

15th February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel can feel a little overwhelming. Jesus speaks about commandments, anger, lust, divorce, oaths—one serious topic after another. We might be tempted to think, "Lord, that's a lot for one Sunday!"

Jesus is not raising the bar to make life harder. He is going deeper—into the heart. He is teaching us that holiness is not about doing the bare minimum—it is about loving with a transformed heart. He is telling us that faith is not just about following rules on the outside, but about transformation on the inside.

There's a funny story about a little boy who was told by his mother, "Sit down!" He refused. After a bit of pressure, he finally sat down—but he said, "I may be sitting down on the outside, but I'm standing up on the inside!"

Sometimes that is how we live our faith. On the outside, we follow the rules. But inside us anger, resentment, jealousy and harsh words are still standing up!

It is easy to say, "I didn't do anything wrong." But Jesus asks, "What is happening inside your heart?"



You may not have hurt anyone physically — but have you wounded someone with words? You may not have broken a commandment publicly — but have you allowed bitterness, jealousy, or resentment to grow quietly within?

That is why Jesus goes deeper because He wants to heal the heart. Anger destroys relationships. Dishonesty weakens trust. Sin begins quietly within before it appears outwardly.

That is why He tells us: reconcile with your brothers and sisters. In other words, worship without forgiveness is incomplete. Christianity is not about doing the minimum—it is about loving fully.

This Sunday, let us ask the Lord to change not just our actions, but our hearts. Because when the heart changes, everything changes. When the heart is filled with love, the law is fulfilled.

Fr Thomas

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PARRAMATTA - HOLY SPIRIT MISSION

Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at the annual HOLY SPIRIT MISSION event! This free gathering is open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit.

Join us for Prayer & Praise, Testimonies, Talks and Prayer Ministry.

Discover the Spiritual Gifts and how to grow in them. Receive encouragement, help, and support from charismatic communities.

Join us on: **Saturday 21st February, 12pm to 5pm @ Camilleri Hall**

ENQUIRIES Desiree 0478 765 772, Dilani 0425 607 227, Amila 0424 445 397

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIENC> OR Please scan the QR code to register.



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** or email: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Ash Wednesday 18th February
Mass Times

6:30am | 9:15am | 7:00pm

A day of fast and abstinence

Faith B4U...

Ministers at the Altar, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Communion to the Sick - Formation Afternoon

An opportunity to gather to pray together and talk about our processes around this ministry.

Details: **2-4pm, Saturday 7 March, St George Preca Centre**

RSVP: Email lisa.bright@olqp.org.au

JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service)

JRS sent the parish a heartfelt thank you letter *'...for the generous gift in supporting their mission to accompany, serve and advocate for and with refugees, people seeking asylum and migrants in situations of vulnerability.'*

This outreach was made possible through your kind donations during the Christmas Embrace. Thank you.

Rosary Making Workshops

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on:

Tuesday 10 March at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.

Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement on the cost of living

The Australian Bishops have released the first of two Social Justice Statements for 2026, titled "The Cost of our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good". The new statement and accompanying resources can be found at socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Printed copies and prayer cards can be ordered directly from the ACBC at shop.catholic.au

Let us pray...

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

Chantel Adrien, 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, Benjie Santiago, Michael Scanlon, Connie Shembri, Carmel Thompson, Eddie Vella, Joe Vella, Sue Watters, Gerard Watts, Grace Widjaya, Maureen Zarb, Joseph Zerafa

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.

Emanuel Fenech, Robert Stanton

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

Francisco Do Nascimento, Brendon Onorato - 17 Feb @ 11am, Mary Polideno

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course

How to engage with the Bible during turbulent times? Join Sr Michele Connolly as she explores how Scripture calls us to exercise our prophetic voice; and to live as witnesses of faith & hope in our everyday life!

Time: **7pm - 9pm on Tuesdays 17, 24 Feb**

Location: **St George Preca Centre**

RSVP: <https://tr.ee/29pDdC6lCl>

Lenten Reflection Groups

Spend time with others reflecting on scripture this Lent with the theme of 'The Space Between'.

Each week we will reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday.

Wednesday 10am - 11am, 25 February, 18 & 25 March in the St George Preca Centre.

Reflection guides available for purchase at the Parish Office - \$5. All Welcome.

Seeking parent volunteers to assist with food for this and future Youth Nights

YOUTH NIGHTS ARE BACK!

PARENTS NEEDED!

First Sunday of every month after 6pm Mass

HOSPITALITY AREA MARCH 1ST | 7-8:30 PM

PARENT VOLUNTEERS (or others) to assist with organisation of food for monthly youth nights. It won't require costs, just some time together with other parents. With enough volunteers, it would only be every second or third month. Please leave your name and number with the parish office, one of the priests or on the volunteer sheet at doors.

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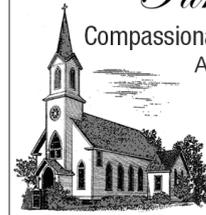
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Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

Phone: 9560 5333 or email: palms@palms.org.au



Want to visit a community first? Join our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor Leste! Book by 28 February for the May tour! See palms.org.au/encounters

JRS Food Support During Lent

The JRS Foodbank feeds and provides necessities for families who would otherwise have nowhere else to go.

Each week of Lent, JRS will be collecting a different item. Please place items in the JRS basket found in the front entrance of the church or in the Parish Office.

Week 1 - Cooking oil (750 ml or 1L)

Week 2 - Dishwashing liquid

Week 3 - Canned tuna (unflavored in oil)

Week 4 - Laundry detergent

Week 5 - Dried red lentils (375g or 1kg)

Week 6 - Long life milk (1L, full cream)

JRS Australia is also in URGENT need of Gift Vouchers. Gift vouchers allow the people that JRS Australia serves to make dignified and practical choices about their own needs such as fresh fruit & vegetables, basic necessities, and essential medications.

Bolton Clarke - Volunteer ironing needed

Bolton Clarke Nursing Home in Pemulwuy has asked if the parish could see if anyone would be able to volunteer to do some ironing for the residents in the care home. They are currently revisiting their organisational structure to see how they can bring in a paid additional service such as ironing to the residents, however in the meantime they are looking for an interim solution.

If you would like more information please contact **Lorraine at Bolton Clarke on 8863 9000.**

Lost Property

Missing an umbrella, water bottle, glove, rosary, jewelry etc?

Please look in the main entry area of the church (Narthex) near the Lost Property Sign. For valuables, please call the parish office on 9631 8135.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Sirach

15:15-20

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians

2:6-10

Gospel

Matthew

5:17-37

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Genesis

2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd Reading

Romans

5:12-19

Gospel

Matthew

4:1-11

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 **6:30pm** (*Please note: NEW TIME*)

ZOOM option available Friday night for those who cannot travel to the church for rosary.

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