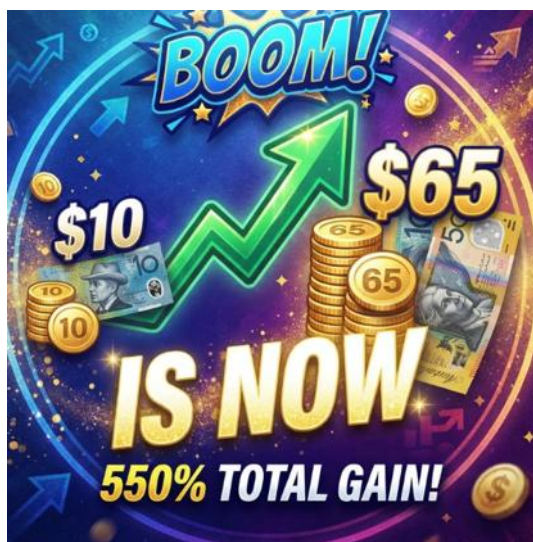


First Car Costs - Parish Cleaning Thanks - A Faith-Filled Plan B

Dear friends,

When I was in Year 10 and 11, I worked in the school holidays for Norman Ross Discounts (later Harvey Norman). After saving carefully I proudly bought an old Ford Falcon for \$550 in time for Year 12, but the job was only in school hols so I needed cash to pay petrol and rego etc during school terms. Luckily my sister's boyfriend (later husband) Chris was finishing Uni and influenced a priest half an hour away that I should take on the weekly job dusting and vacuuming the church that had been one of Chris' casual Uni jobs. And so began my \$10 a week wage during my HSC year (that I just researched would be worth \$65 now).



I share that story of cleaning a church building that was a lot smaller than OLQP, because among our many unseen parish property costs at Greystanes, church cleaning costs are NOT one of them! WHY? Because we have many UNSEEN SAINTS who volunteer and clean the church here every week! Even if you know none of them, each of you reading this might kindly want to dedicate one of your Masses for the intentions of our church cleaners. You can do this by personally offering your prayers especially for them, right throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, as the gifts of the Eucharist are being consecrated at the altar. Let's unite and ask God to bless the intentions of our volunteer church cleaners and their loved ones as we offer thanks for their humble service.

The unseen church cleaners are just one group of the people who keep this parish happening in all sorts of ways. But I'm prompted to mention them at this time due to the recent death of Nick Buhagiar, who has cleaned OLQP church for over three decades, right up until near the end of his earthly life!



Whilst in his early 50's, Nick had to leave his career due to his struggle with his eyesight. What a dampening of spirit that must have been for a committed family man, striving with his beautiful wife Ann to work hard and be an example of purpose and integrity for his family! And yet, unbeknown at that time for Nick, part of finding his ongoing purpose would be the loving daily commitment he made to his parish community and parish church here at OLQP. One of those contributions was the volunteer cleaning job he did for so long! As well as that, every morning before Mass and often for a long while after Mass, you'd find Nick quietly moving around the church and sacristy, inside or out, tidying things, sorting out candle wax, attending to supplies, looking unobtrusively for any humble back up work he could provide. BUT at the same time, he would warmly chat with anyone he saw, including strangers, gently making them welcome and taking an interest in the stories of regulars and visitors. That INTENTIONAL INTEREST in people and the initiating of caring conversation became core to Nick's place in God's mission for his life!

From the disappointment of losing his career, Nick trusted in faith and found a PLAN B. There were other parts to his Plan B but this community and church was a very special and committed part of it. Nick Buhagiar has made a priceless contribution to the ongoing spirit and heart of this place! His influence here, from his continuing but now further developed place with us in the 'communion of saints', will continue always. God bless you Ann and family – as we give thanks for Nick and for the volunteers who breathe and serve the spirit and possibility of this place!

With friendship in God's mission – Fr Paul

Faith B4U...

Carols 2026 – Volunteers needed

We are looking for a few 'new' volunteers to join our Carols committee to take part in the rewarding experience of helping to plan and run this year's Carols. Please contact the parish office for more information.

All Soul's Day Mass – 2nd November at 7pm

A special mass will be held for those who have been buried in the past 12 months from OLQP. If you have lost a loved one in the past 12 months whose funeral was not held at OLQP, you are welcome to come and write their details on the cards provided on the night. *All welcome*



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.

RSVP by 6 Nov to parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass

Parramatta Street Feast: 17 November

You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta.

It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table.

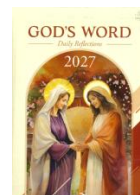
Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

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We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together.

Submit your entry by **Friday 6 November 2026** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

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

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

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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Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese.

The craft evening will be held on the following day:

5 November.

Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Music Workshop for Advent

All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's upcoming music workshop. Mr Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the liturgical season of Advent and will be present to answer any questions you may have. It will be held on **Thursday 5th Nov at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm-8:30pm.**

Please register via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

The FaithFeed ECHO: 6 November

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided!

Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start. Register via parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo

Serving at the Altar Workshop

A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre on Saturday **14 November** 2026 from 9:30am-3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Topics covered: Basic structure of the Mass: including how various rites can be inserted into the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. **Please register by 9 November at parracatholic.org/events/ofw**

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This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Revelations

7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading

1 John

3:1-3

Gospel

Matthew

5:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Wisdom

6:12-16

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians

4:13-18

Gospel

Matthew

25:1-13

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

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