



— OUR LADY —
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

18th August 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

This Sunday's Reflection

The Gospel reading for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, is from John 6:51-58. This passage continues the Bread of Life discourse where Jesus emphasises the significance of eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

In this passage, Jesus proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." These words invite us into a deeper relationship with Jesus, one that is not only spiritual but profoundly sacramental.

The main point of this Gospel reading revolves around the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus offers Himself as the living bread, highlighting that our spiritual sustenance and eternal life come from an intimate communion with Him. This invitation is radical because it requires us to embrace a mysterious and transformative union with the Holy Trinity by participating in the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

Reflecting on this passage, we are reminded that the Eucharist is not just a symbol or a ritualistic practice but a real encounter with the living Christ. When we partake in the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus' sacrifice, receiving His life-giving grace. This union challenges us to embody the love and self-giving that Jesus demonstrated, inviting us to be His presence in the world.



Photo by Mary Brazel, Parramatta Diocese

This passage also calls us to consider the depth of our faith and trust in Jesus' words. It prompts us to move beyond a surface understanding and to delve into the mystery of our faith. In doing so, we acknowledge our reliance on Jesus for our spiritual nourishment and growth.

In our lives, we can live out this Gospel message by deepening our devotion to the Eucharist, participating in Mass with a heart open to transformation, and letting the love of Christ that we receive flow through us to others. It is a call to be bread for the world, sharing the life and love of Jesus with all we meet.

This reflection invites us to cherish the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Christian life, leading us to a more profound experience of God's presence and a deeper commitment to living out our faith.

Yours in Christ

Fr Jack Elkazzi

Thanksgiving of Ministry

As Ministers and Volunteers at OLQP, we are continually invited to grow and reflect on our mission to grow as a community in the likeness of Christ. During September, there will be an opportunity for ministers and volunteers to come together in thanksgiving for their ministry, to reflect on their service and to hear about next steps as the parish team develops ongoing accompaniment for ministry and volunteering in the parish.

Anyone who gives their time in a ministry or volunteering capacity in the parish is invited to attend **ONE** of the following sessions.

Tuesday 3rd September 7pm - 8.30pm via Zoom

Monday 9th September 7pm - 8.30pm in the St George Preca Centre

Wednesday 11th September 7.00pm - 8.30pm in the St George Preca Centre

Thursday 12th September 7.00pm - 8.30pm via Zoom

Saturday 14th September 9.00am - 10.30am in the St George Preca Centre

Sunday 22nd September 4.00pm - 5.30pm in the St George Preca Centre

To register for one of these sessions, please **complete this form via this QR code or contact the parish office on 9631 8135.**

For more information, please contact Lisa in the parish office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or **email** lisa.bright@olqp.org.au



Faith B4U...

Altar Server Training

Calling all young people who are interested in serving God and their community!

If you are currently an Altar Server or are interested in becoming an Altar Server at OLQP, you are invited to come along to a training evening on Wednesday 21st August from 7pm in the Church.

Young people who have made their First Communion are invited to consider being Altar Servers. We will get to know each other and go through procedures for serving at Mass.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office at parishoffice@olqp.org.au or call 9631 8135 and leave parents name, child's name and contact number.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy - Once a month with a small team to share the Gospel with our young children during either the 8:30am or 10:30am Mass. School Terms only.

For details contact the Parish Office on:

P: **9631 8135** / E: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Parish Plans - Report & Proposals

Everyone is encouraged to visit the parish website to read the Parish Plans - Report and Proposals which was introduced last weekend.

If you would like a printed copy, please see parish staff in the office.

Everyone is invited to complete the survey and place it into the box in the foyer. You will find spare blank forms in the foyer.

Positions Vacant

Aid to the Church in Need - visit www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close 23 August.

Combined Churches - Primary Schools Christian SRE Liaison, paid P/T. Experience in recruiting, training & leading teams. Contact sre@hnlc.org.au

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, George Attard, Rita Attard, Amara Bewert, Ellen Boissett, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Ann Bugaya, Karl Croning, Mario Curmi, 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, Jasper Wilhite, 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.

Joe Attard, Amina Ayoub, Lewis Galea, Luciano Pollacco, John Vella

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.*

OLQP Gala Dinner

14th September at 6pm.

To purchase tickets call **Susanne on 0412 225 305**

Tables of 10 or individual tickets available. Adults \$79pp, Children (3-12) \$39pp. Cost includes 3 course meal with beer, wine & soft drinks.

Location: Blaxland Room, Wentworthville Leagues Club, 50 Smith St Wentworthville.

Tickets for OLQP Gala Dinner & OLQP Festa Raffle tickets on sale after all masses this weekend.

Raffle tickets 3 for \$5.

Christ's Catholic Community

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

Contact: Mary Testa 0403 302 283

Youth Corner (for 13yrs+)

This upcoming **Thursday (the 22nd of August)**, the OLQP Youth will be having a special guest talk.

Come along as Fr Adam Carlow gives a talk on Mary at 7pm. Dinner and discussion will be provided!

Instagram: OLQPGreystanesYouth

Serving at Masses

If you are over 18 years and interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Senior Server, please contact Fr Jack at fr.jack@olqp.org.au

SRE (scripture teachers)

We currently need a SRE teacher for **Tuesdays at 10.30am** at a local public school. If you are able to assist, or would like further information, please **contact Patricia Shaw 9631 8135.**

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Natural Fertility Awareness Week, 19 - 25 Aug

The theme this year is: "Trust your body's natural signs of fertility: Forget about drugs and devices."

You are invited to join the Billings LIFE **free webinar on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7:30pm AEST** where you can listen to the conversation about the basics of the Billings Ovulation Method® and its application, including during times of breastfeeding.

<https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-fertility-free-webinar>

Further info, ph: 1800 335 860 or website: www.billings.life/en/

Social Justice Corner

You are invited to join us at the Cumberland for the Common Good Candidates' Forum for Local Government Election.

When: Tuesday 20th August

Where: Auburn Uniting Church, 151 Auburn Rd, Auburn

Time: Tuesday 6.30pm– 9pm

Light refreshments will be provided.

Current councillors and candidates will be quizzed about their commitments to the following key issues for the Cumberland LGA:

- Reducing domestic and family violence.
- Promoting employment for all members of our community.
- Advocating for affordable housing for our community.
- Supporting refugees, migrants and overseas students in our community.

Your attendance is important to demonstrate our collective commitment to the above, and to holding future councillors accountable.

Registration is via this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/20th-august-forum-tickets-919789734857>.

If you have any questions, please email us on C4cgood@gmail.com or you can **contact Aaron on 0421 578 758**.

Download the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. Download a copy at parracatholic.org/synodality.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

20th Tuesday **St Bernard**, abbot, doctor

21st Wednesday **St Pius X**, pope

22nd Thursday **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

24th Saturday **St Bartholomew**, apostle

This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Proverbs

9:1-6

2nd Reading

Ephesians

5:15-20

Gospel

John

6:51-58

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading

Joshua

24:1-2, 15-18

2nd Reading

Ephesians

5:21-32

Gospel

John

6:60-69

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.

Meeting ID: 896 7944 2594 | Passcode: rosary

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