



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

19th October 2025

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

## Persistence in prayer

Wherever in the world we are today, we can have access to emergency services just by dialling a few numbers on our telephone. The Emergency number is not the most frequently dialled number on our personal telephone. What is the most dialled number in your phone, anyway? Is it that of your spouse, lover, child, parent, friend or business partner?

Now, here is a more important question: how would you describe your own acts of calling on God? Are they emergency calls, or are they frequent calls?

How would you describe your own prayer life? Is it like calling emergency numbers? Or is it a constant relationship?

Some of us are like this. A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to God. The man asked, “God, what is a million years to you?” and God said, “A minute.”

Then the man asked, “Well, what is a million dollars to you?” and God said, “A penny.” Then the man asked, “God, can I have a penny?” and God said, “Sure... **in a Minute.**”

Man is so cunning in his prayers; but God is more prudent in his answers. God is faithful in answering our prayers, although the answers may not be what we expect, and it may take time. God’s time may not be our time, but in His time, he will answer our prayer. What we need to do is pray constantly and ‘never lose our heart and never give up!

Think of any successful scientist, any successful musician, any successful writer. None of these people became successful overnight. It usually takes a lot of time and a lot of mistakes- a lot of close attempts before - success comes. That is true in any area of life.



If you learn from any mistake you make, then nothing you do can ever be seen as a failure. Every mistake can become a valuable lesson and an important step on the way to where you want to go.

It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eighth grade, because he couldn’t pass English! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at Oxford University. His famous speech consisted of only three words: “Never give up!” That is what Jesus advises us through the parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow. The widow seeks judgement against her enemy. But the Judge does not have time to listen to her. But she kept on pestering him until he finally helped her. And her persistence paid off.

Hence, Jesus asks us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is our communication with God, our relationship with the Divine. Like any friendship, a prayer relationship takes time, patience, effort and energy. Our challenge then is to maintain our link to the source of our life and keep a constant relationship with God. Like the widow in the parable, let us pray constantly without losing our hearts.

Never give up – because God never gives up on you.

Fr Thomas

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Annual Wedding Mass

Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on **Sunday 26 October at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**, followed by afternoon tea.

Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your name, numbers attending and any dietary requirements. Family and friends are welcome.

RSVP to [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or call 0408 233 478 by **20 October**.

## Positions Vacant

**For job opportunities in the Diocese of Parramatta:**  
Please visit: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

## Let us pray...

**FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.**

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**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.**

Les Camilleri, Margaret Caruana

**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.*

Norm Beard

## Training - Holy Communion to people at home

A helpful session to guide people in this ministry will be held on **Sunday 26th October at 4.30pm in the church**

This session is for those beginning in the ministry **AND** for anyone continuing who hasn't had training or recent refreshing.

## On sale in the Parish Office

**God's Word 2026 - \$20.00**

**Columban Art Calendar 2026 -\$10.00**



## Rosary In the church

**Weekdays - 8.30am**

**Friday Nights - 7.30pm**

## Did you know?

Pope Francis expresses concern for the "quality of water available to the poor" and argues that "turning it into a commodity" opposes a person's right to a dignified life.

He argues "**access to water is a basic and universal human right**" and is essential to survival. (cf LS 29, 30)

**Am I, or my household, wasteful of our water? Do I see water as a precious gift? How am I concerned about big companies fracking water supplies in parts of Australia?**

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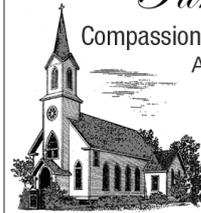
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# Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

## Safeguarding is a priority at OLQP

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](mailto: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 25 Oct (Modules 1-3) 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook OR Sat 15 Nov (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.



## Thanksgiving envelopes

Please collect your thanksgiving envelopes from the front of the church. Any remaining envelopes will be posted out.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## 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.

## Seniors Mobile Phone Workshop

Learn how to use basic functions on your phone.

Monday 20th Oct at 10am-12.30pm in the St George Preca Centre

Free, but registration is essential - call Frances Montesin 9631 9095 or Lawrence Gatt 0404 462 344

Just bring your smartphone, notebook and pen.

### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Exodus  
17:8-13

#### 2nd Reading

2 Timothy  
3:14 - 4:2

#### Gospel

Luke  
18:1-8

### Next 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

## 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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