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QUEEN OF PEACE

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19th May 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday's Reflection

Pentecost commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples, as recounted in the Book of Acts. It's also a celebration of the birth of the Church and the empowerment of believers to be heralds of the Good News of Our Lord to the world. In reflecting on the main gospel theme for Pentecost Sunday in year B, which often revolves around the passage from John 20:19-23, we encounter themes of empowerment, reconciliation, and mission.

In this gospel passage, Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection, breathing the Holy Spirit upon them and commissioning them to continue his work of forgiveness and reconciliation. The imagery of breath and spirit is rich with symbolism, conveying the transformative power of God's presence in the lives of believers. Through the Holy Spirit, the disciples are emboldened to proclaim the message of salvation and to extend God's mercy and forgiveness to others.

This theme of empowerment and mission finds resonance in Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si*, which calls for a renewed sense of responsibility and stewardship towards the earth, our common home. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis emphasises the interconnectedness of all creation and the urgent need for ecological conversion. He challenges us to be attentive and respond to the needs of the time, the cry of the poor, and to embrace a lifestyle of simplicity, solidarity, and sustainability.

The connection between evangelisation and caring for creation becomes apparent when we recognise that



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our mission as Christians is not just to proclaim the gospel in words but also to embody its values in our actions. Caring for the environment is a tangible expression of our love for God and our neighbour. When we work to protect and preserve the natural world, we are participating in God's ongoing work of creation and redemption - we are demonstrating our commitment to justice, stewardship, and the common good.

Ultimately, Pentecost Sunday reminds us that the same Spirit who empowered the disciples to proclaim the message of salvation continues to work in and through us today. As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, may we be inspired to live as faithful stewards of God's creation, sharing the good news of Christ's love and mercy with all people and all of creation.

Fr Jack

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The journey towards forgiveness means letting go of things that hold us back from living life to the full in relationship with God and each other. This week over a hundred children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please hold the children and their families in prayer.

Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

This upcoming Thursday (the **23rd May**) there will be a special faith night for the OLQP Youth. Come along at **7pm** for a mass, Marian talk and dinner in the Youth Room.

Bring a friend along as we remember Our Lady in this special month!

Instagram: OLQPGreystanesYouth

Faith B4U...

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

Tables of 10 or individual tickets available | Adults \$79pp Children (3-12 yrs) \$39pp.

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

Senior Tai Chi Classes starts 4th June

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A 6 week Tai Chi program for seniors starts soon with a qualified instructor in the St George Preca Centre.

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When: Each Tuesday for 6 weeks at 11:30am

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

After the session we will sit and enjoy lunch together, please BYO lunch (optional)

Cost: \$14 pp

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

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

Winbourne Presentations

With Br (Dr) Barry Donaghue

25th May: Walking the Labyrinth (half day)

In the labyrinth you enter a spiritual journey. It is a safe space, but one which challenges boundaries in order to create hope. There you may safely bring to the surface that which, held within, needs to come into the light. There are two labyrinths at Winbourne, a seven circuit and an eleven circuit (Chartres style).

8th June: Being Pentecost People (full day)

After his resurrection, Jesus the Christ stayed a little longer, tying up some loose ends and continuing to prepare his disciples for life and ministry after his ascension. Then he left us, with the admonition from the Last Supper to 'be him' still calling us towards both contemplative and active life.

22nd June: Kinds of Prayer – Finding Ways to Pray (full day)

Prayer is communication; relationship addressed, respected and taken further. It is letting God get at you, requiring an open heart and an open mind and a response from our deepest depths.

Half day events: 9:30am – 12:30pm, \$15pp (includes tea/coffee)

Full day events: 9:30am – 3:00pm, \$30pp (includes tea/coffee – BYO lunch)

Venue: Mary Elliott Room, Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745

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.

Gianna & Isabel Nahlous, Adelina Ollino, Pauline Refalo, Jeffrey Saker, Victor Sammut

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.*

Eduarda Dizon, Ron Ellis - 24 May @ 11am, Antonia Pace - 24 May @ 1.30pm, Andrew Spiteri (Malta), Elina Attard - 20 May @ 11am

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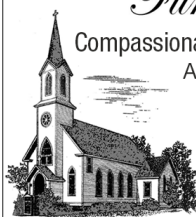
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Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

Are you up-to-date??

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.

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.

Attention: All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

PLEASE go into the sacristy before Mass commences and let the Adult Server know you are available to serve Holy Communion at that particular Mass. Thank you.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments.

Please contact the Tribunal office on **8838 3480** or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

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.

FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

20th Monday **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

24th Friday **Our Lady, Help of Christians**

This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

2:1-11

2nd Reading

Galicians

5:16-25

Gospel

John

15:26-27, 16:12-15

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Deuteronomy

4:32-34, 39-40

2nd Reading

Romans

8:14-17

Gospel

Matthew

28:16-20

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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