



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

30th November 2025  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## From Fr Paul

This weekend at each Mass there's a 2 minute video introducing an inter-Church initiative called *Kairos Prison Ministry Australia*. In brief there is *Kairos Inside*, which shares visitation and faith encouragement with prison inmates - and *Kairos Outside*, which shares with the wives, partners and affected families. I first became involved in *Kairos Inside* in the early 2000s with a group of volunteers where I was parish priest at the time. In the short video, I'm mentioning just one of the moments in that ministry that helped my faith. I could say more but for now only want to say enough to mention what Kairos is so that our parishioner, Lylian Francis, can say something of her experience with *Kairos Outside*, in which we're inviting potential parish involvement.



## From parishioner Lylian Francis

My journey with *Kairos Outside* began as an observer, enabling a genuine connection with other Christian women sharing in God's love. The *Kairos Outside* Weekend is a safe and non-judgemental gathering for women with incarcerated family/friends. It's held at Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre at Mulgoa and offers participants the opportunity to share the pain, shame and isolation that is common in such situations. I'm moved and humbled to say that I've seen the hand of God in this ministry since beginning an involvement earlier this year. The time with those in the ministry and the family members of those incarcerated who are supported has really given witness to me, of the equality we have in the eyes of God. It's been a real gift for my faith and one of those unexpected experiences through which I no longer feel the same.



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY AUSTRALIA

My own sense now is that God calls me to live more and more open to the surprises of his mission; and to do this, I know I need to step out of my comfort zone. The Kairos Outside weekend is certainly moving and even emotional; but it's also structured with a time-tested Christian program of engagement with participants. There's a real wisdom in the process in its capacity to tap the hearts, stories and dignity of those who participate. And in doing this, faith is nurtured. Truly, the Holy Spirit seems to become tangible through the journey of the weekend. By now I can say I'm not surprised that many lives across Australia and the world have changed for the better because of this Kairos ministry.

## Thanks for sharing that Lylian – And here's an invitation to women in the parish

If you're 18 to senior and wish to know more about the *Kairos Outside* ministry, you're welcome to give your details to the Parish Office - OR use the CONTACT button at the top of the parish website [olqp.org.au](http://olqp.org.au) - OR see Fr Paul. Lylian will contact you asap. Those in the parish with family members or relatives in prison are warmly welcome to be in touch too. There's a *Kairos Outside* evening meal gathering on Saturday 13th December (at our Diocese's Bishop Bede Heather Centre at Blacktown). Some may like to talk to Lylian about this as a first way of having a look at this ministry. If there are some interested, *Kairos Outside* could be part of OLQP's ministry involvement from 2026. And maybe later as well, some men might be keen to look at *Kairos Inside* or another prison visitation option.

With friendship in God's mission – Fr Paul



**OLQP Carols 2025**

**Saturday 6th December**

**5pm** Mass

**6pm** BBQ in the hospitality area followed by **carols in the church from 6.30pm to 8pm.**

**All are welcome.**

**Helpers needed for Carols**

**If you can assist with being a Greeter**, please write your contact details on the Helpers sheet located at each door.

# Faith B4U...

## Advent Chat ...

Spend time with others reflecting on the hope of Advent. Join us for **MORNING TEA** after 9.15am Mass followed by an Advent Chat around the following Sunday Gospel.

**Tuesdays straight after 9.15am Mass  
25 Nov, 2, 9 Dec  
in the Youth Room next to the Church**

**And then join us for an Advent Retreat on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am to 11am  
in the Church**

Reflection Books Available  
for purchase \$5  
Contact the Parish Office  
if you have any questions.

*All Welcome!*



## Getting ready for Christmas?

**What are you excited about? What are you stressed about?**

Spend a little time with fellow parishioners sharing the spirituality of the **Advent Season** over a cuppa after Mass on **Wednesday 10th December from 10am - 12.30pm in the St George Preca Centre.**

Get into the spirit of the season and find out about the Jesse Tree and take one home to share with your family.

Our morning will be led by Marilyn Hancock from the Parramatta Diocesan - Mission Engagement Team.

**To RSVP pick up a flyer in the church to complete or contact the parish office.**

## Reconciliation Before Christmas

If you'd like to receive this precious Sacrament before Christmas, kindly plan a time from the following extra opportunities. Doing so you're helping yourself and others not to be disappointed to miss out in a Christmas rush:

**Saturday afternoon, 13th December** 3pm to 4.45pm

**Tuesday evening, 16th December** 7pm to 8pm (with Adoration)

**Saturday afternoon, 20th December** 3pm to 4.45pm

**Tuesday evening, 23rd December** 7pm to 8pm (with Adoration)

## Men's Group—Save the date

**Saturday 13th December at 8am, in the St George Preca Centre.**

Share faith and friendship. All men 18 years or senior welcome.

For more information contact **Nicky on 0403 124 345**

## Did you know?

*"Many cities are huge, inefficient structures, excessively wasteful of energy and water... We are not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass, and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature" (LS44).*

**Consider, how can I care for both the environment and my local community, despite urban expansion?**

## 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, Gabrielle Farfus, Delina Galea, Dorothy Gatt, 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, Bob Nowfel, Brendon Onorato, Benjie Santiago, Michael Scanlon, 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.**

Pauline Durchar, Marlene Micallef, Una Schimschal, Grace Teuma

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

Catherine Debrincat, Julie Lopresti, Alfred Vella, Carmelo Zullo

## Thank you & Farewell

After 26 years of commitment to the parish community, we deeply thank and farewell Narelle Bolton for the integral role she played in nurturing and growing the minds of our little ones at OLQP Preschool (now known as Ambrose Early Learning).

Please join us **Sunday 14th December** to personally thank and farewell Narelle **after the 10.30am Mass** for morning tea.

***We invite you to write a message of thanks in the card and on the special sheets provided at each church door.***

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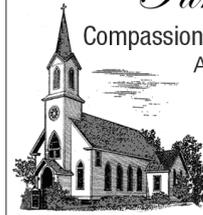
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Volunteers, group leaders and assistant group leaders are asked to complete the Safeguarding modules either online or in person. Details below.

**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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

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

## Blacktown Parish presents 'The Witness'

The community of Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, are bringing to life the musical "The Witness" – telling the story of the life of Jesus through the eyes of St Peter. The parish is currently looking for a variety of roles to be filled for the production, including director, choreographer, singers and dancers.

An **information session and commissioning Mass** will be held on **Saturday 29 November from 9am at St Patrick's Church.**

To learn more, or express your interest, please visit <https://www.privyr.com/form/5W7hISmG#the-witness-musical-cast-crew>

## Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty – wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone.

Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/appeal](https://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you.

Envelopes will be available the weekend of 6th & 7th December.



## FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday **St Francis Xavier**, priest

## Positions Vacant

**Catholic Chaplain:** Catholic Care Western Sydney & the Blue Mountains

**Parish Secretary (permanent part-time):** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville

**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/jobs](https://parracatholic.org/jobs)

### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah  
2:1-5

#### 2nd Reading

Romans  
13:11-14

#### Gospel

Matthew  
24:37-44

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Isaiah  
11:1-10

#### 2nd Reading

Romans  
15:4-9

#### Gospel

Matthew  
3:1-12

## 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](https://olqp.org.au), every Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

**Rosary in the church:** Weekdays at 8:30am & Friday nights at 7:30pm

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