



The Peaceful Voice

27th September 2026

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A

Dear friends,

So much that's relevant to our lives and faith is happening around the parish, the community and the wider church and world at the moment! It's hard to select just a few things to mention! Any case, here are four:

FESTA – All going well with the weather (the BOM site on Friday predicted 1-8mm of rain), we'll have several thousand people visit the parish property this Sunday 27th. People often highlight very varied elements of the Festa when they speak of it. Someone I bumped into in the supermarket last week talked of looking forward to that exhilarating moment when Our Lady's statue is hoisted onto shoulders to be processed. The other person pushing the grocery trolley said ; *"for me it's the pastizzi."* And the 15 year old with them said; *"no, it's the mad fireworks at the end."* It prompted me to ask a few more people the next day what they like about the Festa. I got comments ranging from - seeing people they only see once a year – to the rides – to the Maltese singing – to talking of memories and parish history – to Festa always feeling like summer is a bit closer – to feeling the buzz of the crowd and a now big cross-section of cultures – to being a chance to show the friendship of the parish. Congratulations to Festa Chairperson Susanne and her generous Committee and workers as you bring the Festa alive again for what's now 61 years!



YEAR 12 GRAD – Congratulations to Year 12 students of St Paul's, Cerdon, Greystanes High, Pendle Hill High, Marist Westmead, McAuley, OLMC, SPC Strathfield, Holroyd High, Merrylands High, Marist Dundas, Oakhill, Toongabbie Christian, Westfield Sports High and any other schools our parishioners attend. I felt so proud of our young men of Yr 12 here on the parish site as they graduated the other day. And speaking above of cultures and the Festa, would you believe this Yr 12 group represents 31 cultures! Our principal Mr Rob Nastasi highlighted the spirit of faith and justice of these young men who he very movingly highlighted as having; *"served the last, the lost and the least - and who've made a real difference in the world."* Please join in inviting Yr 12 students and families to 6pm Mass on Sunday 11th October when we'll focus on blessings and encouragement for the upcoming HSC exams.



THIS SUNDAY DOUBLES AS THE CHURCH'S ANNUAL REFUGEE and MIGRANT SUNDAY – Whilst of course countries need to act wisely, one of the insidious elements of migration talk is to demonise people from other cultures and circumstances; to make political footballs of them. This makes little sense in Australia when one recalls that other than the First Peoples, all of our backgrounds are from migrant stock. I deeply encourage you to look up Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2026 and read Pope Leo's message. In it he highlights that; *".. every child and every human being possesses infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God. Each is a presence of the Lord."* Let us pray for ANY person ANYWHERE who right now is robbed of dignity. And there is a scandalously high number of them! Let us be as Jesus, in word, thought and action.



SEASON OF CREATION – BLESSING OF ANIMALS – As you know, the Season of Creation in the Church concludes with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. Sunday overtakes that feast this year so we'll celebrate the great Saint of Ecology on 3rd October Saturday morning Mass 9.15am. With the blessing of animals to follow there'll be a screen and holy communion outside as well if people want to bring their pup or bird or ??? And thanks to the Social Justice Group, a morning tea will be served.

With friendship in God's mission,
Fr Paul

SAFEGUARDING the young and vulnerable is a priority at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.

Faith B4U...

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

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.

Retirement Village or Aged Care Facility?

The Maltese Welfare (NSW) Incorporated is hosting a talk on 'Retirement Village or an Aged Care Facility?'

Thursday 22nd October, 11am to 12.30pm at La Valette

Centre, 175 Walters Rd, Blacktown

Presenter: Marie-Louise Muscat CFP.

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

Wedding Anniversary Mass

All married couples are invited to attend the Annual Anniversary Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sunday 15th November at 2.30pm**, followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall.

During Mass, all couples will receive a blessing from Fr Fernando Montano VG, and those celebrating significant anniversaries will also receive a certificate.

Please RSVP your attendance by using the QR Code



OLOP Men's Group – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 17th October in the St George Precinct Centre.

Time: BBQ Breakfast from 7.45am, Discussion Group / Guest Speaker starts 8.15am SHARP.

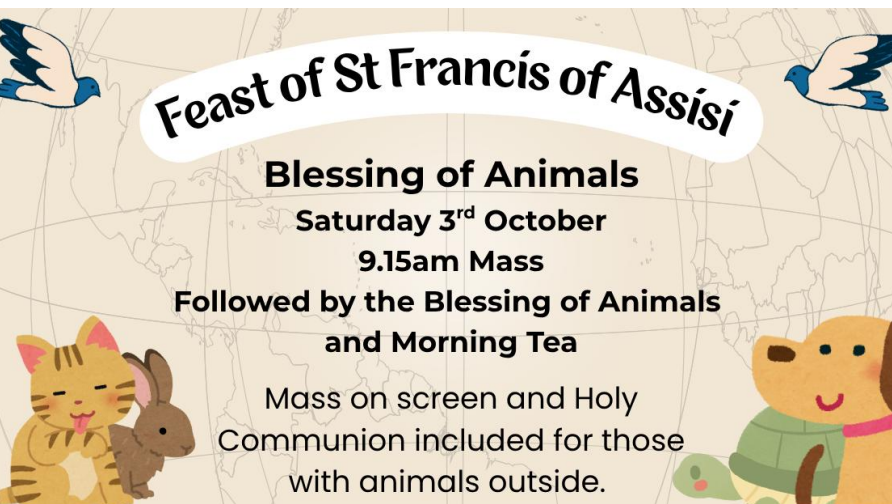
All men over 18+ welcome.

For more info contact Nicky on 0403 124 345

WYD27 Songwriting Competition

Submissions close 16th December.

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org



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.

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 Boisset, 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

Nazzareno Agius, Anthony Jordan

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*

Vincenza Di Stefano – 6 Oct @ 11am, Saviour Falzon – 1 Oct @ 10.30am, Lora Farrugia, Victoria Pace

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

Pray with Pope Leo XIV

One Million Children Praying the Rosary.

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



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
Entertainment | Fireworks | Market Stalls

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes



FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

29th Tuesday Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

30th Wednesday St Jerome, priest, doctor

1st October Thursday St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

2nd October Friday The Holy Guardian Angels

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Ezekiel
18:25-28

2nd Reading

Philippians
2:1-11

Gospel

Matthew
21:28-32

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
5:1-7

2nd Reading

Philippians
4:6-9

Gospel

Matthew
21:33-43

Mass Times

Monday - 9:15am

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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.

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