



— OUR LADY —  
— QUEEN OF PEACE —

# The Peaceful Voice

27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

## Pope Francis

17 December 1936 – 21 April 2025

In this week of Easter, we celebrate and grieve the life of a most extraordinary leader. Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday morning, 21 April 2025.

So much has been said this week of Pope Francis - his life and leadership. Titles such as "The People's Pope", "The No Frills Pope" and a "champion of the environment", recall Francis' simplicity, his respect for the human dignity of every person and love for all of God's creation. The writings and actions of Francis are a treasure of wisdom - continually affirming God's mercy and reminding us of the profound joy in being loved unconditionally by God. Francis' legacy will continue to be an invitation to live a life reflecting the life of Jesus - one of compassion, service to others and humility.

We have the joy of re-reading the rich words Pope Francis has left us. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, the words of Francis remind us again of the joy attained in opening our hearts to the mercy of God. *"God's mercy gives joy, a special joy, the joy of knowing that we have been freely forgiven."*

*"That is the joy Jesus brings. It is the joy that we too feel whenever we experience his forgiveness. We ourselves know what those disciples were feeling on Easter, because of our own lapses, sins and failures. At such times, we may think that nothing can be done. Yet that is precisely when the Lord does everything. He gives us his peace, through a good Confession, through the words of someone who draws near to us, through an interior consolation of the Spirit, or through some unexpected and surprising event... In any number of ways, God shows that he wants to make us feel the embrace of his mercy, the joy born of receiving "pardon and peace". The joy God gives is indeed born of forgiveness. It bestows peace. It is a joy that raises us up without humiliating us. It is as if the Lord does not understand what is happening. Brothers and*



*sisters, let us think of all those times when we received the pardon and peace of Jesus. Each one of us has received them; each one of us has had that experience. It is good for us to remember those moments. Let us put the memory of God's warm embrace before the memory of our own mistakes and failings. In this way, we will grow in joy. For nothing will ever be the same for anyone who has experienced God's joy! It is a joy that transforms us."*

Homily of his Holiness Pope Francis  
Sunday of Divine Mercy, 2022

Living now in joy with God, may Pope Francis pray blessings on all our gifts of goodness and love. Rest well, good and faithful servant. Amen.

**Lisa Bright**

## Ministry of Welcome

In the spirit of our welcoming community, we would like to grow the ministry of Welcome at our Masses. This ministry involves greeters, the friendly faces who are the first point of contact for everyone entering our church.

Do you have a warm smile and a welcoming heart? Consider becoming a Greeter!

Please express your interest to Lisa at the parish office by calling 9631 8135 or email [lisa.bright@olqp.org.au](mailto:lisa.bright@olqp.org.au)

There are many ministries which you can be involved in our parish.

If you would like to find out more or unsure how you can share your gifts and talents with the community, please contact the parish office and speak to Lisa.

# Faith B4U...

## Celebrating 50 years of OLQP Church!

**You are invited to share your stories and memories of the past 50 years of OLQP!**

We would like to share these stories with the wider community at Masses and on our social media pages.

Please send your written responses to the question, **"What are some of your most meaningful or significant memories of the OLQP community?"** to Lisa in the parish office. Email [lisa.bright@olqp.org.au](mailto:lisa.bright@olqp.org.au)

If you would like to meet up or agree to be videoed sharing your story, please contact the parish office on 9631 8135 and someone will get back to you with further details.

Together, let's celebrate as we continue to grow as a parish community in the likeness of Christ.



## News about Fr Jack

Dear parishioners - It's a heavy hearted message to share with you that Fr Jack will very soon be moving from OLQP. Many people will be very disappointed and I too will greatly miss his devoted and conscientious participation in the ministry of the parish!

### Why the move?

With Fr Jack having been with us for just over two years, such a time length immediately after ordination is about the usual maximum before the Bishop makes a shift. Those of us who are 'diocesan' priests (rather than members of a religious congregation), are committed to the whole diocese as our basis. In Fr Jack's case, as is the most common pathway for us 'diocesans', the Bishop needs us to have various ministry experiences to assist towards being a Parish Priest somewhere. It's fairly common that following two, three or four different parish experiences after ordination, a priest will become an Administrator of a parish. In Church language, an Administrator is the designated priest leader of the parish, but without the six year time frame of a Parish Priest appointment. So it allows him to step up and exercise the responsibility, but still allows the Bishop to move him to a further appointment rather than locking in the six year term. It's an affirming sign of confidence in Fr Jack, that after just one parish appointment since ordination, the Bishop has asked him to

become an Administrator for one of the parishes coming up with the need of a replacement.

### Where and when?

We're not quite yet able to give the 'where' for Fr Jack's appointment. Our announcing of that will co-ordinate with the selected parish making an announcement, as obviously those parishioners deserve to hear an announcement rather than a message on a grapevine. But it won't be long until that's sorted, probably only a couple of weeks. By coincidence, Fr Jack's annual leave is scheduled to start **this coming week**. So this weekend will be his second last weekend at OLQP.. as he will return from leave for one weekend on **May 24/25. We'll have a brunch farewell on 25th May from 11.45am to 1.15pm.**

### Meantime:

Let's ask God's blessing on Fr Jack both for his weeks of annual leave ahead and in preparation for his pending step to be with another of the parishes of our diocese. We'll keep you in the loop with further details of the transition ahead. With prayers for Fr Jack, for OLQP and for the parishes of the Diocese of Parramatta. *Fr Paul*

## 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, 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, Joe 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.**

Don Camilleri, Bernard Higo

**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.*

Pope Francis, Carrie Attard

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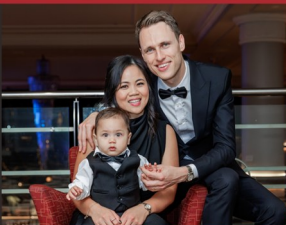
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Boxes & envelopes can be left in the special baskets located in the Narthex.

## The Goals of Laudato Si

As we mourn the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, it seems an appropriate time to remember the goals of his first encyclical, Laudato Si.

The Pope presented us with seven goals in this encyclical. They are:

1. Response to the **Cry of the Earth** - this goal encouraged the greater use of clean, renewable energy and the reduction in the use of fossil fuels as well as the promotion of biodiversity.
2. Response to the **Cry of the Poor** - this goal promoted the defence of human life from conception to death with special attention to vulnerable groups including indigenous communities, migrants and children at risk of slavery.
3. Ecological **Economics** - this goal focuses on sustainable production, Fair Trade and ethical consumption and investment
4. Adoption of **Simple Lifestyles** - this goal encourages sobriety in the use of resources and energy including avoiding single-use plastics and the adoption of a more plant-based diet
5. Ecological **Education** - this goal encourages the re-design of educational curricula to create ecological awareness and action
6. Ecological **Spirituality** - this goal encourages us to have greater contact with the natural world and to recover a religious vision of God's creation and
7. Emphasis on **Community involvement and Participatory Action** - this goal encourages us to care for creation at the local, regional, national and international levels

The parish Social Justice Group encourages us all to familiarise ourselves more with this wonderful encyclical at this time of remembering the great contribution of the late Pope Francis.

## FEAST DAYS

### This week we celebrate

- 28<sup>th</sup> Monday **St Peter Chanel**, priest, martyr  
29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **St Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor  
2<sup>nd</sup> May Friday **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Saturday **Sts Philip and James**, apostles

### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

5:12-16

#### 2nd Reading

Revelation

1:9-13, 17-19

#### Gospel

John

20:19-31

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

5:27-32, 40-41

#### 2nd Reading

Revelation

5:11-14

#### Gospel

John

21:1-19

## 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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