

2nd November 2025

The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(All Soul's Day)

PROMISING BIG STEPS – and a CHURCH 50th BIRTHDAY GIFT

Dear friends,

A year ago in 2024, an [extensive report](#) was prepared and presented to parishioners concerning the assets of OLQP parish. And many parishioners then responded to a [parish consultation survey](#), which has guided hundreds of hours of planning, research and negotiation since. [The short version of some excellent news is: New pathways have now been found to repair, reorganise and renew some seriously expensive needs for our church, buildings and parish property.](#)

Faithfulness – Generosity – AND accumulated costs

For so many years this parish has been faithful to God in its funding of pastoral outreach, missionary support and making a difference in many people's lives. Also, decisions in the 1990s and early 2000s about parish property use enhanced our cherished schools, enabling a large school hall, extension primary school recreation space and teacher parking. This was done through the generous giving up of ongoing parish income potential from the north facing land down Old Prospect Road. As well back then, the parish sold its other land (now the site of Genista Aged Care), to pay parish costs and renovations and to contribute to the school hall. The reality since has been a yearly 'break-even', faithfully covering core costs and mission priorities, but not covering the hugely accumulating building and property repairs.



Big problems – and big pathways to solve them

To meet such costs we wouldn't be able to service the loans needed and the challenge to sustain things now and for the future has accumulated to become very big! I'm so thankful, however, to now be able to say that [the path ahead is also now looking promisingly possible and big.](#)

[The childcare development](#) in our parish-owned building on the Braeside Rd corner is a new step about to serve families from 2026. [But it's only the first good step of what's unfolding ahead.](#)

In this year of 2025, the OLQP parish church is 50 years of age. It had repairs and renewal around the 20 year mark and now has scary repair costs waiting in its roof, walls, windows, electrics, plumbing and floor. Due to new plans unfolding, however, we will be able to do this AND also beautify the front and surrounds AND give it solar powered air conditioning. It won't happen overnight but the new plans mean that it will happen AND it will be paid.

Very good news - and best news?

Please pray for some important next important steps of property planning and negotiating that are going on right now. [Hopefully by Sunday 23rd November](#) (or otherwise 7th December), we'll be able to present a very good news plan to explain the approach that's making it look very possible to repair, renew and sustain the parish buildings and property for now and the future. It's a plan to pull together every component that was in that major report and parish consultation a year ago. It goes further than anticipated a year ago and it looks like doing so without the parish needing to carry any big debts. [In my mind, that's the best news!](#)

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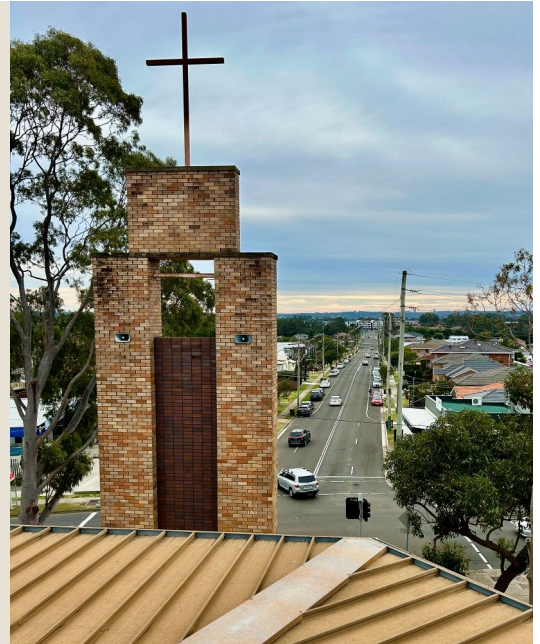
Not to take it easy!

I'm saying that not carrying any big debts is the best news not because we want to take it easy as a parish. I'm saying it because it allows us as a parish to continue funding our immediate response to God's mission, week in, week out; to continue operating and growing this parish as a community living and sharing the good news that has a capital G and a capital N; the Good News of Jesus Christ Risen - as the greatest gift of hope, mercy, joy, purpose and life for all.

Happy church building 50th birthday

So here's to a breakthrough plan for the parish – a plan that I've been hoping like crazy could be advanced and assured enough to be announced in time to mark the 50 year birthday of OLQP church in this year of 2025. Thanks be to God it looks like we'll just make it in time.

With friendship in God's mission,
Fr Paul



Save the date! Carols 2025

Saturday 6th December



5pm Mass

6pm BBQ in the hospitality area
followed by **carols in the church**
from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

All are welcome.

Rosary Making Workshops

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.

Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am

Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm

Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm

Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Did you know?

Pope Francis warns us that not only are we losing large animals and birds, but also the smaller micro species that live in the ground, wetlands, and trees. We crowd out many species and ruin their habitat by building highways, damming water sources, and tearing down forests. 'We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves', the Pope says. As a human family, we must pay close attention to these losses because they are an essential part of the balance of life on earth (cf LS 34,35).

How well do I know the creatures, large and small, that are in my own back yard?

Watch this space

For details of a film night to be held
in the St George Preca Centre
on Saturday 29 November at 6:00pm

On sale in the Parish Office

God's Word 2026 - \$20.00

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, Mario Curmi, Kathleen Davies, Nerida Fabri, Solonge Faddoul, Delina Galea, Kay Jaunais, Margaret Jones, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Patrick Kelly, Tyler Kenedy, Peter Kennedy, Maxine Kroebel, Michelle Makin, Joyce Mifsud, Elsie Moran, Joseph Moses, Alex Noble, Brendon Onorato, Benjie Santiago, Connie Shembri, 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.

Joseph Aquilina, Clare Pombart

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope.

Kenneth Brinley, Steven Darmody, Jose Gavarra, Mario Grima, Fortunata Sultana - 11 November @ 10.30am

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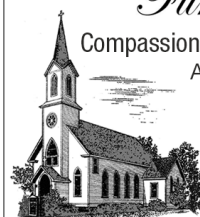
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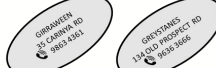
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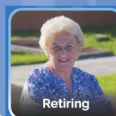
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November Remembrances

Throughout November, we pray for our loved ones who are no longer with us.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK

If you would like the names of those you are especially praying for to be placed in the Remembrance Book, please write their name on the special sheets provided.

Sheets can be found on the table near the organ and at the back of the church. No donation required.

MASS OFFERING

In addition, you can offer a Mass for your loved ones. To offer a Mass, please write up to 4 names on the envelopes provided. Place your donation in the envelope (suggested amount of \$10), seal the envelope and then give the envelope to the priest, acolyte or parish office.

Envelopes can be found on the table near the organ and at the back of the church.



Mass of the Angels

Tuesday 11th November, 7pm.

Have you known the loss of a child in pregnancy or during early or older life? AND / OR: Would you like to reach out and bring a friend (of any faith background) who carries such a story? All are welcome to share in the comfort, care and prayer of the Mass of the Angels here in the church.

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FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

4th Tuesday St Charles Borromeo, bishop

For those doing the HSC
from our parish and community.
Let's support them by asking God's
embrace of peace, calm and focus—one
step at a time.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah

25:6-9

2nd Reading

Romans

5:5-11

Gospel

Luke

7:11-17

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Ezekial

47:1-2, 8-9, 12

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians

3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel

John

2:13-22

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

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