



— OUR LADY —
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The Peaceful Voice

2nd March 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Farewells and Welcomes

Dear friends,

Sr Anne

We just recently welcomed Sr Anne to be part of the parish pastoral team for 2-3 days each week. Sr Anne is a Marist Missionary Sister who has had ministry experience in contexts as different as a French parish in London to schools in Rwanda! We hope her time with us until Easter can become permanent, pending the current wider planning of her Marist Congregation internationally.

Fr Jobi

Then last week Fr Jobi came back from meetings and annual leave in India on Friday night – before a swift weekend move to Penrith Parish following our farewell from OLQP on Sunday morning! He has been asked to assist a ministry need of our Diocese and of St Nicholas Parish, covering a priest with other commitments over coming months.

Fr Sebastian

Now it's welcome to Fr Sebastian Thekkinieth CMI, who Bishop Vincent has appointed to OLQP from this week in a transition to life and ministry in Australia that only began last month! He comes from Kerala, the same state of southern India as Fr Jobi and is a member of the Indian founded Congregation, the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (hence CMI after his name). They started in 1831 as a residential community of priests, combining Christian and Indian spirituality, for the purpose of contemplation and service. Fr Sebastian joined the CMI in 1997 after studies in mechanical engineering, then spent ten years in study & formation, being ordained as a priest in December 2006.



Fr Sebastian driving his ministry boat in the Amazon mission.

Sebastian is one of three boys in his family, with mum and dad, Mary and Francis, still living in Thrissur, Kerala. Both brothers are in India. The older one, Antony, is a Capuchin Franciscan priest – and younger bro John is married to Sherin; through whom Sebastian has a 17 year old niece, Sana and 12 year old nephew, Nevil.

Fr Sebastian was a teacher for quite some years, specialising in 'I.T.' with middle high school students – and sharing in the ministry of a parish. That was in the state of Madhya Pradesh if you want to check a map. THEN, he moved to the Amazon of Brazil! Based out of the city and parish of Almeirim, his mission included being back and forth by boat to 60 communities along the Amazon River. I trust there will be some fascinating stories and learnings for us from his time in the Amazon. Fr Sebastian moved back to central India in 2020 and worked in the parish of Christ the King in a place called Guna, in the Diocese of Sagar. It's now to Australia where there are 22 other CMI priests between Syd, Bris and Melb. On your behalf and that of myself, Fr Jack and the parish team, I warmly welcome Fr Sebastian to Australia, to Parramatta Diocese and to OLQP.

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



Here's a photo to ask about!



With some parishioners in Brazil

March Volunteer Roster

IS NOW AVAILABLE

Please check your emails (including junk / spam) alternatively, a copy can be found in the sacristy and the foyer section of the church. Thank you.

Faith B4U...

Church Cleaners & Flower Ministry

Thank you to the many wonderful people who give of their time to keep our church looking clean and beautiful to enhance our liturgies.

Can you help?

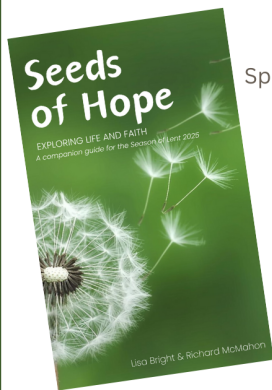
Our teams are always welcoming people to help in these important ministries. If you have a few hours a month to help, please contact the Parish Office to leave your details.

For our current teams

The sign-in book in the sacristy has been updated. Could all church cleaners and flower ministry teams ensure that they sign in and out each time they enter the Church for their ministry.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue our commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all.

Lenten Reflection Groups



Spend time with others reflecting on scripture this Lent with the theme of hope in this Jubilee Year.

Each week we will reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday.

Tuesdays 10am - 11am
4, 11, 18, 25 March, 1, 8 April
Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm
12, 19, 26 March, 2, 9 April

in the Youth Room next to the Church.

Reflection Guides available for purchase at the Parish Office - \$5.
Register for a group via the sign up sheets in the Church or the Parish Office or call - 9631 8135. All welcome.



THREE Masses for Ash Wednesday

5th March

6.30am | 9.15am | 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross for Lent

With Rosary, Adoration, Benediction.

Will begin on the Friday 14th March - following the First Sunday of Lent (NOT Friday after Ash Wednesday)

Stations will be held five Fridays in a row at

7.00pm - FRIDAY 14th March, 21st March, 28th March, 4th April, 11th April

Following Stations, each time, **at 7.30pm**, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, plus Rosary and Benediction, concluding by just after 8pm.



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Be part of the Children's Liturgy Team

Share the joy of celebrating our faith with the children of our parish!

Children's Liturgy is celebrated at 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses during the school term.

Call the Parish Office on 9631 8135 for more information to become a leader or helper for this enriching ministry.

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, John Attard, Rita Attard, Amara Bewert, Ellen Boisset, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Ann Bugaya, Karl Croning, Kathleen Davies, Nerida Fabri, Solonge Faddoul, 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, 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.

Jacintha Lovell, Joseph Zahra

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.*

Antony Herbert

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As a parish team we look forward to supporting you, however we are able as you prepare and guide your children in the next steps of their sacramental lives of faith. **Enrolment is open for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion for children in Year 4 and above.**

Visit www.olqp.org.au for dates and to complete the enrolment form.

Enrolments for Sacrament of Confirmation will open in July 2025 for children in Year 6 and above. Enquires to: sacraments@olqp.org.au | 9631 8135

Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election Assembly

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's delegation at the Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election Assembly 2025. A great opportunity to experience and showcase our faith in action as this non-partisan assembly invites decision-makers to commit to concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, and climate resilience: 13 March 2025, 5:40pm-7:40pm, Morley Centre, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead. Register at events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025 and please include "Catholic Diocese of Parramatta" and the name of your parish or organisation.

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NON PERISHABLE FOOD such as:

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Nappies | Sanitary Items | Baby Wipes

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

Pilgrimage 2025

Fr. Clifford D'souza is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31 August-19 September 2025.

For more details please contact Fr. Clifford on:

cliff_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au or atitours@atitours.com.au

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

5th Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**, (Fast and abstinence)

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Sirach
27:4-7

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
15:54-58

Gospel

Luke
6:39-45

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Deuteronomy
26:4-10

2nd Reading

Romans
10:8-13

Gospel

Luke
4:1-13

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.

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