

The Miracle Continues

Every Sunday, we gather around the Eucharistic table. We come from different homes, carrying different stories. Some come with grateful hearts, others with quiet worries. Some carry the joy of answered prayers; others bring burdens that no one else can see. Yet Christ welcomes each one of us. He never asks us to come only when life is easy. He simply invites us to come.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sees a hungry crowd. The disciples see only a problem: *"We have only five loaves and two fish."* Jesus sees something else. He sees an opportunity to love. He takes the little that is offered, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the people. Everyone is fed, and there is more than enough.

Some biblical scholars suggest that many in the crowd may have had food with them but were hesitant to share it. It was only when Jesus freely offered what little was available that others opened their hearts and shared what they had. Whether or not this explains every detail of the miracle, it teaches a beautiful truth: generosity awakens generosity. One act of kindness encourages another. One caring heart can touch many lives.

That is the miracle our world still needs.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus does the same for us. He takes, blesses, breaks, and gives Himself as the Bread of Life. But the Eucharist does not end when Mass ends. It continues in the way we live. We are sent into the world to become what we have received.

The world is hungry in many ways. People hunger for love, understanding, forgiveness, hope, and someone who truly cares. We may not be able to solve every problem, but we can offer a listening ear, a helping hand, a word of encouragement, a warm smile, a forgiving heart, or a simple act of kindness. In God's hands, these small gifts can become great blessings.



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The world does not need extraordinary people to perform extraordinary miracles. It needs ordinary people with hearts like Christ—people who notice, who listen, who share, who forgive, and who love.

Every time we choose kindness over indifference, generosity over selfishness, or compassion over judgment, the miracle of the loaves happens again. Christ continues to feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and give hope to the weary—through us.

Fed by the Eucharist and strengthened by His love, may we become bread broken and shared for others, so that everyone we meet leaves with a little more hope, a little more joy, and a deeper experience of God's love.

Fr Sebastian

High School Aged Youth Group

All Welcome to THIS SUNDAY'S, 2nd AUGUST, 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
- Parent Helpers are always needed. Thank you

WANTED

Helpers to assist SRE catechists in the classroom.

We need help on:

Wednesday at 9.00 a.m. AND 2.30 p.m.

If you can assist with either of these classes, please contact the Parish Office Ph.9631 8135.

"This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Michah 6:8)

Safeguarding - keeping our young and vulnerable safe in our community.

Faith B4U...

FORMATION DAY – Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Time: 10.30am

Date: **Saturday 8th August**

Where: In the Youth Room

Light Morning Tea will be provided.

Please **RSVP** to the Parish Office, E: parishoffice@olqp.org.au or P: 9631 8135

OLQP Men's Group – Public display of Worship – Rosary

Saturday 8th August in front of Mary's statue

Time: 7.45am Rosary, followed by BBQ Breakfast

All men over 18+ welcome.

This Rosary is for ALL people: Those who know how to pray it, those who don't, and those who may be here for the first time. Come as you are. Mary will guide us.

For more info contact Nicky on 0403 124 345

Junior Altar Servers are needed

Would you like to become a Junior Altar Server?

Children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion are welcome to join the junior Altar Servers team.

Altar Servers assists the Ministers at the Altar and Priests during Mass. If you are interested or would like more information, please write your details on the lists provided at all doors of the church, speak to a priest or contact the parish office by calling 9631 8135 or email parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolments are now open for children in Year 6 and above.

Visit www.olqp.org.au to register your child.

Glorious Lives – Mary MacKillop

'Mary MacKillop made an incalculable contribution not just to the life of the church but to the nation itself' opening words of the Docufiction which will be screened on the 8th of August.

Save the date: 8th of August at 6.30pm

This one-hour film portrays the life, faith, and legacy of Australia's beloved saint through dramatic re-enactments and interviews with historians and educators.

A great Saturday evening together with the OLQP family, after the evening mass, join us for a light supper, then Screening in the St George Preca Centre (If attendees exceed available space, then we will move into the church).



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, Charlie D'Anastas, Kathleen Davies, Jeanette Dib, Nerida Fabri, Gabrielle Farfus, Delina Galea, Dorothy Gatt, Mary Ghantous, Kay Jaunais, Margaret Jones,, 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

Vincenza Di Marzo, Antoinetta Enna, Mauro Mallari, Charlie Micallef, Sam Portelli

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.*

Mary Cauchi, Rachel Karbic – 3 August @ 11am (Rosary at 10.30am), Maria Pintos, Edmund Schimschal

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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

Married Couples' Retreat

Married couples are invited to a special retreat day, Reflect, Renew & Reconnect, on **Saturday 5 September 2026** at the **Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown**. The day runs from **8:30am-4.30pm** and includes Mass with Bishop Vincent, light refreshments, and lunch.

Couples will explore topics including Expressions of Love, Living Your Vocation of Marriage, 7 Principles of Making Marriage Work, Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit, and a Couple Prayer and Commitment Ceremony. **Cost is \$45 per couple.**

Places are strictly limited. Bookings are essential. Register now at <https://parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/>.

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

3rd Monday St Dominic, priest

4th Tuesday St John Vianney, priest

6th Thursday The Transfiguration of the Lord

8th Saturday St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin

Get #Active4Vocations

This National Vocations Awareness Week, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and our Holy Spirit Seminarians will get #Active4Vocations in City2Surf on Sunday 9 August. Please pray for vocations and support our seminarians as they take on the 14km journey from Sydney to Bondi to promote priestly vocations.

Spur them on with a donation at tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
55:1-3

2nd Reading

Romans
8:35, 37-39

Gospel

Matthew
14:13-21

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

1 Kings
19:9, 11-13

2nd Reading

Romans
9:1-5

Gospel

Matthew
14:22-33

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

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