



The Peaceful Voice

7th June 2026

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi), Year A

The BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST A PEOPLE NOURISHED and SENT on MISSION

Dear friends,

Blessings to you all as we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ this weekend; the profound gift of Christ's presence among us in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist, of course, strengthens us to be people who are graced and secure in God's love and mercy – to then be SENT out – in love and mercy into many other places and stories. We receive the Body of Christ – to be the Body of Christ. This feast is the time of year when our recent parish custom has been for us, as people of the Eucharist, to have a 'Winter Embrace'. We'll launch it next weekend. The concept began a few years ago as a way to give some extra focus to our Catholic faith identity as **a missionary people** – making a difference in the lives of others as a result. This identity as missionary people makes us more than good charitable fundraisers. The world needs charitable fundraising for sure, especially to support urgent and special needs. But to be a 'missionary' (which comes from Latin) has the same meaning as 'apostle' (which comes from Greek). For us as Catholic Christians, this missionary/apostolic identity means that as followers of Christ we say 'yes' to being SENT from our familiar zones into the stories of others; stories in which God moves our minds and hearts and actions in some way; even in unexpected ways.

In recent centuries that word 'missionary' was mostly used to describe those who go to other places to serve, such as overseas or distant places, usually among those who are poor or struggling. BUT in recent decades (particularly since the Church's renewal through what was known as the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s), we have recovered the sense that ALL of us who are baptised are called to be MISSIONARY – and that this isn't an optional extra – but a key part of what it means to BE Christian. So, clearly, if it's all of us, then being 'SENT' as missionary people need not be overseas. It might be across the city – or across the neighbourhood – or across the street – or across a family or group. It might not even be physical. We can be 'sent' into the stories of others through sincere reading, listening, learning and observing. The common element of missionary people, wherever and whoever they are, is that their minds and hearts are open to finding and being affected by God's presence and call in the lives and stories of others – AND – that their faith, actions and spirit of serving are influenced by that. It's all God's mission – and as disciples of Christ, as missionary people, we participate in God's mission in our many different ways.



Image Parramatta Diocese

So, the parish is by no means the only way that we as parishioners participate in God's mission. There are many other means through which members of our community here say 'yes' to God sending them out of their familiar or comfortable zones into other stories or places. Every day many are allowing themselves to be affected by other stories and places; allowing themselves to find God's call in those stories and places; and allowing themselves to respond and share and serve with love and mercy as a result. But as a parish of course, we can also do some of that in common. And so next week we'll launch the latest WINTER EMBRACE. We'll do so with the story of someone who loves Australia, named Jacob – and whose story is also one of being a refugee. And we'll again tap into the story of a whole lot of kids and families from plantations in Sri Lanka. During the weeks of the Winter Embrace, our schools will have a winter sleepout to empathise with those sleeping rough. And we'll hear a little more of those (some in our parish) who volunteer in the spirit of Frederick Ozanam – the 20 year old who started the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Meanwhile, wishing us all a blessed week ahead - as people of the Eucharist - people of Christ's presence - sent into his mission of love and mercy in the world around us.

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

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen

From: <https://parishofrochester.org.uk/>

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**


Calling all Dancers


Be The Witness is coming to Riverside Theatre for a season in September 2026 — a powerful, faith-filled musical where movement becomes ministry and every step helps tell the story.

We are inviting dancers of all styles, cultures and backgrounds to express their interest in being part of this extraordinary production.

If you love to move with meaning, emotion and purpose, this could be your moment.


 Whether you are formally trained or simply passionate

 Whether dance is your craft, your prayer or your joy

 Whether you have performed for years or feel called to step into something new

There is a place for you in this story.

You will be part of a wider creative family including singers, musicians, actors, production crew, sound and lighting, sets, costumes and backstage teams of volunteers — all coming together to bring Be The Witness to life.

 Come move with purpose. Come tell the story. Come Be The Witness.

Register your interest today going to:

<https://www.privyr.com/form/RZsHvR2C#calling-all-dancer>

Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Monday 15 June @ 10:30am

"Day in the Buskett" with traditional m/tea.

Members & Friends always welcome.

Contact: Marisa Previtera OAM, JP Mb: 0414 863 123

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

Emanuel Fenech, Mary Spiteri

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.*

Jeanette Collison, Carmen Fenech, Conrad Gomes – 12 June at 11am

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

CYP Annual LIFTED Retreat for 18-35's

Join young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains at Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat for 18-35-year-olds. (3-5 July at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale.)

Together we will enter a weekend of connection, prayer and reflection on the theme of Abundance, inspired by John 10:10. Whether you're just beginning your faith journey, looking for community or need a mid-year renewal, the LIFTED Retreat welcomes you with open arms. Limited spots available.

Registrations close 19 June. parracatholic.org/events/lifted-young-adults

Did you know?

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit aidtochurch.org/bulletin



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.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

11th Thursday St Barnabas, apostle

12th Friday The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus

Positions vacant

Housekeeper Supervisor - Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park.

Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Deuteronomy
8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading
1 Corinthians
10:16-17

Gospel
John
6:51-58

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
Exodus
19:2-6

2nd Reading
Romans
5:6-11

Gospel
Matthew
9:36 - 10:8

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

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