



The Peaceful Voice

5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CLAIM THE DATE - Tuesday 4th June evening

Parish follow-up from the Synod of the Diocese

Dear friends – greetings and blessings in the continuing Easter Season.

Our parishioners contributed

As most know, our Diocese of Parramatta held a 'Synod' in late 2023; a gathering of almost 200 representatives from across the Diocese (including OLQP) with Bishop Vincent. Together they reflected and voted on key priorities for the work of God and the Gospel ahead. They didn't decide from a blank slate. A huge amount of listening and sharing had occurred in the months beforehand. Our parish took a bus load to one of those preparations as well as holding two processes at our parish site. From these times with our parishioners, we prepared and sent submissions. There were 1020 submissions in total from across the Diocese! A team worked through all those submissions and pulled them together into six theme areas with a lot of draft work towards resolutions. All of this became the basis for the formal Synod held in October. The six broad theme headings under which the 24 final resolutions belong are:

- 1) *An inclusive and welcoming Church*
- 2) *A humble and healing Church*
- 3) *A listening Church*
- 4) *A Church renewed in spirit and prayer*
- 5) *A Church that reaches to the margins*
- 6) *A Church walking together.*

Since the Synod

The resolutions of the Synod were officially published by the Bishop in a 'decree of promulgation' in January and are now decisions for the direction of our Diocese ahead. Just google **Diocese of Parramatta Synod Decree** and you'll see them all. ALSO since the Synod, the work has begun on the practical application of the decisions. This is the really hard yakka work of turning the decisions into achievable actions. If we really take the 24 resolutions seriously, there are many years of actions and responses involved ahead for all members of the Church. It's a great challenge AND a great opportunity to work together for a meaningful and big next chapter for God's work in our region. Indeed it's all such a big process with so much talking and listening with so many people. It would no doubt be a lot easier if someone else made the decisions AND did the work! But our Diocese is really trying to make this the shared focus of us all, which is true to our Baptised call as God's Church together. And it's true to being 'Synodal'; that is, to 'walking together' in life and faith.



Chewing the next steps – A Parish 'Think Tank' due on 4th June.

Our parish hosted a 'Diocese Think Tank' session this week to help the Synod follow-up team with its work. But more relevant to us all, the Bishop is asking parishes to have their own 'Think Tank' times – These are to contribute actual, practical advice on bringing some of the Synod resolutions alive. The ideas will contribute BOTH to our parish AND towards a new Diocesan Plan to be published in a few months time.

More details later, but for now, please consider SAVING THE DATE.

Tuesday 4th June – 6.30pm – at OLQP parish

A finger foods meal provided - then a 7.00-8.30pm process together.

(RSVP for attendance and catering numbers to parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

With friendship in God's mission – and blessings in this continuing Easter Season towards Pentecost.

Fr Paul

Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

OLQP Youth nights are starting up again for Term 2, with a social night this **Thursday 9th May at 7pm** in the St George Preca Centre.

Come along with a friend to enjoy a relaxing night of socialising, and make some new friends too!

Instagram: OLQPGreystanesYouth

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

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!

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

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.

Jack D'Souza, Benito Scarcella, 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.*

Don Camilleri, John Costa, Ned Muscat

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

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

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Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and our Holy Spirit Seminarians thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Your support will help our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community.

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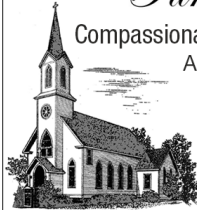
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Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

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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.

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: 15 May

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it 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 and information email: met@parracatholic.org

Central Europe Pilgrimage with Fr Joseph Lam OSA: May 2025

Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 17 days from 8 to 24 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia, accompanied by Fr Joseph Lam OSA from St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Prices start from \$5,076 per person, excluding flights.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

Peace Justice Ecology Table Talk "Laudato Si' Week—Seeds of Hope": 20 May

You are invited to an engaging conversation about caring for God's creation: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from lived experience, and play a role in creating positive change in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'.

Join this Diocesan Table Talk on **Monday 20 May, 6pm – 8:30pm, St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook**. Light dinner will be provided on arrival. Please register by 12 May and find out more at tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk

Men at the Shrine

This is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, next held on **Wednesday 8 May**. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a period of personal silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a simple cup of tea. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. Any questions, contact **Bernard, 0416 106 871**.

This 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

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Acts

1:1-11

2nd Reading

Ephesians

1:17-23

Gospel

Mark

16:15-20

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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Join

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

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