

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

## Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us three times, "Do not be afraid." He reminds us that God cares deeply for each one of us. Just as the Father watches over even the smallest sparrow, he knows and loves us far more. In the midst of life's worries and uncertainties, we are called to trust in God's providence and care.

Jesus also invites us to be courageous witnesses of our faith. We acknowledge Christ not only with our words but also through our actions. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live our faith openly and confidently, knowing that God is always with us.

We witness to our faith by showing kindness, compassion, and generosity to others.

Our parish Winter Embrace initiative is a beautiful example of putting this Gospel into practice. By listening to others' stories and supporting those who are struggling, we become signs of God's love and care, helping others know that they are not forgotten and that they matter.

The Gospel message is simple: Trust in God's care, do not be afraid, and let your faith be seen through acts of love and service.

Fr Thomas



## WINTER EMBRACE CONTINUES

Dear friends,

Thanks from the whole parish to those who've already begun bringing in School items for the many hundreds of children and families in Sri Lanka we are hoping to support with this component of our "Winter Embrace" activity this year. Most of these kids live on tea plantations where their parents work very hard and earn very little. They would not otherwise have these basics. We are all greatly encouraged to contribute to this difference we can make in people's lives.

Welcome to make a big difference for many kids and families with new school items such as the following over the next two weekends:

1. A4 size Exercise Books (96 pages or 120 pages)
2. Coloured Pencils
3. Texta Colours
4. Pens (blue, black and red)
5. HB Lead Pencils, Sharpeners
6. Erasers and Rulers
7. Pencil Cases
8. Sticker Sheets
9. etc

One of many hundreds of happy kids last year who received school items she would not otherwise have



## Bishop Raymond is the local Catholic Bishop

where our goods go. Included in his heartfelt thanks letter last year he said: "May the Lord bless your mission abundantly, and may the joy you bring to our children/adults in the diocese of Galle, return to you in manifold ways. Your service is a beacon of love that enriches not only the lives of those you touch but also the wider community."

What a humbling encouragement as we strive to make that difference this year!

With friendship in God's mission – Fr Paul

# 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 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

## Music Workshop on The Importance of Copyright

Copyright can be tricky to navigate. Come on **23rd June or 21st July to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre** and learn all about your requirements for reporting music used at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more. This workshop will be led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Be sure to bring along any questions you might have.

Register [parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship](https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship)

## 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, 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, Martin Portelli, 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

Alan Burgess, Sol Espiritu, Michelle Galante, Tony Nakad, Pasquale Vicano

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, but it's best to not make this your only source.*

Charlie Buhagiar, Leo Cefai, Patricia Franklin – 23 June @ 11am

## New Parish Team Member – Welcome Lylia

Many will be aware that the 2 days per week position on the parish team of Co-ordination of Volunteers recently became vacant and was advertised. This role looks after all of the compliance and safeguarding processes that are now required in parishes and many workplaces. In the Church we are striving to undertake these requirements in a faith-based way that recognises and promotes volunteering as part of God's work and calling. And so in the parish setting, whilst fulfilling the processes and requirements, the Co-ordination of Volunteers role will take initiatives to build support, communication, thanksgiving and development opportunities across the areas of our parish volunteering/ministry.

From a number of people who expressed interest, locals and beyond, our parishioner Lylia Francis was the successful candidate. Lylia brings considerable experience in administration, service, education and business environments. She will begin the role next week and after a period of orientation will work on Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to this employment, Lylia will also continue in her own voluntary ministry roles in the parish. We thank Lylia for taking interest in this role and warmly welcome her to this significant extra piece of her parish commitment.

*Fr Paul & Team*

## MET Natural Fertility Seminar

Introductory Session for Couples Hoping to Conceive.

Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy [www.fccau.org](http://www.fccau.org) on **Wednesday 8 July 7-8pm via Teams (online)**.

This session is of particular interest to couples that are trying to conceive a child where they may have infertility issues and are seeking medical intervention to help them.

To register visit [parracatholic.org/natural-fertility](https://parracatholic.org/natural-fertility)

## Positions vacant

Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

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

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## Rosary Workshops

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. There are multiple workshops available:

23 June – Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown @ 7pm  
18 July – Our Lady of the Rosary, Parish, Kellyville @ 10.30am  
21 July – Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown @ 7pm  
20 August– Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown @ 7pm

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

To register and for more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops) or [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

## Bethany Pilgrimage for Women: 29 August

The theme for 2026 is “Totus Tuus” (“Totally Yours”). There will be a decade of the rosary, reflection and personal prayer at each church. Adoration and Confession will be available at times also. This event is perfect for active women who would like to spend a day in prayer whilst pushing themselves physically in order to pray for themselves or family. Water, snacks and light lunch provided.

Registration at: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1569560)

Cost: \$20

For more info call Victoria on 0494173359 or email [bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:bethanypilgrimage@gmail.com)

## Free Legal Clinic – Catholic Care, Emerton

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.

## 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.

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

When: 27<sup>th</sup> June

Afternoon & morning tea provided. BYO Lunch Cost: \$25.

Please rsvp at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBD> or contact us on 0402 602 520.

## FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

22<sup>nd</sup> Monday Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs  
24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Australian National University

### Survey- Worldviews & ways of life in Australia

ANU researchers are exploring how perceptions and ways of thinking (i.e. worldviews) relate to experiences and ways of living (i.e. participation and inclusion) in Australia Complete the survey

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#### Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Jeremiah

20:10-13

2nd Reading

Romans

5:12-15

Gospel

Matthew

10:26-33

#### Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

2 Kings

4:8-11, 14-16

2nd Reading

Romans

6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel

Matthew

10:37-42

## 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.

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