



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

16th February 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

## Gospel Reflection

The Gospel reading for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, is Luke 6:17, 20-26, where Jesus delivers the Beatitudes and corresponding woes. This passage contrasts those who are blessed—such as the poor, the hungry, and those who weep—with those who are warned, including the rich, the well-fed, and those who laugh now. The central theme revolves around the values of God's Kingdom versus worldly values.

Jesus emphasises that true blessedness is not determined by material wealth or present comfort but by one's relationship with God and trust in His providence. The Beatitudes highlight that those who endure hardships with faith are blessed, as they will receive divine consolation and reward. Conversely, the accompanying woes serve as a caution to those who find their security and satisfaction solely in earthly possessions and pleasures, warning that such fleeting contentment can lead to spiritual emptiness.

This teaching challenges us to reflect on where we place our trust and how we define happiness. It calls us to prioritise spiritual wealth over material abundance and to find joy in aligning our lives with God's will, even amid trials. By doing so, we embrace the values of the Kingdom of God, which often stand in stark contrast to worldly pursuits.

As St. John Paul II reminds us: ***"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society."*** This quote



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encourages us to seek true greatness not in earthly wealth, but in embracing Christ's call to live with faith, humility, and trust in God.

In essence, the passage invites us to a radical re-evaluation of our priorities, encouraging us to seek lasting fulfilment through faith and trust in God rather than temporary worldly gains.

**May God bless you all +**

**Fr Jack Elkazzi**

## Morning Tea Farewell to Fr Jobi Sunday 23 February at 9.30am

Fr Jobi will be celebrating his last mass at OLQP, Sunday 23rd February at 8.30am.

Straight after Mass, you are warmly invited to gather as a community to say our farewells, and thank him for his time here at OLQP.



# Faith B4U...

## Reconciliation & First Communion

Enrol at [www.olqp.org.au](http://www.olqp.org.au)

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](http://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](mailto:sacraments@olqp.org.au) | 9631 8135



## World Day of Prayer 2025

**Focus Country: The Cook Islands.**

Join people of different Christian Faiths celebrating and remembering Women of faith from all around the world. Join in a prayer service on **Friday 7th March at 10am**

Greystanes Uniting Church, Cnr Cumberland & Eldridge Rds  
Greystanes

## World Day of Social Justice

**Thursday 20 February 2025.**

Social Justice means actively working to ensure the dignity and rights of every human being, particularly the most vulnerable.

OLQP Social Justice Group invites you to learn more about social justice issues by clicking on the below link

[https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/?](https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/?keyword=Social+and+Ecological&page=1)

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## Mount Schoenstatt Retreats

Women's retreat inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The retreat runs from **7pm on 21 Feb to 4pm on 23 Feb**. Costs are \$240 per person for a shared room, \$290 per person for a single room (limited availability), or \$60 per person per day for day attendance. Accommodation and meals are included, or lunch for day attendees.

Register by 12 February by contacting Sr M Elizabeth Foley at [bookings@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:bookings@schoenstatt.org.au) or 4773 8338.

## 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 Boissett, 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

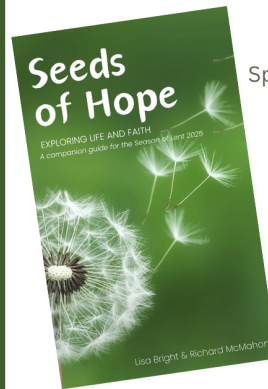
**FOR DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, that they now know the fullness of life & delight in God - may they pray for our active purpose in God's Mission.**

Pauline Attard, Carmelo Galea, John Hook, Carmela Ieronimo, Colin O'Hagan

**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.*

Agnes Cardona - 18 Feb @ 11am, Emanuel Fenech - 19 Feb @ 11am, Linda Gauci

## 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.



## LIFTED Launch

Join us for LIFTED Launch on **Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill!** Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. Register now: [parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/)



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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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

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



2026 Kindergarten Enrolments are now open  
Enrolments close 28th March 2025

Any enrolments received after this day will be placed on  
the waiting list

Open Day Tour for New Families  
Thursday 6th March 9:30am



## 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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

## FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday **The Chair of St Peter**, apostle

### This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading  
Jeremiah  
17:5-8

2nd Reading  
1 Corinthians  
15:12, 16-20

Gospel  
Luke  
6:17, 20-26

### Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading  
1 Samuel  
26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2nd Reading  
1 Corinthians  
15:45-49

Gospel  
Luke  
6:27-38

## 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](http://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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