



The Peaceful Voice

28th June 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

The echoes of the 'Holy Eucharist' to us

"For the last couple of months, with the help of our parents and caregivers we have been journeying with the children with the preparation of the sacrament of Holy Communion. It has been a truly beautiful time exploring the most precious gift ever given to us-the gift of Jesus Himself. I have been overwhelmed by joy watching the excitement of the first communicants and deeply touched by those who now fully appreciate the beautiful gift they received earlier in their lives".

Holy Communion is the real, living presence of Jesus, who loves us so much and found a way to stay close to us forever. When we receive this precious gift, we gradually understand that we are called to the One Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:17) This union changes us, and inspires us to be good, kind and generous to everyone we meet.

Life becomes truly worth living when we know what this precious gift means for the world and how we can live it. When we say 'Amen'-which means 'I believe' or 'yes' to the Body of Christ-we promise to carry Jesus out into the world. By doing this, we become Christ everywhere we go, sharing His light in our daily lives. We do not do this alone; we carry this beautiful mission together as a faith community.

As we enter the peak of the winter season, our community's shared warmth becomes more important than ever. The parish has been part of the WINTER EMBRACE project, bringing joy and making a difference in the lives of our neighbours. Let us continue to EMBRACE this spirit of generosity by keeping our hearts open to those in need.

United in Mission
Sr Anne SMSM

First Eucharist Masses

This coming weekend Saturday 27 June 12.30pm, Sunday 28 June 12.30,3.00pm and the following weekend Sunday 5 July 12.30pm is a very special weekend for our parish.

126 Children will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.



WINTER EMBRACE:

Please place all donations into the baskets located in the main entrance of the church or the parish office. Thank you for helping make a difference to a child's life.

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

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) & Sign the Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct Form.

→ 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

Faith B4U...

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:

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 or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

High School Aged Youth Gathering NEXT SUNDAY 5th JULY (first Sunday of the school holidays)

-Straight after 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

- 1st Sunday nights of the month during School Terms

New Choir Members Always Welcome

If you'd like to join the Parish choir, please contact the Parish Office.

We meet on a Monday night at 7:30pm in the church (not all year round). Please contact the Parish Office to check.

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

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 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

Positions vacant

Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

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

Frank Mercuri, Charles Muscat, Emanuel Teuma, Connie Tonna

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.*

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Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org



Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from

Aid to the Church in Need at:
aidtochurch.org/welcome



FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

29th Monday Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles
3rd July Friday St Thomas, apostles

Lost Property

Please look in the main entry area of the church (Narthex) near the Lost Property Sign.

For valuables, please call the parish office on 9631 8135.

This 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

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Zechariah
9:9-10

2nd Reading
Romans
8:9, 11-13

Gospel
Matthew
11:25-30

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.

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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