



The Peaceful Voice

30th June 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

WINTER EMBRACE Weekend 2

Dear friends

Local Sleepout

By the time you see this, members of our Greystanes Catholic Community from both our Primary School and College, will have had a winter sleepout as an expression of empathy for the homeless and/or those sleeping rough. The most recent census estimated that on any given night, more than 122,000 people in Australia are experiencing homelessness. This includes people sleeping in cars, seeking crisis accommodation, bunking in with others in overcrowded temporary places or sleeping in the bush, street or park. Something near 10,000 of those are under 12 years of age. Around 30,000 are teenagers up to early 20s. 80,000 of them are mid 20s and above, including elderly and frail.



What's obvious and what's not

The practical and safety issues around the phenomenon of homelessness in Australia are probably fairly obvious. But then there are the domino effects too; the loneliness; the impact on esteem, relationships, aspiration and purpose; the ability to go to or return from any kind of work; the mental health impacts; and the potential chain of effects on nutrition and general health. The St Vincent de Paul Society – often affectionately called Vinnies – is one of the extremely significant outreach works in Australia (and in about 150 countries) that continues to make a difference for many who are homeless. We see the shopfronts, trucks and Vinnies vans around. But the grassroots foundation of the St V de P Society is local 'conferences' of Catholic faithful and friends (including what is a very small conference here at OLQP), who meet to support each other in faith, to share the stories of their encounters with people on the margins, and who then go out again to offer accompaniment and care.

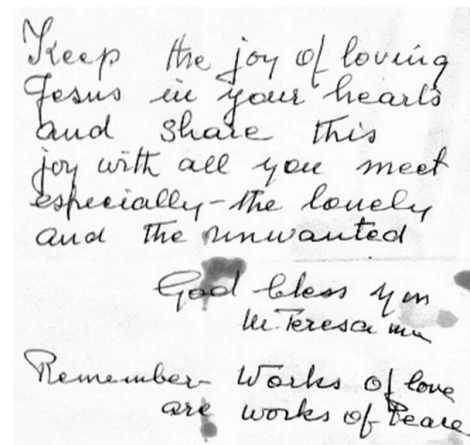
A 20 year old founder

This weekend at our Masses, we'll hear a small piece of the story of Frederic Ozanam, the 20 year old founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Frederic was challenged in his young university life as to how his Catholic faith was making any real difference. And so, along with a group of companions, he allowed the challenge to awaken his capacity to be the presence of Christ to people struggling

in Paris in his day. This week, not only us at Mass, but everyone else across our parish property too - will learn something age-appropriate about Frederic and the St V de P Society. Let's pray that this further awareness of a special part of our Catholic story of care will help to keep stretching all of our imaginations as to how we can be agents of unity and hope in the world around us.

Thanksgiving for our Pre/Primary Schools and College

On behalf of the parish I give thanks for the faith-filled efforts of our on-site schools who are actively partnering with us to grow a familiarity with what is becoming known as our united *Winter Embrace* (and *Christmas Embrace* later in the year). Our seasons of Embrace are a focussed time for us to be the wider Church all together; to embrace the stories of others and to embrace our God-given capacity to be the heart of Christ making a difference.



From Mother Teresa

The small photo of hand-writing shown here in the bulletin isn't too clear but see if you can make it out (clue: M Teresa). Some of you have seen the worn and faded original that I received from Mother Teresa in Calcutta in 1986, from which this is photographed and printed. I thought its message was a good way to mark our *Winter Embrace* initiative – that's supporting - i. the St V de P – ii. children in Sri Lanka and - iii. Project Elizabeth for those who are isolated in pregnancy, loss or early child raising. Through our awareness and care, may many people be embraced by God's grace and love.

With friendship in God's mission— **Fr Paul**

Faith B4U...

Life and Faith Enrichment

Prayer and Reflection with Sr Leone.

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

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

Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

This upcoming Thursday (the **4th July**) there will be a faith and social night for the OLQP Youth. Come along as we have adoration followed by a BBQ dinner. Bring a friend and some warm clothes as we finish the term with a bang!

Instagram: OLQPGreystanesYouth

OLQP Gala Dinner

14th September at 6pm.

To purchase tickets call **Susanne on 0412 225 305**

Tables of 10 or individual tickets available. Adults \$79pp, Children (3-12) \$39pp. Cost includes 3 course meal with beer, wine & soft drinks.

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

MET Worship Music Copyright Workshop

Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on **THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT**. Bring all your questions to the **Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July** or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 1 August at 7pm. **RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>** or email lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels more deeply. Fridays at 10am in the Youth Room.

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.

Elie 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.

Frank Cefai, Alma Oliver Encarnacion, Monica Gomez Pene, Younia Yousiph

Safeguarding Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people!

Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me".

Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

SRE (scripture teachers)

We currently need a SRE teacher for **Tuesdays at 10.30am** at a local public school. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please contact Patricia Shaw 9631 8135.



Congratulations Marisa

Congratulations to our parishioner Marie-Louise Marisa Previtera, who was recognised on 'The King's Birthday Honours List' on 10 June for service to the Maltese community of New South Wales.

Thank you for your tireless work in our community and further afield to help others.

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.

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

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 or email the Parish Office on: P: **9631 8135** / E: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

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.

UPCOMING In person training available at:

Saturday 27th July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. For Modules 1- 3

More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please

email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

3rd Wednesday St Thomas, apostle

This 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

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Ezekial

2:2-5

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians

12:7-10

Gospel

Mark

6:1-6

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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