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QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

9th February 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Dear brothers and sisters,

Current welcome – Sr Anne:

It was mentioned here in the bulletin last week that Sr Anne Lata was beginning as a part time member of our parish team. And as I write this message ready for print we are hoping to have a short video introduction done in time for this weekend so that people across every Mass time can feel a first connection with Sr Anne. I'll include just a couple of snippets here: Sr Anne has lived and worked in Rwanda in East Africa. Many stories from there will, I'm sure, enrich and enthuse our appreciation of our own many different callings in God's mission. And the parish where she worked until last year was in the very centre of London! It's a French parish (yes Sr Anne is multi-lingual) with the ministry of the Marist Fathers – and Sr Anne is a Marist Missionary Sister. So, after her name you might sometimes see the letters of her religious congregation: SMSM. If you google smsmsisters.org and then click across the headings at the top, you'll learn a lot about the Sisters – who have two communities here in our diocese. Welcome Sr Anne! She is on an initial three month agreement with us, pending other plans in her religious congregation. Hopefully she can continue with us and her role with the parish will be two to three days per week.

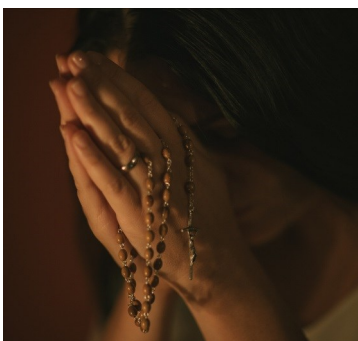
And another welcome coming up – Fr Sebastian:

Last week I shared here also that once Fr Jobi returns from India on 21st February, he will be moving from Greystanes. It's now public that Bishop Vincent has asked him to go and help the parish of Penrith, due to a priest from Penrith needing to be away for an extended period. We hope to know this coming week if there'll be a chance to say farewell after the Masses on 22/23 Feb or if he needs to start at Penrith that weekend. Various factors have made it hard for the diocese to enable more transition time for each person and parish concerned.



At the same time as Fr Jobi's departure, Bishop Vincent has asked for Fr Sebastian Thekkinieth CMI to come here to Greystanes as he settles into ministry in Australia. He just arrived in January. More about Fr Sebastian a little later, as we have Sr Anne to welcome and introduce first. But to give you a small heads up, Fr Sebastian comes from Kerala, the same part of southern India as Fr Jobi. The letters after his name are CMI – Carmelite of Mary Immaculate. We'll get Fr Sebastian to explain that as part of his introduction in a few weeks. (*Gosh, all these people in religious congregations with letters - Fr Jack and I are feeling boring as local diocesan priests with no letters - we might take suggestions lol*) – If you look at a map of India, Fr Sebastian has done a lot of ministry in the state of Madhya Pradesh. BUT wait for it, he's also done six years along the Amazon River in Brazil, in what was ministry by boat from village to village. I trust that his story, along with the experiences of Sr Anne, are going to be great enrichments for us, as we continue growing as people of God's mission – and brothers and sisters of the universal Catholic Church.

With friendship in God's mission,
Fr Paul



Rosary In the church

Weekdays - 8.30am

Friday Nights - 7.30pm

February 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...

Parish 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.

SRE (Scripture teachers & assistants) - Once a week share the Gospel with local primary school children during school terms only.

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

Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Resumes Monday 10 February @ 10:30am, St George Preca Centre. Members and friends always welcome.

Contact: Frances Montesin 0404 257 495

Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on **Sunday 16 February and 18 May from 10am to 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia**. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea is provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch.

For enquiries, please contact **Ann Lomas** on atlomas@bigpond.com or call **0437 340 250**.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on **February 9** in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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.

John Attard, Joseph Cini

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.*

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with ZOOM and telephone interviews in special circumstances.

Please contact the Tribunal Office on **8838 3480** or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

Safeguarding is a priority at OLOP

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

If you volunteer at the parish in any form and are unfamiliar with Safeguarding, please contact the parish office for more details.

Men at the Shrine

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the **second Wednesday of each month**. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. **No RSVP is necessary.**

Find the event on Facebook, or for questions, contact **Bernard, 0416 106 871.**

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Jump into an engaging short course on Scriptures.

Wednesdays, 12th, 19th & 26th February

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St,
Blacktown cnr Fushcombe Rd



Learn with
Dr Michele Connolly rsj

FaithLIFE Scripture offers a 3-session short course on how to read the Bible through the Catholic tradition.

The program is facilitated by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly rsj, which includes an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, along with key learnings of Biblical interpretation and integration into life & faith.

The short course is open to adults of all ages.
Tea, coffee and light nibbles provided.

For anyone interested in Bible study, this is a great course to attend with others from the parish!

Register at <https://parracatholic.org/events/met-faithlife-short-course-scripture-session-1-12-feb/#register>
or call the Parish Office (9631 8135) to register.

Carpooling to Blacktown from OLQP Church available.

Please call Lisa at the parish office if you would like to carpool (Limited spots available)

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

10th Monday **St Scholastica**, virgin

14th Friday **Sts Cyril**, monk and **Methodius**, bishop

Christ's Catholic Community

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

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
6:1-8

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
15:1-11

Gospel

Luke
5:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Jeremiah
17:5-8

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
15:12, 16-20

Gospel

Luke
6:17, 20-26

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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