



— OUR LADY —  
QUEEN OF PEACE

# The Peaceful Voice

17th May 2026

The ASCENSION of the LORD

## The Ascension of the Lord

### Witness to the news beyond all news

Wishing you encouragement on this Feast of the Ascension – and as we look to Pentecost next week. As the risen Jesus farewelled his friends from their immediate experience of him, he gave them their/our mission: To witness to him, to his vision, to his ways, to the news beyond all news that all are welcome to life and hope in him. All of Creation (in which we belong with unique dignity) exists *‘through him, with him and in him’* and all of Creation is being called and drawn into an unfolding oneness. What a priceless gift it is to have faith and life in the risen Jesus! Many parents of our parish have been witnessing this to their children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated this coming week. May those children be blessed and lifted by their parents’ ongoing witness!

### A gift of witness to enrich us

One remarkably produced way of witness is being gifted to us next week in the form of resources, faith stories and content to enrich our faith. See the heading on this page: *‘Bringing the Peace of Christ to Every Home’*. We have a parishioner who generously, voluntarily serves a remarkable Catholic media service called *‘Shalom World’*. If you want to look it up or use the QR code on the visual, you’ll start seeing some of the offerings. Next weekend as a gift for Pentecost, we’ll enjoy a couple of minutes of input to receive free permanent access to this high quality faith media. I find it amazing that these things are going to remain free for us and look forward to us being able to benefit from this significant Catholic global media witness.

**Meantime, with friendship in God’s mission**  
**Fr Paul**

## Did you know...

Pope Saint John Paul II advocated for an *“inclusive Church structure where the poor are not merely passive recipients of aid, but are welcomed, listened to, and actively involved in the mission of the Church”*.

- **When did I last genuinely reach out to a poor person?**

## BRINGING THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO EVERY HOME

In a world searching for hope, truth, and purpose, Shalom World is a global Christian media network dedicated to sharing the unsurpassing Peace of Christ through faith-filled programming for individuals and families. From uplifting television programs and powerful personal testimonies to prayer, podcasts, magazines, children’s content, live events from the Vatican, and more, Shalom World accompanies individuals and families on their journey of faith, wherever they are in life. What began as a humble prayer gathering has grown into a worldwide evangelisation mission reaching 194 countries—always free and accessible to all.

**Faith In your feed.  
Hope In your headphones.  
Catholic media for real  
life, real questions.**

**SCROLL. WATCH. BE TRANSFORMED**

Scan now

[watch.shalomworld.org](http://watch.shalomworld.org)

# Faith B4U...

## 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.

## 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.

## Helpers needed - 10.30am Hospitality

We are looking for people who can take on and share this very valuable ministry. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more details.

**Email:** [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au) / **Phone:** 9631 8135

## 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.**

Sam Mangion, Joshua McCarroll, Filippa Schembri

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

Joseph Aquilina, Daphne Perumal

## Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

**Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26](http://www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26)



## Nominations open for the 2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards

This award recognises individuals – both religious and lay – who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? **Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026.** For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

## Local Farmer Workshop: 20 May

Penrith City Council is hosting two FREE food-growing workshops at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. You'll learn a lot in this workshop and be empowered to start growing some of your own food, with a focus on winter harvest crops.

Learn more at <https://parracatholic.org/events/grow-food-at-home-workshop/>

## Free Legal Clinic

Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice **every Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton.** Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and Traffic Offences.

Bookings are recommended – call 8843 2500. Walk-ins are also welcome.

# Our sponsors...

Please understand that whilst OLQP Parish allows advertising, it cannot take responsibility for the advertisements, services advertised or for any matters arising.

## Hills Family Funerals

"We understand the importance of family and it shows in everything that we do, a tradition of care and concern"

24 Hour Care  
Funeral Planning  
Prepaid Funerals  
Australian Owned & Family Operated

For Personal Attention please call  
Richard Spiteri on 02 9659 0900  
340 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill



Hills Family Funerals

## Lesley Kreig Physiotherapy

Lesley Kreig  
B.Sc (Anat) PGD Physiotherapy  
MAPA/MAAOMT  
Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapist  
Prov. No 21040918

Phone/Fax: (02) 9896 8014  
Mobile: 0418 467 416

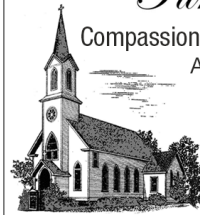
Shop 37A, Old Prospect Road, Greystanes NSW 2145

## Valetta Funeral Services

Compassionate, Dignified & Understanding  
All Suburbs 24 hours

Joanne Vella

P: 9835 6290  
M: 0481 185 402



## ELECTRO FUSION PTY LTD

License No: 287743C

### LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

WIRING AND INSTALLATION OF  
POWERPOINTS, SENSOR LIGHTS, FANS,  
OVENS, HOT WATER SYSTEMS, SMOKE  
ALARMS & SWITCHBOARD UPGRADES.

PLEASE CALL TONY: 0414 822 086

## ADRIANO COLUCCIO FUNERAL SERVICES

Always With You



Ph (02) 9604 9604

Our Professional and caring staff are available 24hrs - 7 days a week

Head Office: Shop 1, 639 The Horsely Drive, Smithfield

Sutherland Shire Office: 134 Wyralla Road, Miranda

Inner West Office: Shop 2, 38-40 Ramsay Road, Five Dock

www.acoluccios.com

PROFESSIONAL, EXPERIENCED & COMPASSIONATE FUNERAL DIRECTORS

## Joseph Felice SOLICITOR

Located in Toongabbie by appointment

0413 193 283

Maltese Spoken and Specialising in:

Property Purchases and Sales

Commercial Leasing and Business Transfers

Wills, Probates and Estates

Power of Attorneys & Enduring Guardianships

## LICENSED PLUMBER DRAINER GASFITTER

ESTABLISHED SINCE 1980



GAS AND ELECTRIC  
LEAKING TAPS  
NEW GAS SERVICE  
BLOCKED DRAINS  
SEWER RENEWALS  
CLEANING GUTTERS  
RAINWATER TANKS

HOT WATER HEATERS  
LEAKING TOILETS  
GAS LEAKS  
BURST PIPES  
GUTTERING  
ROOF VENTILATION  
WATER SAVING DEVICES

## E. MAGRI PLUMBING SERVICES P/L

STEPHEN MAGRI Mobile: 0412 926 185  
Licence No L 11703 ABN 83 111 970 024

e.magriplumbing@bigpond.com Ph/Fax:(02) 9625 3353

## Greystanes Physiotherapist

0411 830 942

144 Ringrose Avenue, Greystanes



## Scott Gleeson Funerals

9896 3299

info@scottgleesonfunerals.com.au

www.scottgleesonfunerals.com.au

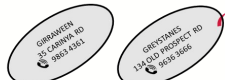
2 Fennell Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

## AMESCOP

Granny Flats • Duplexes • New Homes • Commercial  
SYDNEY | CENTRAL COAST | NEWCASTLE

## FIRST ACADEMY EARLY EDUCATION

Accredited Pre School  
Long day care centre



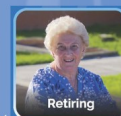
0413 80 40 66

firstacademy@optusnet.com.au 9863 2361

http://www.firstacademy.com.au



Holy Family Services



holyfamilyservices.com.au • Call us: 9678 8200

A Ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth

## Ultimate Aged Care

Do you have a Home Care Package?



Support at your home  
Greystanes aged care

8781 0777 ultimateagedcare.com.au

## QED FINANCE SOLUTIONS

NICKY TURANO

Honest, Reliable and Determined to Find a Solution for YOU.

- Home Loans
- First Home Buyers
- Business Loans
- Vehicle Finances
- Self-Managed Super Fund Loans
- Tax Debt
- Retirement Loans

0403 124 345 | nickyt@qedfinance.com.au  
www.qedfinance.com.au

## EyecarePlus Merrylands OPTOMETRIST

NO GAP HEALTH FUND COMPLETE GLASSES\*



3 Memorial Avenue  
Merrylands NSW 2160  
02 9637 5047

\*See in store for details



## Church Stores

15 Bransgrove St  
Wentworthville  
Ph 0292332268

Icons: - Gifts for Baptism, Communion and Confirmation - Candles: and Incense

## Integrity Funerals

Chris & Rhonda Malone are here to assist you when you need it most with over 35 years of experience in funerals across Sydney. Catering for all nationalities and customs, with a sincere respect in the community. The utmost in attention is always important for your loved one at a difficult time. We can also provide pre-paid services for your peace of mind & a no-obligation quote.

67B Brenan Street, Smithfield NSW 2164  
Ph (02) 9727 0400  
integrity@bigpond.net.au



DO YOU NEED SUPPORT AT HOME?



Call us now

Sydney Parramatta | P. 02 8613 3022

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

## 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 need to 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/>

**Onsite Face-to-Face** Mandatory Training will be available on the **19th September at OLQP for Modules 4 & 5 (Cycle 2)**

Please register at: <https://parracatholic.org/events/mandatory-safeguarding-training-cycle-2-modules-4-5-19-september/>

Or contact the parish office at: parishoffice@olqp.org.au or phone: 9631 8135

## 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](http://sistinechapelsydney.com.au)**.

The CCR Parramatta Diocese & The Emmaus Prayer Community  
Invite you to come and Celebrate Pentecost

**Holy Mass at 2pm Celebrated by Fr. Ambrose Owusu-Ansah**

*Talk by Abraham George*

on

## THE POWER OF PENTECOST

*Praise & Worship, Mass, Talk, Adoration, Prayer & Fellowship*

*Come and Receive the Power*

**Sunday 24 May 2pm to 4:30pm**

OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

All Welcome

Enquiry: Desiree 0478 765 772

Free Event

Amila 0424 445 397

**Register at [www.trybooking.com/DLWRE](http://www.trybooking.com/DLWRE)**

## Positions vacant

**Housekeeper Supervisor** - Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park.

**Parish Secretary** - St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond

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

### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Acts

1:1-11

#### 2nd Reading

Ephesians

1:17-23

#### Gospel

Matthew

28:16-20

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 1st Reading

Genesis

11:1-9

#### 2nd Reading

Romans

8:22-27

#### Gospel

John

7:37-39

## 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](http://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](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

Emergency Contact Only 0447 509 207

Join us on...

[www.facebook.com/OLQPGreystanes](https://www.facebook.com/OLQPGreystanes) | [OLQPGreystanesYouth](https://www.instagram.com/OLQPGreystanesYouth) | [www.olqp.org.au](http://www.olqp.org.au)

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

PO Box 5035 Greystanes 2145 | 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes