



The Peaceful Voice

23rd June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Winter Embrace - Greystanes Catholic Community

Dear friends

So many people share our large parish property every day, engaged in the precious activities of our Pre-School, Primary School, College and OLQP Worshipping Parish. It would be wonderful to welcome many more people who belong on the property, to experience a blessed sacramental life. But even before hoping that, how special it is that we have access to so many people and their families, here on the parish hill at Greystanes! What opportunities we have, with enough of us backing it, to build a big sense of unity; a unity in which LOTS more people can at least experience some positive level of being part of God's Church, on mission, making a difference.

That's what the 'Winter Embrace' and 'Christmas Embrace' are about; ideas that only quite recently have begun to be part of our language across our 18 acre parish site.

And so, everyone on the property, in various ways over the current days, is hearing that the goal of our united Embrace theme is threefold:

- **To Embrace stories of others' lives and challenges**
- **To Embrace the human story of service and capacity**
- **To Embrace projects to make a difference for God's mission**



THREE STORIES

This Winter Embrace (from now through to the following weekend) is focussing on three stories:

1. The story of those whose lives are lifted by the St Vincent de Paul Society / Vinnies - including the inspirational beginning story of this huge international work of God's love – by a 20 year old university student in Paris. (We'll celebrate a piece of that story at Masses next weekend)



2. The story of 'Project Elizabeth' - focussing on something we all once were: Babies! This special work in our Diocese of Parramatta supports people who are pregnant and struggling; people who've had the sadness of losing a baby before or after birth; and people who are finding it tough raising babies through infancy. (The parish has already embraced that story in recent weeks)
3. The story of some kids - mainly living on plantations in the region of Galle on the south western tip of Sri Lanka. As we did last year, we'll support this region again with school items – in places where there are very limited family funds for simple learning tools we would take for granted.

SLEEPOUTS to support Winter Embrace Story 1 above

One of the efforts of both our on-site Primary School and College for the Winter Embrace is next Friday night. Each school will run an overnight sleepout in the cold. As well as raising funds to bless the work of St Vincent de Paul, the participants will reflect with empathy and faith on the stories of those who are homeless this winter.

Here's to our embracing of God's mission! And here's thanksgiving for the goodwill of Embrace across the whole of our Greystanes Catholic Community.

Fr Paul



Faith B4U...

Life and Faith Enrichment

Prayer and Reflection with Sr Leone.

Sr Leone will facilitate a morning of prayer and reflection on Wednesday 3rd July, 10am – 11am in the St George Precia Centre. Morning tea provided, all welcome.

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

First Communion

On the last two weekends in June, one hundred and forty children in our parish will celebrate their First Communion at special Masses. We give thanks to the parents, grandparents, families and our own community, who have helped these young children to grow in faith. We ask your prayers for the children and their families. May their special day be filled with joy and may they always remember Jesus is with them, accompanying them through life.

Help needed - Ministers of Communion

Ministers of Communion needed to bring communion to the sick in their homes in our parish on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, on a day that suits you.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help.

Thank you to the ministers who take Communion to many sick and housebound living in our community every week. It is truly appreciated.

Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner

Guest Speaker: Angela Shanahan, Freelance Journalist & columnist with The Australian.

When: 7pm Tuesday 27 August

At: Merrylands RSL Swan Room

Cost: \$50 pp incl 2-course meal & soft drinks

RSVP: 13 August. For more info contact Holroyd Combined Churches on **9896 2514** or hmf@hnlc.org.au

www.holroyd-churches.org.au/hcpd

Senior Tai Chi Class

Come and join the seniors Tai Chi Class run by a qualified instructor in the St George Precia Centre.

When: Each Tuesday, 11:30am - 12.30pm

Cost: \$14 pp or \$48 for four consecutive classes

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) **Call Rossana for more information 0423 141 523**



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Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

Eli Aboumelhem, Mary Anjoul, George Attard, Rita Attard, Amara Bewert, Ellen Boissett, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Ann Bugaya, Karl Croning, Mario Curmi, Nerida Fabri, Solonge Faddoul, 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, that they now know the fullness of life & delight in God - may they pray for our active purpose in God's Mission.

Hazel Daly, Sol Espiritu, Elizabeth Kenny, Graham McGregor, Vivian Xerri, Elaine Young

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.*

Frank Sultana (lived in Gozo)

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Simon Stock High - Class of 1974

50th Anniversary Reunion.

Looking for old boys who graduated from year 10 in 1974 for a reunion later in the year. Also welcome are those who were part of our year group anytime during the period 1968 - 1974 but who moved and graduated elsewhere.

Please contact Gary at gary1066@hotmail.com

Safeguarding is a priority at OLQP

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is a term used to describe the protection of the welfare and human rights of people who are, in some way, connected with our work, particularly people who may be at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Safeguarding is part of the Diocese of Parramatta and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish's duty of care.

Calling all volunteers, group leaders and assistant group leaders. If you have not undertaken your 3 Safeguarding modules either online or at an in-person workshop within the last 2 years, please contact the parish office asap or visit <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> to sign up and log into your Safeguarding modules.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Join the team on **28-30 June 2024** at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.

Book online via www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.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

FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

24th Monday The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

28th Friday **St Irenaeus**, bishop, martyr

29th Saturday **Sts Peter and Paul**, apostles

This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Job

38:1, 8-11

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians

5:14-17

Gospel

Mark

4:35-41

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Wisdom

1:13-15; 2:23-24

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians

8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel

Mark

5:21-24, 35-43

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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