



— OUR LADY —
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

26th April 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Tide!! *From the Angelus to Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven)*

One of my favourite times in the liturgical calendar is the days that follow after Easter Sunday then all the way to Pentecost. During this time, the Easter tide, we joyously return to singing the 'Gloria' and 'Alleluia', the colours in the Church brighten with flowers and vestments and decorations draped are white or gold. There are also the Symbolic rituals of lighting the new Paschal candle and renewing our own baptismal promises.

Most of us had witnessed the newly baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil celebration where they confirmed their faith and officially became members of the universal catholic church.

During this time, the universal church prays the prayer *Regina Coeli or Queen of Heaven*. To joyfully unite with the mother of God in celebrating the Resurrection of her son, Jesus Christ with the declaration of victory over death. The great moment of her life was witnessing her son's triumph—the son she bore into the world, our Saviour, our Redeemer and Prince of peace.

This Marian tradition was established 284 years ago by Pope Benedict XIV, which replaced the Angelus, shifting the focus from the mystery of the incarnation to mark the 50 days of Easter as a special time of celebration. Then as we go into the ordinary time, we return to the Angelus.

Traditionally, the Angelus, like the Regina Coeli, is prayed three times a day, at dawn, noon and sunset. Unfortunately, this can sometimes be forgotten.

How fitting is it for us, parishioners of *Our Lady Queen of Peace* that we already inherit her name, I invite you to recite this prayer for the remaining days of Easter tide.



Photo by Sr Anne

Queen of Heaven

V. *Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.*

R. For he whom you have chosen to bear, alleluia.

V. *Has risen, as he said, alleluia.*

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. *Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.*

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

United for mission
Sr Anne

Extra Mass Times

A reminder to all that 9.15am Mass has begun on Saturdays.

All are welcome to any or all Saturdays - including the following that will have special focuses:

- 1st Saturday of the month will be our Mass for Peace - with the Anointing of the Sick offered immediately afterwards.
- 2nd Saturday of the month will be our Memorial Mass - to remember those who have just recently died - or to acknowledge First and Second anniversaries.
- 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturdays - will be the Mass of the Day

(We will review this Saturday Mass time in Advent - and in any case it won't occur post Christmas through January - but February to November)



Faith B4U...

Music Ministry Formation

All Music Ministers (choir members, cantors, musicians, band members) are invited to attend **Music Ministry Formation Saturday 16 May 2026 Starting with Morning Tea at 10am and then formation session until 1pm** In the Church 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes (There is a parish Mass at 9.15am which everyone is welcome to attend)

Please **RSVP** to the parish office on **9631 8135** or **parishoffice@olqp.org.au**.

Eucharistic Ministers who visit the Housebound

Thank you to all the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to those who are unable to join us at our weekend Masses. This vital ministry enables those who are not with us physically to remain connected with the parish community and to know that our prayers and thoughts are with them.

The Parish Team asks all Eucharistic Ministers who visit people in their homes or nursing homes to pick up their identification lanyards from the parish office. This new process was explained at the recent Eucharistic Ministers meeting. All Eucharistic Ministers who visit people are asked to wear these lanyards as a means of identification and support for your ministry.

When you come to the parish office please bring a passport size photo of yourself, or we can take one of you at the parish office.

Should you have any questions, please see a member of the parish team. Thank you for your cooperation and for your ministry

Temporary Volunteers - Hospitality

We need volunteers who can fill in whilst our current volunteers are unavailable for approximately 30minutes after the **8.30am Sunday Mass from 12 May until 7 June**.

All volunteers must complete Safeguarding training which can be done online in your own time. For more information, please contact the parish office at **parishoffice@olqp.org.au** or call **9631 8135**. **Thank you**.

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, Benjie Santiago, Barbara Stanton, Carmel Thompson, Cathy Vella, Eddie Vella, Joe Vella, Sue Watters, Gerard Watts, Grace Widjaya, Maureen Zarb, Joseph Zerafa, Melissa Zerafa, Muna Zora

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.

Joshua McCarroll

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

Parish Team Employment Position

Expressions of interest are welcome for the following 2 day per week position working with the parish team. Kindly send any initial queries and brief details of previous experience that could suit this people-focussed role – to Fr Paul Roberts via **parishoffice@olqp.org.au**

Co-Ordinator of Volunteers: (that is, our parishioners across the various areas of involvement). It's a more recent development in the Church for this to be a dedicated role, fundamental to supporting the mission of parishes. A good basis of information and processes already exists for this role at OLQP, working directly alongside others in the parish team. The work includes supporting the welcoming and necessary processes for volunteers – as well as the ongoing communication and promotion that helps keep them updated and valued. A difference to some co-ordinator of volunteer roles in various workplaces is that this is part of the ministry leadership of the parish. So, there's involvement in the priorities and goals of the parish – along with the care and development of volunteers who are keen or already involved in areas of service. It is initially a two day a week casual role with the chance to move (according to the capacities and interests the person may bring) to a permanent part time 2-3 days role. .

High School Aged Youth Gathering - NEXT SUNDAY 3rd May

-Straight after 6pm Mass until 8.30pm – Food included

Parent/Guardian please come in person to pick up the explanation and guideline details the first time your son/daughter attends

-1st Sunday nights of the month during School Terms

Schoenstatt Annual Marian Pilgrimage Day - 17 May

Starts at 9.30am with Reconciliation followed by Mass, Anointing of the Sick and then Benediction at 3pm.

Visit www.schoenstatt.org.au for more details.

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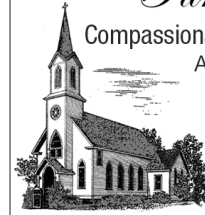
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Parramatta Diocese Code of Conduct

Most ministers would have received an email last week with the request to complete a Code of Conduct acknowledgement form. This was sent to ministers who are not in child-related ministries. The parish team asks that you **complete this form as soon as possible and return it to the parish office** during office hours, or email it to lisa.bright@olqp.org.au

If you did not receive an email, you can pick up a form from the parish office or sacristy.

Please reach out to the parish team if you have any questions. We thank you for your cooperation and gifts in ministry.

When should I complete my Safeguarding Training?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and complete with Safeguarding Training. Check with your Parish Office when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training.

- If you are new to ministry, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1-3 (Cycle 1).
- If you completed Cycle 1 modules two years ago, you must complete Renewal Modules 4 and 5 (Cycle 2)
- If you renewed your Cycle 2 two years ago, you must complete a Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can always be completed online at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.

THE NEXT FACE-TO-FACE Mandatory Safeguarding is:

2 May at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood

Register at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

Did you know...

Saint John Paul II taught that the preferential option for the poor, namely the Church's love for the poor, "is essential for her and a part of her constant tradition"... By her very nature the Church is in solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the marginalised and all those considered the outcast of society (quoted in *Dilexi Te*, 110,111).

- Who are the poor, the excluded, the marginalised in Greystanes, in our Cumberland Electorate?

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

28th Tuesday **St Peter Chanel**, priest, martyr

29th Wednesday **St Catherine of Siena**, virgin, doctor

2nd May Saturday **St Athanasius**, bishop, doctor

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Acts
2:14, 36-41

2nd Reading

1 Peter
2:20-25

Gospel

John
10:1-10

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Acts
6:1-7

2nd Reading

1 Peter
2:4-9

3rd Reading

John
14:1-12

Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

Tuesday - 9:15am

Wednesday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Thursday - 9:15am

Friday - 6:30am | 9:15am

Saturday - 9:15am (except January

- Vigil 5:00pm (live streamed)

Sunday - 7:00am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Mass for Peace - all welcome - followed by Anointing of the Sick - 1st Saturdays 9:15am (except January)

Memorial Mass - all welcome - and offered for recent losses and 1st/2nd anniversaries - 2nd Saturdays 9:15am

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

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

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