves continually in their total love for their wives and their children. The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

For all the beautiful mothers, whether they are alive or gone for their eternal reward we owe you so much. A cartoon in the New York magazine showed a mother and daughter in conversation. The daughter asks, "Why are you special?" The mother proudly replies, "I'm your mummy and so I'm special". Motherhood is a noble vocation given by God. In fact, the very future of the world depends upon the quality of our parenting and motherhood. The last thing Jesus gave us was his own mother to us.

On this Mother's Day, let us gratefully admit the fact that none of us is able to pay back to our mothers, in the same measure, what she has given us. Hence let us lavish her with love and offer her our gratitude in the



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form of fervent prayers before God. But unfortunately, too often Mother's Day is simply a time when families attempt to atone for an entire year of neglect, indifference, misuse, and disrespect towards mothers.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am, I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Many gentlemen would say, I should have been turned out badly and notoriously. But her firmness, her sweetness, and her goodness were potential powers to keep me on the right path. My mother was the making of me.

For us Christians, we acknowledge two mothers: our own mothers and Mary, the mother of Jesus, she is the true model of motherhood. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. As we know a mother is a curious mixture of patience, kindness, understanding, discipline, perseverance, purity, and love; what else?

To all mothers, Happy Mother's Day to you.
We love you.

Fr Jobi

Our Lady Queen of Peace Gala Dinner - 14 September at 6pm

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

Purchase your tickets by calling Susanne on 0412 225 305

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Location: Blaxland Room, Wentworthville Leagues Club, 50 Smith St, Wentworthville.

Faith B4U...

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Prayer Opportunity.

This **Wednesday 15th May, 10am - 11am**, in the St. George Preca Centre there will be a morning of prayer and reflection. Tea and coffee provided, all welcome.

For more information: anne.hines@olqp.org.au

Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW Celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on **Saturday 18th May** at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams.

Booking is essential, register with link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>

Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

Mount Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage: 19 May

Everyone is warmly invited to the Annual Marian Pilgrimage on Sunday 19 May at the Mt Schoenstatt Shine, Mulgoa.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as of 9.30am, Holy Mass will begin at 10.30am celebrated by Fr Andrew Fornal OP, there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the shrine at 2pm and the day will conclude with Benediction at 3pm.

For more information, and a detailed program of the day, please visit <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>

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, 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.

Christopher McGrath, John Saliba (Malta), Faride Sassine, Charles A. 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.*

Elina Attard, Christine Scanlon - 18 May at 11am, All Saints Catholic Church Liverpool, Glenda Sultana

Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Monday 13th May at 10:30am, St George Preca Centre.
Mother's Day Morning Tea

Contact: Frances Montesin 0404 257 495

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



Gracious God, this Mother's Day we pray in a spirit of hope for all mothers that they will be life-givers and continue to reveal the face of God to us.

We thank God for our mothers, for giving us life, for nourishing and enlarging that life, and for doing without that we might have. We pray for mothers that they may continue to sing songs of hope in the chaos of our world.

Amen



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.

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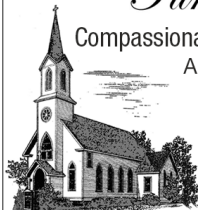
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Do you volunteer your time at the parish? Did you know that every volunteer **must** complete their Safeguarding modules every 2 years AND parish volunteers who work alongside or care for children must *also* hold a Working with Children's Check?

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.

Senior Tai Chi Classes starting soon

Look after your health this winter.

This June a senior Tai Chi class will commence with a qualified instructor in the St George Preca Centre.

All moves can be done either in a seated or standing position.

Improve your: Balance | Coordination | Flexibility | Muscle Strength

What to bring: wear comfortable clothing which is reasonably fitted, towel, water and flat shoes.

Cost: \$14 pp Date and time to be advised.

St Patrick's Cathedral Mozart Concert

Let the full force of River City Voices carry you through Mozart's Requiem in D Minor – a testament of power, faith, awe and hope as the choir joins for the first time with the dynamic young Western Sydney Philharmonic at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on **Friday 17 May from 7.30pm**. Tickets are \$60 for general admission and \$45 for concessions.

To purchase ticket, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mozart-s-requiem/tickets>

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 or phone: 9631 8135

NOTE: Any items unclaimed by May 31st will be donated to Vinnies.

FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

14th Tuesday **St Matthias**, apostle

This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

1:1-11

2nd Reading

Ephesians

1:17-23

Gospel

Mark

16:15-20

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

2:1-11

2nd Reading

Galicians

5:16-25

Gospel

John

15:26-27, 16:12-15

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

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

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