

The Lord's Feast: Where Every Heart Finds a Home

There is something beautiful about a dining table. It is more than a piece of furniture; it is a place of belonging. Around it, we share food, stories, laughter, joys, worries and our lives. Some of our most precious memories are simply of sitting around a table with the people we love.

Perhaps the most comforting table is the one in our parents' home. No matter how old we become, how far we travel, or how much life changes, there is still a place for us. We do not have to prove that we belong. We simply come home and sit down. Our place is there because we are family. The table quietly tells us, **"You belong here. This is your home."**

Perhaps this helps us understand the invitation in today's Gospel. The Lord prepares a feast and invites us to come. It is more than an invitation to a meal; it is an invitation into communion, friendship and belonging with God. The Lord says to each of us: **"Come. There is a place for you."**

Jesus knew the power of a table. We see him sharing meals with people from every walk of life. He ate with sinners and tax collectors, with those who were welcomed and those who were pushed aside. His **table fellowship** was never simply about food. At the table of Jesus, people encountered mercy, acceptance, forgiveness and a new beginning.

Yet there is a sorrowful moment at the Lord's table. Judas sat with Jesus, shared the same bread, heard the same words and experienced the same love—and yet he eventually walked away. His story reminds us that even when we are close to the Lord, our hearts can slowly drift away through hurt, disappointment, sin, busyness or discouragement. But the Lord does not stop calling us back.

This table fellowship reaches its fullness in the **Lord's Supper**, the Eucharistic Table. Our dining table leads us to the **Divine Table**.



At our dining table, we receive food that sustains our earthly life; at the Divine Table, Christ gives us himself. At our family table, we experience belonging; at the Lord's Table, we discover our deepest identity: we are God's beloved children, and heaven is our true home.

Every Eucharist is therefore an invitation to **come home**. Perhaps we have wandered. Perhaps we carry wounds, regrets or burdens that nobody sees. Perhaps we feel unworthy to approach the Lord. Yet Christ does not say, "Make yourself perfect, then come." He says simply: **"Come."**

Come with your joy. Come with your sorrow. Come with your questions. Come with your weakness. **Come as you are.**

Perhaps today Christ is speaking quietly to your heart: "I have not forgotten you. Your place is still here. Sit with me. Let me feed you, strengthen you and heal you."

Whatever you have carried this week, bring it to him. The feast is prepared. The Table is ready. Your place is waiting. Come home—not because you are perfect, but because you are loved.

Fr Sebastian

OLQP Men's Group

Growing as Men in the Image of Christ. Sharing Faith and Friendship.

Date: Saturday 17th October, St George Preca Centre.

Time: 7.45am BBQ Breakfast; 8.10am Meeting Time

Guest Speaker: Deacon Jeff Hood.

Topic – **Faith... The Battle that leads to Victory**

All men over 18+ welcome..

For more info contact Nicky on 0403 124 345

HSC Mass

This Sunday Night 6pm Mass 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.

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Christ's Catholic Community

Come and join us in understanding the Gospels more deeply.
Fridays at 10am in the Youth room.

Contact: Mary Testa 0403 302 283

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

Caritas Australia – Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in Nepal are facing a crisis after devastating floods swept through the Rasuwa District.. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance.

To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

Design the Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover for Christmas 2026!

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.

OLQP Social Justice Group invites you to:

"WE ARE NOT POWERLESS"

A heartfelt movie about a group of frightened refugees who escaped to Indonesia where they had no rights. Despite this, with great courage the women organised school for the children.

Saturday 17th October 6pm Youth Room. Light Supper Provided.



RSVP by 15 Oct to parishoffice@olqp.org.au or 9631 8135

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

Norman Beard, Germano Nadalini, Catherine Vaz

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope. John Azzopardi 15/10 @ 10.30; Lionel Carrington 13/10 @ 11; Silvio De Giovanni 16/10 @ 10.30, Leila Haddad, Nick Miraglia, Josephine Refalo 14/10 @ 10.30; David Simpson

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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/>

Or contact the parish office at: parishoffice@olqp.org.au or phone: 9631 8135

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Married couples are invited to the Anniversary Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Sun 15th Nov at 2.30pm**, followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. Couples will receive a blessing from Fr Fernando and those celebrating significant anniversaries will also receive a certificate.

RSVP by 6 Nov:

parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
25:6-10

2nd Reading

Philippians
4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel

Matthew
22:1-14

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians
1:1-5

Gospel

Matthew
22:15-21

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

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17th Saturday St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

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