



— OUR LADY —  
— QUEEN OF PEACE —

# The Peaceful Voice

4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

## EASTER THANKS FROM ALL TO SO MANY

Dear friends,

Last weekend's parish bulletin was necessarily overtaken by the news of Pope Francis and also by our parish news of Fr Jack. So, a week later, this is a chance to acknowledge the efforts to make the recent Holy Week Week and Easter possible. People with hearts of service don't expect to see their name in a credits list. And in any case, if we were to list names here we'd miss many who did (and do) lots of things in the background like serve coffees, make outsiders welcome or help people in the crowd with babies or who are less mobile to find seats.

### SIX TIMES!

Every time we gather involves background preparation that most don't see or realise. Even just across the days from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday, for example, the decoration in the church was changed SIX times for the various changes of focus. And every time, the church was voluntarily cleaned! Printed materials – whether bulletins, signage or spiritual cards and mission materials, were composed, prepared and printed and their distribution organised. Every liturgy required meticulous planning, with flow sheets prepared that aren't publicly seen, so that every movement and everyone involved in any aspect of ministry is on the same page; from presiding to music to slides to serving, MC-ing, reading, collecting, IT and screens etc....

### WHY?

And the aim of all of this is to try to best support the worship of God and the receiving of God's grace through the liturgy – for all of us to go out recharged into life again as loving disciples. Hopefully all of us had a graced moment or two across those very special days and some impetus for our ongoing growth in our faith and purpose. Among the thousands of attendees across that week who are less regularly connected, please God they felt welcome – and encouraged in their lives and faith – and in God's call for their ongoing growth too. Thanks from all of us across the whole parish – to ANYONE who contributed to a spirit

of welcome. Easter itself teaches us that divine things can powerfully and unexpectedly happen through human channels. So never underestimate what even a small gesture of friendship at the church can enable for someone!



### THANKS BE TO GOD!

Every liturgy for Holy Week and Easter has themes and focuses that call for music selection and rehearsing (in choir cases, for many weeks before!). Those themes and focuses call for readers to be prepared, for commentaries and prayers to be created and written, for hundreds of slides to be prepared, for homilies to be crafted and crowds to be welcomed. Offering collections need to be organised, documented, tallied and accounted, which takes days following to complete! Each liturgy calls for preparation of logistics and for the big ones, did you know that even all our junior altar servers came for rehearsals? Toilets need cleaning between crowds, outdoor chairs packed, security assured and tidy ups on the run ready for the next crowd. Even after the magnificent Easter Vigil and crowd, Easter still needs to happen in the church for the bulk of the community, hence four more gatherings on the Sunday to be served and supported afresh.

*For all of the elements mentioned above and for the people who made them possible, may we all give sincere thanks to God. May this season of Easter through to Pentecost continue as a time especially open to God's grace in all of our lives.*

**With friendship in God's mission**  
**Fr Paul**

## MAY 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.

## Letter for Ministers re: Photo Register

A letter was emailed to all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers at the Altar and Alter Servers. If you have not received this letter, please collect a copy from the Sacristy. Thank you.

# Faith B4U...

## Handmade religious articles & souvenirs for sale

We are delighted to welcome Sr Larysa from the Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent in Belarus back to our parish this **Monday (5th) & Tuesday (6th), after the 9.15am Mass.** She will be selling beautiful handmade religious articles and souvenirs.

The money raised will go towards the sisters' work of supporting their orphanage, hospital, homeless centre and rehabilitation centre. Your support will be very much appreciated.

## FAITH of ORIGIN

### Celebrating Our Community.

#### Pentecost Sunday - 8 June 2025

Save the date for a Pentecost Celebration for our parish community.

Lunch and Events from 11.30am till 4pm

If you would like to be part of a team to coordinate this event, please leave your name at the Parish Office or share your contact details on the sign-up sheets at the doors of the church.

## Positions Vacant

**Facilities Coordinator:** Diocese of Parramatta

**Property Lawyer:** Diocese of Parramatta

**Communications Lead:** Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Diocese of Parramatta

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

## Next Renewal Safeguarding Training

The next Face-to-Face Renewal Training for all volunteers is:

**24 May St Bernadette's, Castle Hill Modules 4 & 5.**

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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## Be part of our new Care Ministry!

OLQP is excited to share the formation of a new **Care Ministry**, dedicated to providing practical and compassionate accompaniment and support, with a focus on the elderly in our community. This could include offering:

- Friendly calls or visits
- Support during illness or recovery
- Being a listening ear
- Sharing information about resources

There are many ways to be involved - even through prayer support. We are growing our team and invite those interested to attend introductory gatherings offered by the Diocese of Parramatta during the Wednesdays in June. We will follow up these sessions with more preparation for this ministry as a parish group.

To find out more or to register for the sessions, please contact Lisa Bright at the parish office on 9631 8135 or [lisa.bright@olqp.org.au](mailto:lisa.bright@olqp.org.au).

## Ministry of Care - Facilitated by the Office for Worship

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday from 4 to 25 June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

Session dates

**4 June – Pastoral Care and Safeguarding**

**11 June – Jesus our Model of Ministry**

**18 June – Skills in Pastoral Care**

**25 June – A Holistic Approach to Pastoral Care**

Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you.

Please contact the parish office to register your name and the dates you would like to attend.

## 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.**

Miriam Bugeja, Christine Scanlon

**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.*

Rita Turano

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

## Celebrating 50 years of OLOP 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.

## 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.

## Words of Thanks from JRS

**Thank you for supporting JRS Australia's Lenten Drive.**

To the wonderful Parish members of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of JRS Australia's Food Bank!

Your response to our 2025 Lenten Drive appeal has been truly amazing—helping turn our shelves from empty to overflowing.

Your donations have been instrumental in providing essential assistance to the 150 families we serve each week. Your kindness and solidarity has brought joy and hope to those facing hardship, and we are deeply thankful for your support.

Your partnership enables us to continue our vital work, empowering individuals and families to rebuild their lives with dignity. Thank you for your dedication to helping others and for your compassionate spirit.

With sincere appreciation,

Lottie Evans

And the whole team at JRS Australia



### This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading  
Acts  
5:27-32, 40-41

2nd Reading  
Revelation  
5:11-14

Gospel  
John  
21:1-19

### Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading  
Acts  
13:14, 43-52

2nd Reading  
Revelation  
7:9, 14-17

Gospel  
John  
10:27-30

## 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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