

26th October 2025

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The Rosary: For peace and harmony

Even though we have come to the last week of the month of October, it is never too late to talk about this month, and its dedication to Our Lady of the Rosary, which originally was called our Lady of Victory.

This title comes from one of the most decisive battles in our history. It goes back to 1571, when the Ottoman Empire had one of the strongest navies in the world and was threatening to overrun Christian Europe. Pope St Pius V at that time knew that the Christians couldn't win by strength alone, so he called all Catholics to pray the Rosary across Europe. The battle was absolutely brutal and the Christians were outnumbered, but against all odds they won a decisive victory, and thousands of Christian slaves were freed. When the news reached Rome. St Pope Pius V declared that it was the intercession of the Blessed Virgin through the Rosary that turned the tide, and he then instituted the feast of our Lady of Victory, later renamed as Our Lady of the Rosary.

It is a history which we can relate to today needing:

- peace and an end to suffering,
- strength against division. (harmony)

The invitation is to intercede for this intention in our world today. Perhaps starting from our own selves, our families and communities.

An experience I recently had was having the opportunity to talk and pray with the OLQP Men's Group on a Saturday morning. The highlight was when we all stood together and recited the 5th decade of the glorious mystery of the Rosary. Our intention was with one heart and mind, which was for peace in our world. The spirit of the prayer was filled with grace as brotherhood was celestial.



So even as we move on to the next month and the next, let us keep steady with our hands on the beads.

This week our Hindu brothers and sisters celebrated the beautiful feast of Diwali. The festival of light. It was the triumph over the evil one that the people rejoiced in and lit up their homes with beautiful lights. We see Christ as the light of the world and like Hindus, we Christians promote interreligious dialogue for peace and harmony.



Christ be our light!!

United for Mission.
Sr Anne

Save the date! Carols 2025 - Saturday 6th December

5pm Mass

6pm BBQ in the hospitality area followed by **carols in the church from 7pm to 8.30pm.**

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.**

Faith B4U...

OLQP Yearly Remembrance Mass

Coming up on **Tuesday 28th October at 7pm** is the Parish's Special Yearly Remembrance Mass. With All Souls Day falling on a Sunday this year, this Mass on the Tuesday evening beforehand, is a more focussed, reflective opportunity to remember loved ones, especially those who have gone to the Lord since the last All Souls Day.

We have the names of all who have had funerals here at OLQP. But if your loved one's funeral in the past year was elsewhere, you will be able to include his or her name on the night, to be read out during a candle lighting ceremony.

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

Cenacle Prayer Group

We are a Marian Movement of the Priests.

All are welcome to join us for the Cenacle Rosary after the Friday 9.15am Mass in the Church.

Positions Vacant

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Did you know?

"In Laudato Si' Pope Francis warns that earth's resources are 'being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species.' He adds, 'Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right' (LS 32,33).

Australia has one of the worst records in the world for losing species. In 2023 alone, 277 species of birds, mammals, fish, frogs, reptiles and other creatures were listed as 'endangered' or 'critically endangered'. What can I do to help save our wildlife? Which of God's creatures do I share space with?

Design our next Catholic Outlook

We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas & Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. **Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025** –with a short description of your artwork via parracatholic.org/artcomp

On sale in the Parish Office

God's Word 2026 - \$20.00

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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, Mario Grima, 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.

Mikiel Haber

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

Teresa Dulisse - 28 Oct @ 10.30am, Christopher Egan, Paul Falzon - 5 Nov @ 11am

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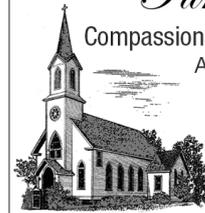
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Volunteers, group leaders and assistant group leaders are asked to complete the Safeguarding modules either online or in person. Details below.

ONLINE: To sign up & log into your Safeguarding modules, visit: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

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.

Face to face training available

Sat 15 Nov (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.



Share the joy of celebrating our faith with the children of our parish!

Be part of the

Children's Liturgy Team

Children's Liturgy is celebrated at 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses during the school term.

Call the Parish Office on 9631 8135 for more information to become a leader or helper for this enriching ministry.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

28th Tuesday **Sts Simon and Jude**, apostles

1st Nov. Saturday **ALL SAINTS**

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Sirach
35:12-14, 16-19

2nd Reading
2 Timothy
4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel
Luke
18:9-14

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Isaiah
25:6-9

2nd Reading
Romans
5:5-11

Gospel
Luke
7:11-17

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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