

“Are You Envious Because I Am Generous?”

One of the hardest things for us is not receiving a blessing ourselves but seeing someone else receive a blessing.

Jesus asks us a very challenging question in today's gospel: *“Are you envious because I am generous?”*

In the parable, the workers who worked all day were upset because those who came at the last hour received the same wage. They were not cheated. They received exactly what had been agreed. Their unhappiness came from comparing themselves with others.

How often do we do the same?

Someone gets a promotion, and we think, “Why him and not me?” Someone's child succeeds, and we wonder, “Why don't my children have that opportunity?” Someone receives recognition in the parish, and we think, “I have been serving here for years—what about me?”

Comparison can quietly steal our joy.

There is a simple story about a little boy who received a large piece of cake at a party. He looked at his brother's piece and immediately started complaining, “His piece is bigger!” His mother said, “You were happy with your piece until you saw his!”

Sometimes we are exactly the same. We are grateful until we start comparing.

Jesus reminds us that God's generosity is not a competition. God has enough love, enough mercy and enough blessings for everyone.



A generous God invites us to become generous people.

So today, instead of comparing, let us give thanks. Instead of being envious, let us rejoice. And instead of asking, “Why did God give them so much?”, let us ask, “Lord, how can I become more generous like you?”

Lord, free us from jealousy and comparison. Give us grateful hearts that rejoice in the blessings of others and generous hearts that reflect your love.

Fr Thomas

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Blessing of Animals

Saturday 3rd October

9.15am Mass

Followed by the Blessing of Animals
and Morning Tea

Mass on screen and Holy
Communion included for those
with animals outside.

High School Aged Youth Group

All Welcome to THIS SUNDAY'S, 20th
SEPTEMBER, 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

Faith B4U...

Schoenstatt Couples' Orientation Day

Are you looking for ways to strengthen your marriage and grow together in faith?

Married couples are warmly invited to a Schoenstatt Couples' Orientation Day on:

Sunday, 27 September 2026, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Joseph Kantenich House Marian Hall, Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745

Free Registration – Afternoon Tea Provided

Come and discover how Schoenstatt spirituality can help couples grow in love, friendship and faith, and strengthen their family life.

RSVP by 25 September

Derek & Joycelyn Boog – 0420 543 364

Sr Luisa Maria – 0439 537 976

Planned Giving Envelopes

The next set of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection in the Narthex (main church entrance).

If you would like to donate regularly through Planned Giving envelopes or direct deposit into the parish account, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@olqp.org.au or phone during office hours 9631 8135.

Thank you for your continued support.

HSC Mass

6pm Sunday Night Mass on **11th October** will have a special HSC focus. Please spread the word to HSC students and their families from here or elsewhere.

There'll also be food afterwards along with a chance for individual or friend group blessings for those who wish.

11th October is the Sunday night before the HSC begins

Potential Job Opportunity for a Carer

A family is looking for a special person to help home care their 97-year-old father **who lives within the Hills area** and is still mobile.

- Full time or part-time capacity
- Suitable for a nursing student or someone that is good with people
- Food, board and remuneration package is negotiable

If interested, please contact Jason on Jason@jjmail.me or 0414 987 206 (contact details printed with permission)

Major Pilgrim Relic Visit of St Carlo Acutis

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September**.

Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome.

Find the full program on parracatholic.org/events/relic-exhibition-st-carlo-acutis

Festa Novena

COME TOGETHER IN A PRAYERFUL SPIRIT TO PRAY THE ROSARY

**23, 24, 25
SEPTEMBER
7.30PM**

All are welcome to join at the
Our Lady queen of Peace Church
at
198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes

You can also join the Rosary
via Zoom

Meeting ID: 896 7944 2594
Passcode: rosary

Festa

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, Catherine Buttigieg, Mary Camilleri, 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, Jeizek Reyes, Benjie Santiago, Martin Shaw, 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

Maria Kaslic, Louis Said

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

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal 2026

Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$7,000 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community.

Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you.

Positions vacant

- **Parish Secretary** – St Madeline's Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst
- **Paralegal & Compliance Support** – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/jobs

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE FESTA 2026

To Grow as a Community in the Likeness of Christ

**Wednesday 23rd | Thursday 24th | Friday 25th
September 2026**

7.30pm Rosary (in the church)

Sunday 27th September 2026

Please note: Carpark will be closed after 7am Sunday Mass & there will be no Sunday 6pm Mass.

- 7.00am Parish Mass
- 8.30am Parish Mass
- 10.30am Parish Mass
- 2.00pm Festa Mass celebrated in English
After Mass procession of the Statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace
- 3.30pm Outside festivities begin
- 4.30pm Musical Performance by Maltese Concert Band
- 6.00pm Musical Performance by OLQP Primary School Band
- 6.45pm Musical Performance by G-Sus
- 8.30pm Fireworks Display

**Food Stalls | Amusements | Rides
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**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes**

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
55:6-9

2nd Reading

Philippians
1:20-24, 27

Gospel

Matthew
20:1-16

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Ezekiel
18:25-28

2nd Reading

Philippians
2:1-11

Gospel

Matthew
21:28-32

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

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

21st Monday St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

23rd Wednesday St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

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