



The Peaceful Voice

29th September 2024

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Today we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis' Message for today is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE." The Pope says that "Many migrants experience God as their traveling companion, guide and anchor of salvation".

Migrants and refugees often face the challenges of being separated from families, feeling lost, exhausted, hurt or afraid of the future. They can experience people who are unwelcoming or hostile to them in their time of vulnerability.

Jesus reminds us that those who offer merely "a cup of water to drink" will not lose their reward. Our kindness and generosity brings life to both the giver and receiver. As Pope Francis says, God not only walks *with* migrants and refugees, but *within* them and in serving the least of our brothers and sisters, we encounter Jesus himself.

As a Church walking a synodal journey together, we recognise God as our true guide and we remember God's enduring presence, walking alongside and within each one of us.

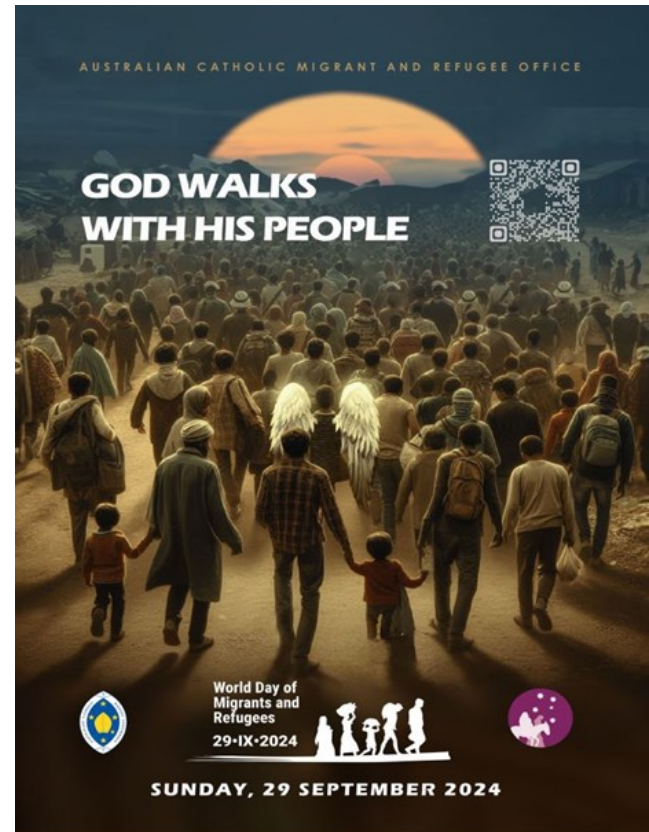
Gracious God, help us to keep walking together with our migrant brothers and sisters. Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, Amen.

For Reflection

How do your choices impact the people in your community, nation and around the world, particularly the poor and vulnerable?

How do you show your love for God through your respect and care for your neighbour?

Life and Faith Team



An invitation to Year 12 students, families and friends

Please join us for special prayers at mass as you begin your exams. **Sunday 13 October, 6pm Mass**, followed by something to eat & drink. All welcome!

MASS FOR PEACE

With anointing of the sick

All are warmly welcome next Saturday,
5th October, at 10:30am

Mass is offered regularly at OLQP on the First Saturday of each month (except January)

Helping Others ...

Please consider donating the following items to:

Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS):

Sugar / Salt / Condensed Milk / Dry Chickpeas / Instant Coffee / Tea Bags / Instant Noodles / Women's Deodorant / Nappies, sizes 3, 4 & 5. Other sizes are OK.

Donated food can be placed into the JRS basket located in the Narthex (main church entrance).

St Vincent de Paul: **Non perishable foods**

Please give clothing or other items directly to St Vincent de Paul outlets. Nearest shop is on the Great Western Highway, Wentworthville.

Faith B4U...

Thanksgiving of Ministry

Our Thanksgiving of Ministry Sessions continue. Over 50 ministers and volunteers have already gathered to connect, reflect and share how we continue to grow ministry at OLQP.

For those ministers and volunteers who haven't attended a gathering, there are more opportunities available. Anyone who gives their time in a ministry or volunteering capacity in the parish is invited to attend ONE of the following sessions.

- **Tuesday 1st October 7.00pm - 8.30pm** in the St George Preca Centre
- **Wednesday 9th October 7.00pm - 8.30pm** in the St George Preca Centre

To register for one of these sessions, please complete this form via this link <https://forms.gle/MD2TAztNES7ukr2k9> or **contact the parish office on 9631 8135.**

We look forward to continued accompaniment in ministry.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.** Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by **visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October.** Family and friends are welcome.

Senior Tai Chi Class

Run by a qualified instructor in the St George Preca 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) **More info call Rossana 0423 141 523**

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, Kathleen Davies, Nerida Fabri, Solonge Faddoul, Joe Farrugia, Margaret John, Margaret Jones, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Tyler Kenedy, Peter Kennedy, Maxine Kroebe, 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.

Grace Carley, Maria Casseli

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.*

Guiseppa Tripolene - 2nd Oct @ 11am, Michael Keating

A Nationwide 'chain' of Public Rosaries

To commemorate the 107th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, a nationwide 'chain' of Public Rosaries will be held on the **12th October.**

All are warmly welcome to join us as we pray the rosary at the foot of our Lady's statue, near the parish office at **8:00am.**



Positions Vacant

For job opportunities in the Diocese of Parramatta:

Please visit: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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

Missionaries of God's Love Springtime Creative Retreat

The Missionaries of God's Love are organising a weekend retreat for men and women from **Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October** at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God. For enquiries, contact Judy - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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Volunteers, group leaders and assistant group leaders are asked to complete the Safeguarding modules either online or in person. Details below.

ONLINE: To sign up & log into your Safeguarding modules, visit: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

IN PERSON TRAINING: To find a training session near you & to register, visit: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

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**.

The FaithFeed Echo

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where leadership among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO - a brand new experience from The FaithFeed, launching **Sunday 20 October**.

More event details and RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-october-2024>. Food, drink and live music provided

Catholic Faith Enquiry

Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, wanting to know about Jesus or explore questions to discover more about life and faith?

Please share the gift of faith with others by inviting someone who is interested or thinking about becoming part of the catholic community to contact the parish office ph: **9631 8135** or email: parishoffice@olqp.org.au where we can arrange to meet up with them and accompany them in their next steps of their faith journey.

This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Numbers

11:25-29

2nd Reading

James

5:1-6

Gospel

Mark

9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Genesis

2:18-24

2nd Reading

Hebrew

2:9-11

Gospel

Mark

10:2-16

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

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

30th Monday St Jerome priest, doctor

1st St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

2nd Wednesday The Holy Guardian Angels

4th Friday St Francis of Assisi

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