



— OUR LADY —
— QUEEN OF PEACE —

The Peaceful Voice

6th April 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THANKSGIVING for new members

Right throughout the world in Catholic churches and cathedrals each Lent, many people's names are entered into what is called a 'Book of the Elect'. The names are of people who have personally chosen to be part of preparation processes towards being baptised, confirmed and welcomed to the Eucharist. They are supported through regular faith formation and friendship gatherings by members of local parishes. And then during Lent, a special ceremony in the local Cathedral presents them to the Bishop who signs the Book of the Elect to show that these people are received as ready.

This, however, is not only about what those coming into the faith community are receiving. It's also a receiving for us who already belong; a time of enormous encouragement for our own faith, that others wish to belong with us; a time to humbly realise that others are actively learning and growing in this faith and so to keep renewing our own next growth; a time to give thanks for God's grace alive at the grassroots of community, where God will bless our faithful actions to welcome many others too.

And so, with humble thanks, we celebrate 'The Elect' of our OLQP parish; Brooke, Hank, Skye and Cruz. They are seen in the photo with the Bishop and others from OLQP, including sponsors and support leaders Anne Hines and Margaret O'Connor.



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JUBILEE – a couple of thoughts at a time

As most know by now, 2025 is a 'Year of Jubilee' for the worldwide Catholic Church. Jesus himself knew of this tradition, which started many years before his Bethlehem birth in the Book of Leviticus. It's really worth looking up your bible and seeing this in Leviticus Chapter 25. If you read that chapter – and then go to the New Testament and see what Jesus announced in the Gospel of Luke Chapter 4 – you'll see that Jesus was really saying 'I am the Jubilee' .. he was announcing the bringing of liberation, mercy, healing and life.

You'll see in that ancient Chapter from Leviticus, that Jubilee started from the idea of giving the land a 'sabbath rest'! We know that the sabbath means to rest and refresh in the cycle of each week. So the idea was to rest the land every seventh year to care for it and assure it was refreshed. And then after seven sabbath years, 49, there was to be a huge effort of bringing liberation, forgiveness, justice and care in the 50th year – THE JUBILEE. The Church today doubles the frequency by having it every 25 years – and this year is it. It is a JUBILEE year – and we are called to decide and act in big and significant ways, to live this Jubilee's theme, to be PILGRIMS OF HOPE. More on Jubilee ahead ...

With friendship in God's mission,

Fr Paul

Extended hours for prayer and reflection in the Chapel

Thanks to the recent security system upgrade, we are very pleased to announce that the **Chapel will remain open every night until 9.30pm.**

Please ensure that you have exited the Chapel just before this time as the alarm will be activated at 9.30pm sharp.

Thank you.

Faith B4U...

Lenten Reflection Groups

Spend time with others reflecting on scripture this Lent with the theme of hope in this Jubilee Year. We will reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday.

Tuesday 8th April, 10am

Wednesday 9th April, 7pm - 8pm

In the Youth Room next to the Church.

Stations of the Cross for Lent

With Rosary, Adoration, Benediction.

Friday 11th April at 7:00pm will be the last Stations of the Cross before Easter

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

EXTRA RECONCILIATION pre Easter

- ⇒ This coming Wednesday night AND the following Tuesday night - come any time 7pm to 8.30pm - for One to One Reconciliation - with Adoration and quiet music in the church
- ⇒ Also next Saturday - Reconciliation starts early at 3pm to 4:45pm
- ⇒ Please, kindly don't wait for Good Friday for Reconciliation

Holy Week Mass Times

Thursday 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Good Friday 18th April

Stations of the Cross (re-enacted) 10am

Solemn Passion of the Lord 3pm

Holy Saturday 19th April

Mass of the Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Masses 7am | 8.30am | 10.30am | 6pm

OLQP Greystanes Men's Group

Come together for breakfast, discussion and prayer

Saturday 12th April

8:00am Breakfast BBQ followed by conversation and prayer. Finish by 9:15am

St George Preca Centre (in the church grounds)

For Further details, please call Nicky Turano on: 0403 124 345

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live best life in love. Come and join us on **23 - 25 May at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.**

Book at www.wwme.org.au or call Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation.

Envelopes can be found at the pews and entrances.

Carer Required

The parish office has received a message to see if anyone is interested in a carer role for an elderly man in the Hills district. Interested persons may contact Jason (son) on 0414 987 206. *(You will need to pursue your own enquiry re any conditions or employment legalities).*

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, Horace Westwood, 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.

Michael Baptist, Grace Buyco, Agostino Cavasinni, Bernadette Stevens, Ruth Smith

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.*

Marion Cronan, Alex Sarayar, Horace Westwood

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As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

You can support through donation boxes or by scanning the QR code.



Study of Luke's Gospel

With Dr Laurie Woods

Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place **each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

For more information or to **RSVP by 30 April**, contact ccd.training@parracatholic.org

Position Vacant

Facilities Officer: Diocese of Parramatta

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

Safeguarding is a priority at OLQP

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on **Saturday 3 May at Holy Family Church, Emerton for Cycle 2 (Modules 4-5)**. More training opportunities will be available throughout May.

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 small gift makes a BIG DIFFERENCE

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

WEEK 5: Laundry Detergent

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.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
43:16-21

2nd Reading

Philippians
3:8-14

Gospel

John
8:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
50:4-7

2nd Reading

Philippians
2:6-11

Gospel

Luke
22:14- 23:56

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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