

A newly ordained Minister in our midst

Dear friends,

The man on the right in the picture is Rev Jeff Hood, ordained as a Deacon just recently by Bishop Vincent. He is a transitional Deacon, as he is hopefully soon to be ordained to the Priesthood. I was asked if we would have Deacon Jeff with us at OLQP – and Bishop Vincent has now formally appointed him here. Over the current few weekends Deacon Jeff will be introduced across the Mass times before moving in and starting properly during June after he completes a few other commitments.

I'll just share a few things here about Deacon Jeff and you'll appreciate more about him as he settles in: He is obviously an older man, which might seem surprising that he's taking these new steps when many others in his age range are retiring! This is actually a calling from God that Jeff has long sensed, but across those many years, he has been busily and heavily involved in ministry. In fact, he is an extraordinarily qualified and experienced Catholic lecturer, spiritual director, therapist and educator – who has been responsible for forming and guiding many others for ministry, professional service and leadership! His own ordination now as a Deacon on his way to Priesthood, seems to me like someone being publicly acknowledged for much that's been in his blood, his spirit and his practice for years.

As an ordained Deacon, Jeff is specifically commissioned to proclaim the Gospel and preach, to bless (people, marriages, intentions), to baptise and lead various liturgical gatherings – and so we will accompany him to move into these areas of public ministry. At the same time he will bring his other areas of expertise, which both as a Deacon, then Priest, it is hoped he can also offer to the wider Diocese. Part of having Deacon Jeff



Photo of Parramatta Diocese

here is to help develop with him a program that can give him a ministry base and home – assist his new areas of pastoral experience – and enable the Diocese the benefits of his wider expertise. I have known Jeff for the past few years and am very happy to welcome him here on your behalf – to support his new developments in pastoral ministry – and to continue learning through his great gifts and expertise!

With much thanksgiving for Deacon Jeff's generous 'yes' to new steps of ministry and learning - and to the sharing of his long developed gifts and expertise!

Fr Paul

Safe Parishes Week 1st - 7th June 2026

What is Safe Parishes Week? It's a time to pause, reflect and pray for all our young people and for many who are vulnerable in our community. It's an opportunity to look with open eyes at all we do; to see that we can affirm we're doing it with love; that we're adding to the dignity of all. It's a time to humbly uncover any areas of potential harm that can occur through our words, attitudes, actions and omissions, so that all in our care and all around us experience a safe, loving and supportive environment.

This week let's stand together with pride that we're truly striving to shield and protect the young and most vulnerable in our community. Let's keep our hearts open to learn and act when asked.

We deeply thank and pray for our volunteers, staff and priests who undergo regular training to safeguard our young people and the vulnerable in our community. May our Lord continue to grow us all in His love, His will and His ways.

We give thanks and pray for all in our Diocese who strive to make real what we call **'The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding'**. We as a parish endorse this.

Lord, fill each of us with your endless strength and compassion to carry out your mission in protecting and loving your people. Amen.

Faith B4U...

Corpus Christi Procession - 4th June

Come join our Corpus Christi Procession

6:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

7:00PM Procession to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

8:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral Forecourt

For more information contact: Fr Tom Green, tom.green@parracatholic.org



OLQP Men's Group - To grow as Men in the Image of Christ.

Saturday 13th June in the St George Preca Centre.

Time: BBQ Breakfast from 7.45am, Discussion starts 8:15am SHARP

Speaker: Charbel Raish of Parousia Media

Topic: My Pathway back to God—An inspirational testimony of being led back to the Catholic Faith

All men over 18+ welcome.

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

Next Youth Night (for high school age)

Is next Sunday night of the long weekend, 7th June, straight after the 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.

Youth gather first Sunday nights of the month during School Terms.

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

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

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.

Stephen Stanicak

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope. *Funeral details are correct at time of print, please also check other sources for details.*

Francis Boissett - 30 May @ 1pm, Josephine Debattista, Angela Linsley - 10 June @ 10.30am, Muriel Jean Louis,

Anton Mandic - 3 June @ 11am, Carmen Mifsud

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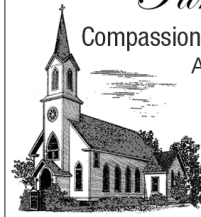
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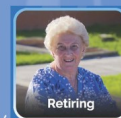
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MGL Sisters "Gardens" Retreat Day

Spend a day reflecting on how while we experience pain, grief and loss in life, we can also discover in such moments that God is renewing us and doing "a new thing" (Rev 21:4) within us.

When: **Saturday June 27th.**

The day will begin with **mass at 9am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, Varroville and end at 4pm.**

Afternoon & morning tea provided. BYO Lunch. The Cost: \$25. **Please RSVP at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBD> or contact us on 0402 602 520.**

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/

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

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.

Retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills

Let's Plant Seeds of Hope and Peace - 21st to 28th June.

In a world that can feel fragile and weary, this six-day contemplative retreat offers a gentle invitation to pause, pray and listen. Facilitated by Sr Ann Morrison RSJ, the retreat creates space for stillness, renewal and deeper connection with God, self, others and the earth. Inspired by Laudato Si' and Laudate Deum.

Scan the QR code for registration details.



FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

1st Monday **St Justin**, martyr

3rd Wednesday **Sts Charles Lwanga & companions**, martyrs

5th Friday **St Boniface**, bishop, martyr

Positions vacant

Housekeeper Supervisor - Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park.

Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Exodus

34:4-6, 8-9

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians

13:11-13

Gospel

John

3:16-18

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Deuteronomy

8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians

10:16-17

Gospel

John

6:51-58

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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