



# The Peaceful Voice

5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

Dear friends,

The other day I was watching a latest news coverage of the Venezuela earthquakes. The ABC journalist Kamin Gock was reporting from the region of La Guaira. As he walked along with a camera following him and no notes, I felt moved by his great balance of both thorough detail as well as deep sensitivity. Just as I was thinking that his voice stopped - and cracked - as his tears broke through to evidence the indescribable heartbreak of what he was witnessing. What a special man to allow his vulnerability to be part of his professionalism - and for that to be seen by the world.

Catholic Social Teaching and to the call of Jesus. In faith we can be strengthened by our belief that for God, the value of our lives isn't about successful outcomes – but about the convictions of our hearts. Imagine Jesus one day saying to you, something like; *'come and see what your heart and striving has produced for the kingdom that is now everlasting!'*



Of course there are times and places for certain vulnerabilities. But that simple example of a media report illustrated what I once heard said, that; *'when vulnerability meets vulnerability, there's always strength'*. In that instance, the journalist's vulnerability and openness to the story of the other, tapped my vulnerability. It tapped my openness to considering once again what matters and what doesn't. If I stop - and truly consider - what tonight might look like for so many fellow human beings in La Guaira, my own resilience is strengthened to put things in perspective – and my own faith is tapped to ask how I can make a difference for someone's dignity this week - before having to know the answer to that.

In this spirit brothers and sisters, much thanksgiving for our gifts given that will be shared with the many children in Galle Diocese in Sri Lanka. We will conclude our Winter Embrace next weekend with a door collection for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - and a brief bit of story about the strivings and heart of our Vinnies members!

With friendship in God's mission – Fr Paul

I was also moved by the picture shown on this page from La Guaira, Venezuela, of exhausted rescuers / volunteers, resting on a massive slab of a destroyed building. When one considers the sheer scale of the trauma, or of certain other problems of the world, it's understandable that people ask; *'what's the use?'* A key co-worker I had in another parish used to say; *'nothing is wasted for the kingdom'* – an encouragement deeply attuned to our



# Faith B4U...

## Schoenstatt Sisters

Come & See: 10 – 12 July

A live-in experience for young women with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. This will weekend dedicated to prayer and reflection where young women can experience and learn more about the community by working and praying with the sisters. Details and expressions of interest to Sr M Olivia at [sister.m.olivia@gmail.com](mailto:sister.m.olivia@gmail.com) or 0473 201 525.

## PMA Reflection Day: 11 July

Under the theme of Mary our Mother and Queen this reflection day is open to everyone and will include Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction, talks, prayer and fellowship. From 9 am to 3:30pm, \$25 incl morning tea. Please bring along your Pilgrim Mother Shrines and a plate to share for lunch. Contact Edna Aldana 0403 160 584 or Sr M Rita 0493 026 628.

## Shrine Time-Winter Special: 12 July

Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Shrine followed by a fellowship with bonfire, hot chocolate & marshmallows from 7-8pm. Contact Sr M Rita at [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au) or 0493 026 628.

## Girls Day Out at the Shrine: 14 & 15 July

A fun day out during the school holidays. The day will include games, discussions, rosary bushwalk, singing and more. limited spaces so please register to Sr M Rita at [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srrita@schoenstatt.org.au) or 0493 026 628.

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## High School Aged Youth Group

All Welcome to THIS SUNDAY'S, 5<sup>th</sup> JULY, Gathering.

-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



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**Michael Hopley** - Former School Principal

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## Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

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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

Joseph Formosa, Tony Mercieca, Angela Patterson-Kane, Carmen Sammut, Carmen Tanti, Joseph Tanti

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.*

Annunziata Cassisi, Ronald Hearn, Helena Lawrence, Nassim Raad, Wilhelmina (Willy) Van Derdeyl (Janmaat)

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## 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)

## St Lukes Marsden Park – Annual Dinner Dance

Join us for the St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance on **Saturday 25 July at 7:00pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College**. This fundraising event will support Stage 2 of our church building project — the construction of our permanent church.

Tickets are \$120.00 each and are available from the St Luke's parish office or online by clicking on this link:

<https://shorturl.at/bRUES> or scanning this QR Code.



For more information please call (02) 7261-0246 or email [dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au](mailto:dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au)

*We are also offering FREE Child minding for 3 years old and above for those attending the event.*

## Australian Catholic Historical Society

Mgr John Boyle presents on the Cathedral Fire.

The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the **crypt of Saint Patrick's, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday 19 July**. The Topic: Parramatta Cathedral Fire. Presenter: Mgr John Boyle. Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome and there is no charge.

Details of the programme of the ACHS as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

## 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.

## FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate  
11<sup>th</sup> Saturday St Benedict, abbot

## Positions vacant

- Parish Secretary - St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
  - Housekeeper Supervisor – Holy Spirit Seminary
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/jobs](http://parracatholic.org/jobs)

### This Sunday's Readings

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Zechariah  
9:9-10

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Romans  
8:9, 11-13

#### Gospel

Matthew  
11:25-30

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah  
55:10-11

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Romans  
8:18-23

#### Gospel

Matthew  
13:1-23

## 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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