



—OUR LADY—
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

16th March 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Glory of the Mountain and the Call to the Valley

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a powerful revelation of His divine nature, as Peter, James, and John behold Him in dazzling glory. This moment on the mountain is one of awe and wonder, a glimpse of the heavenly reality that awaits those who follow Christ. Yet, as overwhelming as this encounter is, Jesus does not allow His disciples to remain there. Instead, He leads them back down the mountain—back into the world of suffering, struggle, and faith lived out in daily life.

This is a reminder for all of us. Our faith is not meant to be lived only in extraordinary spiritual highs but also in the ordinary and difficult moments of life. St. Augustine tells us to set our hearts on things above, but our mission is here on earth. As St. John Henry Newman reminds us, we each have a purpose that God has given us—a service to carry out in His name.

The disciples carried the memory of glory with them, strengthening them for the trials ahead. In the same way, our encounters with God in prayer and worship equip us to bring His light to others. St. Teresa of Avila's words challenge us: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are called to be His hands and feet in the world, bringing His love and truth where they are most needed.



Photo by Christine Van Arsdale

As we reflect on the Transfiguration, let us embrace both the moments of glory and the journey down the mountain, knowing that Christ walks with us in both.

Fr Jack Elkazzi

This Lent at OLOP...

Stations of the Cross for Lent With Rosary, Adoration, Benediction.

Stations will continue over the next four Fridays

7.00pm - FRIDAY 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.

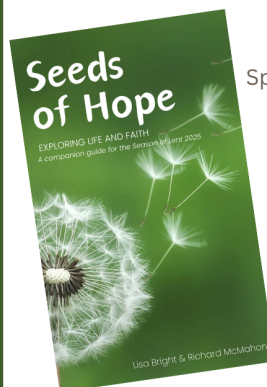
Reconciliation (one to one)

Every Saturday, 4pm - 4:45pm (excluding the days listed below)

Extra Reconciliation (one to one)

5 April, 3pm - 4:30pm | 9 April, 7pm - 8:30pm |
12 April, 3pm - 4:30pm | 15 April, 7pm - 8:30pm |
Good Friday 18 April, after Stations until 12pm

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.



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Hospitality Ministry

After many of our Masses, we have a wonderful ministry of gathering and hospitality, where our community share conversation and a cuppa.

To help us continue this ministry of hospitality, it would be great to have some people to join our teams.

Can you help?

Maybe you are able to help out once a month? Please contact the Parish Office to leave your details.

If there are other ways you would like to help, please let us know.

For our current teams

Can all ministers for hospitality please complete the sign-in and sign-out sheet in the kitchen. This helps us in our commitment to ensure safe and responsible places for all.

Could you also please complete the roster sheet that is with the sign in sheet.

And if you haven't been to hospitality after Mass before, come along as together we continue to grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

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.

Kenneth D'Sylva, Venera Russo, Guiseppe Russo

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.*

Carmen Cefai - 17 March @ 10.30am, John Jaramillo, Alroy Jacob

Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

Next Youth Gathering: Thursday 20 March @ 7pm.

All youth are invited to a faith night this Thursday. It will be an enriching opportunity to explore the topic of Reconciliation.

Fr Jack will be available to hear confessions.

Come and join us, you are welcome to bring a friend. Dinner is provided.

Instagram: OLQP Greystanes Youth

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Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

A small gift makes a BIG DIFFERENCE

Over the next 6 weeks of Lent, you can support refugees and people seeking asylum by donating these essential items.

WEEK 2: Cooking Oil

All donations support JRS (Jesuit Refugee Services Australia). Donated food can be placed into the JRS basket located in the Narthex (main church entrance) OR brought to the Parish Office.

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

Safeguarding is a priority at OLOP

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on **Monday 17 and 24 March at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill for Cycle 2 (Modules 4 and 5)**. More training opportunities will be available soon. 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

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

A Securer Parish

At the beginning of February, we moved midweek Mass into the St George Preca Centre to update the security system in the church. This was the last building to have this work completed.

We are very pleased to announce that all 3 parish buildings have an enhanced security system, providing protection to the buildings and their people. The new system will allow flexibility in operating and securing our parish.

So, what has been done...

1. Upgraded the old existing alarm systems in the Church and St George Preca Centre with a new system that is in line with the parish office system.
2. Upgraded old sensors in the Church and St George Preca Centre
3. Installed additional sensors in the Parish Office and St George Preca Centre
4. Installed an intercom system with a secured entry point to the reception area of the parish office
5. Installed a secured locking system to the chapel external door
6. Installed external cameras on the parish office and St George Preca Centre.
7. Installed internal cameras in the church and chapel

Funding for this project has been provided by the NSW Government.

We give thanks for this Government grant and by next week will announce new extended hours for the chapel to be open.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

17th Monday **St Patrick**, bishop

19th Wednesday **St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Genesis
15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading
Philippians
3:17- 4:1

Gospel
Luke
9:28-36

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Exodus
3:1-8, 13-15

2nd Reading
1 Corinthians
10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel
Luke
13:1-9

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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