



— OUR LADY —
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

Weekly Bulletin

5th April 2026

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Welcome to the Season of Easter

Dear sisters and brothers,

40 years ago this November, Pope John Paul II visited Australia. Giving an address one Sunday during that visit, he said something that's been quoted thousands of times throughout the world since:

'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'

He wasn't suggesting we can always be partying about life and not affected by its difficulties or sadness. Obviously there are plenty of people in the world right now, for example, who even with faith are burdened by the fear of violence each day. Many rightly ask if some leaders have learned any lessons at all from previous evils of war! And as Pope JP II said in that 1986 speech: 'We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain.' He clarified that as followers of Jesus we don't talk of a shallow joy, but of a deeper joy that comes from selfless love.

Easter proclaims that Jesus' selfless love has broken through to a reality of life that cannot be destroyed. Hear those last few words again, for YOU; 'cannot be destroyed!' That's the deeper joy in which we're invited to live now, even through difficulties. Faith doesn't keep us from struggles, but in all such times, Jesus' life can be a radical solidarity with us. And the same Jesus risen, in transformed life, promises to be with us, right through. As we breathe in deeply, Jesus seeks that we receive his very Spirit and presence in us, saying to us each by name; 'I am with you always!'

Our Easter Alleluia is a joy that proclaims that the selfless love of Jesus has secured our lives. A key way of receiving this greatest possible gift is shown by our ongoing, deepening acceptance of who we are:

We are selflessly loved members of God's Creation who cannot be destroyed – who in that joy and security - are called to selflessly live this love that breathes in and through us!

What might a renewal of such an acceptance look like in each of us this Easter? Imagine the possibilities for goodness and freshness! As Jesus' Church, we name a whole season each year to remember and renew who we are. Happy Easter Season ahead!

With friendship in God's mission.

Fr Paul and the Parish Team



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EASTER VIGIL Readings

1st Reading

Genesis
1:26-31

2nd Reading

Exodus
14:15-15:1

3rd Reading

Ezekiel
36:16-17, 18-28

4th Reading

Isaiah
55:1-11

Epistle

Romans
6:3-11

Gospel

Matthew
28:1-10

EASTER SUNDAY Readings

1st Reading

Acts
10:34,37-43

2nd Reading

Colossians
3:1-4

Gospel

Matthew
28:1-10

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Acts
2:42-47

2nd Reading

1 Peter
1:3-9

Gospel

John
20:19-31

Faith B4U...

Hospitality Volunteers Needed

One of our long time volunteers has decided to step back from the hospitality ministry. We are looking for people who can take on and share this very valuable ministry. It would involve approx 30-40 minutes after the **10.30am Mass on Sundays**. It may be once a week, fortnight or monthly, depending on how many volunteers would like to join.

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

Two Mass Time Adjustments

The monthly Mass for Peace (with Anointing afterwards) will shift from 10.30am to 9.15am on First Saturdays starting 2nd May

The monthly Memorial Mass has now ceased on Last Tuesdays at 7.00pm. It will shift to 9.15am on Second Saturdays starting 9th May

(Note: Mass on other Saturday mornings is pending a current survey regarding the involvement of senior servers)



Ministers at the Altar/Acolytes/Eucharistic Ministers

Thanks to everyone who came together at the beginning of the month to reflect, grow, and discuss how we carry out these important ministries of the Eucharist within the Mass. Follow-up gatherings will occur to review the new procedures in smaller groups. Please email which session you will be attending to lisa.bright@olqp.org.au or call the parish office on 9631 8135. The dates are:

Weekend of 18/19 April

After Vigil Mass at 6pm for half an hour

Before 10.30am Mass at 10am sharp

Before 6pm Mass at 5.30pm sharp

Weekend of 25/26 April

After 7am Mass and before 8.30am Mass - at 8.00am sharp

And a backup for anyone away for school hols/Anzac weekend on **Sunday 3rd May**

Before Sunday 6pm Mass at 5.30pm sharp

With gratefulness for your ministry.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 12th April

Church open 2:45pm for Chaplet and Prayers. Followed by Benediction, then Mass at 3:30pm

Note: Fellowship after Mass - *Please bring a plate to share*

The Divine Mercy Novena commences on Good Friday 3rd April and concludes on Saturday 11th April. *Novena cards can be found in the chapel and Narthex (main church entrance).*

Sacramental confession related to the Divine Mercy Sunday can be celebrated anytime from about 20 days before the Feast to about 20 days after (as per Holy See guideline).

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

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, Carmel Thompson, Cathy Vella, Eddie Vella, Joe Vella, Sue Watters, Gerard Watts, Grace Widjaya, Maureen Zarb, Joseph 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.

Charles Cutajar, Violet Gove

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

Elsa Arias - 8 April @ 10.30am, Lewis Bonanno, Connie Schembri - 7 April @ 10.30am, Joseph Sultana - 9 April @ 11am

Growing in faith...

Men's Group Gathering

Saturday 11th April

Place: St George Preca Centre

Time: BBQ Breakfast from 7.45am, Discussion starts 8:10am

Topic: Entering the Sacred: A Journey Through the Mass

All men over 18+ welcome.

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

Positions vacant

Catholic Chaplain - Catholic Care Western Sydney & the Blue Mountains

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels more deeply. Fridays at 10am in the Youth room.

Contact: Mary Testa 0403 302 283

Project Compassion

Please return all Project Compassion boxes and envelopes as soon as possible. These can be placed in the basket located near the main entrance of the church.

Donations can also be made online via the Caritas Australia website at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate #projectcompassion

Ministry of Care Courses

Those who visit the sick & are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities & in Homes are invited to attend this course.

When: Every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot.

For enquiries email: ofw@parracatholic.org or phone: 0460 037 795.

Two Parish Team Employment Positions

The application process with role descriptions will occur from a week after Easter, but these announcements aim to enable any local expressions of interest. You are welcome to write to Fr Paul via parishoffice@olqp.org.au to briefly and initially share the interest, qualification and experience that might make you a happy match for the role.

1. **Full-Function Bookkeeper:** (for our small number of employees and the parish's finance processes). Parishioner Sharon Finn is retiring after her long and valued service and will assist a good handover with a new employee. We seek a person keen to work on two short days a week (with flexibility) who values the Church's mission and brings a kind, collaborative, interested spirit. Applicants need to be MYOB-proficient and take oversight of the general ledger; end-to-end accounts, payroll and super, BAS and monthly financial reports.
2. **Co-ordinator of Volunteers:** (for our parishioners across the various areas of ministry and service). Parishioner Lisa Bright has been developing this role most valuably and is now moving on to a fuller position working for a religious congregation. Such a role didn't exist in the Church until quite recently but is now fundamental to the mission of parishes. Handover support will exist for a good period AND this role works directly alongside others in the parish team. In brief, this role looks after the on-boarding care and compliance needs for volunteers - and the records, communication and promotion that helps keep them updated and valued. It involves essential processes and accountabilities, but the difference to some co-ordinator of volunteer roles is that this is part of the ministry leadership of the parish. Hence at the heart of this role is i. 'the why' of what we all do in ministry and service ii. the recognition of how people's different gifts can find 'the what' to do in the parish's areas of ministry and service - and iii. a keenness for resources and initiatives that can nourish 'the what and the why'. 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.

Volunteer Role

Yard Maintenance role for House of Welcome.

House of Welcome is seeking a volunteer for general yard maintenance in South Granville on a weekly basis. House of Welcome provides personalised support for people seeking asylum and refugees. Through transitional housing, trauma-informed casework, employment assistance, emergency support, and advocacy, we meet essential needs and empower our clients to rebuild their lives.

For further information: Jacqui Clark: J.clark@houseofwelcome.org.au

High School Aged Youth Gatherings

1st Sunday nights of the month from May

- The new monthly Sunday night time for High School Aged Youth activities in the parish will begin on **Sunday 3rd May** - straight after the 6pm Sunday Mass through until 8.30pm. (*not 12th April in the school holidays as previously listed – but first Sunday nights of the month from May*)
- Printed and online details will be available for three weeks leading up to the date.

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

Music Workshop

Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On **Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown**, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide.

Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. Enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795

Catholic Faith Enquiry

Do you know someone who might be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, wanting to know about Jesus or explore questions to discover more about life and faith?

Please share the gift of faith with others by inviting someone who is interested or thinking about becoming part of the catholic community to contact the parish office phone: **9631 8135** or email: **parishoffice@olqp.org.au** where we can arrange to meet up with them and accompany them in their next steps of their faith journey.

Sistine Chapel Revelations

An Immersive Exhibition

Experience the Sistine Chapel: Revelations immersive exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, Sydney (**16 May–19 July 2026**). Discover breathtaking digital recreations, sacred art, and the story of salvation. Book tickets at **sistinechapelsydney.com.au**.

"Mozart Masquerade" Concert

Experience some of the most beautiful, dramatic and hilarious moments of disguise and deception in this lively musical selection from Mozart's famous operas.

Join us for a classy night at the opera! On **18 April at 7-9pm, Campion College, "Great Hall"**.

Tickets \$35 <https://www.trybooking.com/DKMQU>

Complimentary drink and mask on entry. Come a little early and sip champagne while you peruse the beautiful Sacred Art Exhibition (open from 5-9pm – free entry).

Be The Witness: Casting, Chorus and September Performances Announced

Be *The Witness* – The Musical, endorsed by Bishop Vincent, is progressing strongly. Acclaimed local theatre director Jon-Claire Lee has been appointed, rehearsals are underway with a 60-member chorus, and performances are confirmed at Riverside Theatres, 10–16 September 2026, including school matinees on 15–16 September.

Casting Call for lead roles, Choreographer call and Marketing, Social Media volunteer opportunities are now open. Email twsydau@gmail.com or register @bethewitness.com.au

Rosary Workshops in May

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 evening will be held on the following days: **Tuesday 5th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7pm.**

Wednesday 20th May at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm

Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

To register and for more information, please visit **parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops** or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

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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

Mass for Peace with anointing of the sick - First Saturday of each month (except January) at 9:15am (starting 2nd May)

Memorial Mass - Second Saturday of each month (except December) at 9:15am (starting 9th May)
No Memorial Mass April 2026

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.

Meeting ID: 896 7944 2594 | Passcode: rosary

P: 9631 8135 | E: parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Emergency Contact Only 0447 509 207

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Parish Office hours: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm Monday to Friday

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