

Welcome Fr Jonathan

I am Fr. Jonathan Germinanda, 52 years old, and a priest of the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP). I am the third and only son with my 3 sisters, two of whom are in the Philippines and another in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Though both my parents have passed, they remain close to our hearts as I remember them daily in my prayers. I also have a one and only niece named Therese.

I entered the seminary as a young boy of 13 years which was also the very first time that I got to be separated from my family. Nonetheless, the seminary community I came to also became a new family where I learned to nurture the desire to become a priest. Twice in the period of my seminary years, I also left and tried to discern outside if the priesthood was really my calling. Until I came to know the Mission Society of the Philippines, which awakened in me the desire to become a missionary priest.

Since my ordination to the priesthood on December 10, 2005, Australia is the third country where I was sent as a missionary. The other two of which are Papua New Guinea, then as a seminarian, and in the Netherlands, as a newly ordained priest.



Working as a missionary entail from us leaving behind our own country, family and loved ones, which can be difficult but the opportunity to meet new peoples and cultures, is a gift and opportunity not everyone is given. This is the charism of the MSP.



The MSP as a congregation of missionary priests was established by the Catholic Bishops of the Philippines as an act of gratitude to God for the gift of faith that we in the Philippines have received through the missionaries in the past. It is this sense of gratitude that we bring with us to serve the Church and fulfill the mandate of Jesus to continue to proclaim the Gospel.

Thus, it is with joy and gratitude that I come to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. It has been more than two weeks since I arrived in Australia from the Philippines where it was still in the heat of summer. And arriving in this country, I was met by the cold winter weather. Despite that, it is a great comfort to get to receive the warm welcome, acceptance and support from everyone, from Fr. Paul and Fr. Sebastian, the office staff and parishoners. It warms my heart and gives me the assurance that with God's grace and help, I could be of service to the parish community, my new family.

For this I say in Filipino: **Maraming Salamat Po!** (Thank you very much!)

Fr Jonathan

Faith B4U...

Liturgical Ministry Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

To enrol and for more information, please contact Lisa in the parish office **9631 8135** or lisa.bright@olqp.org.au

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Lost Property

We have some drink bottles, umbrellas and some other items which have been left in the church. We will leave them in a basket in the narthex/front entrance.

For any valuable items we will keep them safe in the parish office.

One item is a decorative pin for a baby, if you have lost one, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

MET Natural Fertility

Couples hoping to Conceive Seminar.

MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on **Saturday 2 August from 1pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy.

To register, visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

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 Jones, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Tyler Kenedy, Peter Kennedy, Maxine Kroebel, Michelle Makin, Joyce Mifsud, Elsie Moran, Joseph Moses, Alex Noble, Brendon Onorato, Benjie Santiago, Carmel Thompson, Connie Tudman, Eddie Vella, Joe Vella, Gerard Watts, 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.

Sol Espiritu, Geraldine Wheatley

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.

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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

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

An uplifting concert opportunity

An organisation of Filipino alumni of Jesuit schools is offering an inspiring Jubilee Concert on **Saturday afternoon 26 July** (12.30-3pm at Club Burwood - Shaftesbury Road). The theme is 'Journey of Hope' and tickets are \$25 via <https://www.trybooking.com/CZXKB> - more info: Ian Epondulan on 0401 161 264 or ian_ube@hotmail.com

Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner

You are invited to be part of this year's Cumberland Community Prayer Dinner, a special night where Christians and community members from across our region gather in unity.

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, 26 August 2025
- Time: 7pm to 9.30pm
- Venue: Merrylands RSL Club, 8 Miller Street, Merrylands, NSW 2160
- Guest Speaker: Caleb Campion – Graduate Lawyer and finalist on LEGO Masters Australia

This evening offers a unique opportunity to:

- Engage in collective prayers and enjoy musical performances
- Be inspired by our guest speaker's journey of faith
- Connect with fellow church and community members
- Share a delicious two-course meal with complimentary soft drinks

Secure your seats by visiting <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/2025-cumberland-community-prayer-dinner>

Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels more deeply. Fridays at 10am in the Youth room.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

24th Tuesday **The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

27th Friday **The Most SACRED HEART of JESUS**

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Genesis
14:18-20

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians
11:23-26

Gospel

Luke
9:11-17

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Acts
12:1-11

2nd Reading

2 Timothy
4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel

Matthew
16:13-19

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, 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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