

## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes **three statements** that are comforting, guiding and challenging:

**First: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."**

Jesus tells his disciples "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me." These words are spoken at a very emotional moment. Jesus knows that His disciples are anxious, confused, and afraid. He has just told them that He will be leaving them. Their world feels uncertain; their dreams are scattered and everything they depended on seems to be slipping away.

And honestly, that sounds a lot like us at times. We all face moments when our hearts are troubled—when life doesn't go as planned, when relationships are strained, when health fails, or when the future feels unclear. In those moments, Jesus doesn't give a detailed explanation or a step-by-step solution. Instead, He gives something deeper: an invitation to trust.

**Second: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"**

Thomas asks the question we might all ask: "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus responds with one of the most powerful statements in all of Scripture: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Notice—Jesus doesn't say, "I will show you a way." He says, "I **am** the Way."

There's a story about a man visiting a new city. He got completely lost and stopped to ask a local boy, "Can you tell me the way to the train station?" The boy scratched his head and said, "I'm not very good at giving directions... but I can take you there." The man agreed, and within minutes, he arrived safely.

That is exactly what Jesus offers us- not just directions, but His presence. Our faith is not just about following rules or directions—it is about following a person. Christianity is not a map; it is a relationship. Jesus doesn't point the way; He walks with us.

Sometimes we wish God would give us a clear GPS for life: "Turn left here, take a U- turn or avoid this mistake and your destination will be reached in 5 minutes!"

But instead, Jesus says: "Stay close to me, and you will find the way." So, walk with Jesus; Trust Him. Because in the end, the way is not a direction. The way is a person and his name is Jesus.



**Third: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"**

Philip asks Jesus, "Show us the Father," as if God were still distant, hidden, or unreachable. But Jesus gently corrects him by saying- "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." In other words, God is not distant or an abstract idea — God has a face, a voice, a heart, and that heart is revealed in Jesus.

Therefore, if you want to know what God is like, we don't need to guess. Just look at Jesus. Look at His compassion, His forgiveness, His patience, His love for the poor and the broken.

A child once drew a picture of God in the class. The teacher said, "But no one knows what God looks like." The child replied, "They will when I am finished!" In a sense, that is what Jesus has done for us. He has drawn the face of God for us, not with crayons, but with his life.

So, Jesus' statement "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" is also a gentle challenge. If we claim to follow Jesus, then others should begin to see something of God in us — in our kindness, patience, love and care for others.

Because Jesus doesn't just reveal the Father to us — he invites us to reflect the Father to the world.

**Fr Thomas**

## Pope coming to Sydney 2028

The **International Eucharistic Congress** in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music. It's intended as a renewal for the Church – and hopefully can also a gift for our nation. Use the QR code here or simply search [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org) to learn more about it. You can actually register on that website too if you wish and you'll receive regular updates.



# Faith B4U...

## Is your Safeguarding up to date?

All Clergy, employees and volunteers in parish ministry are required by the NSW Children's Guardian Act 2019 to be current and **complete their Safeguarding Training every 2 years**. *This is different to a Working with Children's Check (WWCC).*

Check with the Parish Office to see when you are due to update your Safeguarding Training or refer to the points below.

- If you are **new to Ministry or have not yet completed any Safeguarding training**, you must complete the Introductory Modules 1 to 3 (Cycle 1)
- If you **completed Modules 1-3 in 2024 or earlier** You are now due to complete Modules 4 & 5 (Cycle 2)
- If you **completed Modules 4 & 5 in 2024 or earlier** You are now due to complete the Refresher Module 6 (Cycle 3)

Safeguarding Training Modules can be completed online at:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>

For Face-to-Face Mandatory Training, please visit & register at:

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

Or contact the parish office at: [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) or phone: 9631 8135

## Temporary Help needed - 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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) or call **9631 8135**. Thank you.

## 2026 National Count of Attendance

The National Count of Attendance for 2026 will take place over the first four weekends of May, commencing this weekend of 2-3 May 2026. This important initiative provides valuable data to support pastoral planning and resource allocation across our Diocese and the wider Church.

Please note: To collate this valuable data, we will have volunteers taking notes at all Masses. Thank you.

## 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.**

Gerard David, Joseph Saliba, Rita Turano

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

## Music Ministry Formation

All Music Ministers (choir members, cantors, musicians, band members) are invited to attend the **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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au).

## Parish Team Employment Position

**Co-Ordinator of Volunteers:**

Initially 15 hrs/wk onsite for a suitably qualified/experienced person:

- Collaborating as a parish team member with a focus on promoting, organising and celebrating parishioner involvement in ministry/service
- Overseeing the safeguarding requirements for those in ministry/service whilst assisting processes for both practical and enriching ongoing formation

**For a role description and requirements for making application, please contact: [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) by 12th May 2026**

## Parramatta Diocese Code of Conduct

Most ministers would have received an email recently 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](mailto: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.

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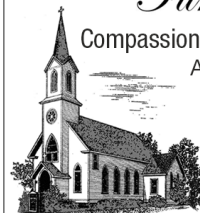
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The Parish Team asks all Eucharistic Ministers who visit people in their homes or nursing homes to pick up their identification lanyards from the parish office. This new process was explained at the recent Eucharistic Ministers meeting. All Eucharistic 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.

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### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts  
6:1-7

#### 2nd Reading

1 Peter  
2:4-9

#### Gospel

John  
14:1-12

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts  
8:5-8, 14-17

#### 2nd Reading

1 Peter  
3:15-18

#### 3rd Reading

John  
14:15-21

## 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

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