

Trust in the Slow Work of God

Are you a patient person? Do you calmly wait for desired outcomes or do you get impatient and irritated? If you're like me, you probably struggle if you have to wait too long. The more we want something, the more impatient we can become. The frustration we feel can disturb our spirits. If it becomes too strong, we become irritated with others. The loving part of us might even take a short vacation.

Whilst some instant gratification is a pleasant thing, life is filled with waiting. If we haven't learnt to find some calmness in our waiting, we can experience much frustration, and struggle to find peace. Good things take time to find their way to us. You can open a can of pre-cooked stew and heat it in a microwave in a couple of minutes. Appetising? I wouldn't be serving that to guests at dinner. Alternatively, I could take time to buy fresh food, prepare it lovingly and cook it to perfection. Which meal would you choose to serve your guests?

However impatient you may become as an expectant parent, it takes nine months to create a new human being. We are high quality creations. Our creation can't be speeded up. God, our Creator, is not interested in fast work. Rather, God prefers quality over expediency. 'If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well.'

Fr Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest, scientist and mystic, wrote a poem that begins with the words, "trust in the slow work of God..." As Christians, our lives are a long journey of growing in love – love of God, love of our neighbour. We are not called to be 'perfect' in the sense of having no flaws. We are called to continually become more loving – a difficult and slow task. God calls us to grow in our relationship with him – not quickly, but deeply! Deep relationships take time. They can never be speeded up. There are no shortcuts. To become the most loving parent or most



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loving partner that you can be takes time. So it is with God. Our relationship with God is not static. It grows and changes over time. Our growth is not about becoming more 'pious': it's about becoming more loving and more intimate, about growing closer to God and learning to trust deeply in God's loving kindness. This takes time. It cannot be rushed. In allowing God to form us, Teilhard de Chardin says, "let them [the changes] grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow."

Be patient with yourself. Be kind. Allow God to gently lead you. Be like clay in the hands of God. You are being formed into a beautiful work of art. Trust the Artist.

Deacon Jeff

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please help us save on postage cost by collecting your next set of Planned Giving envelopes.

Envelopes available for collection in the Narthex (main church entrance). 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

2026 LIFTED Live in the Forecourt

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on **Saturday, 24 October** for LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026. Join hundreds of young people and families for a Youth Mass at 6pm followed by festivities in the forecourt.

Register by [visiting parracatholic.org/lifted-live](https://visiting.parracatholic.org/lifted-live)

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

Faith B4U...

A Nationwide 'chain' of Public Rosaries

To commemorate the 109th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, a nationwide "chain" of Public Rosaries will take place on **Saturday 10th October**.

All are warmly welcome to join us as we pray the rosary at the foot of our Lady's statue, near the parish office at 8:30am (before the 9.15am Mass)



Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: **Monday 19 October at 5.30pm to 7pm**

Phone: 9560 5333



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.**



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

Sr. Clementina Buhagiar, Tessie Mercieca, Susie Muscat

FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED, may our Lord embrace them with unimaginable joy & bless those who grieve with the power of hope. *Funeral details, if known, are correct at time of print, but it's best to not make this your only source*

Iva Curcija

FESTA THANKSGIVING

Let's all give thanks for the wonderful effort to mount last week's Festa of Our Lady Queen of Peace - in the 61st year of its history here at Greystanes!!!

Under difficult circumstances of rain and cold, a great spirit ensued for the beautiful Mass, the Plan B Procession of our treasured statue of Our Lady and for the festivities, superb music, celebration and amazing fireworks afterwards. A shame the rides for kids couldn't proceed due to weather but the buzz on the property through until 9pm was nevertheless terrific.

To Susanne and the hard working committee plus their many humble helpers, we pay big tribute. And early the next morning the unseen saints were back to clean it all up!! Let's also note the months ahead of planning from those members of our parish and the physical set up a great group of servants did after their own work times in the days and weeks before. For the great efforts for the special Mass let's give great thanks; the unseen planning and the MC-ing/serving, the AMAZING commitment of Lech and the combined choir whose singing in both Maltese and English was beautiful (anyone would think they all spoke Maltese when you heard the way they pulled together the Maltese hymns). Lech and those singers and musicians got together in their after hours time, night after night and well ahead of the Festa to make that happen! And for all who contributed to the many humble tasks that are essential for community events; such events always require people who don't claim credit and serve without being seen or hailed! You are an inspiration and your parish gives thanks for your witness to loving and generous service.

Our Lady Queen of Peace - Pray for us!

OLQP Men's Group – SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 17th October in the St George Preca 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

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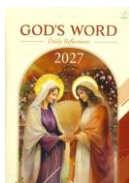
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Columbian Calendar - \$10 each

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Attention Church Ministers

OCTOBER Ministry Roster IS NOW AVAILABLE.

Please check your emails (including junk / spam) alternatively, a copy can be found in the sacristy.

If you plan to be away in NOVEMBER, please let us know *no later than 20 October*. Thank you

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation course: 17 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. **Saturday 17 Oct from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.** Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 Oct at parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation

Church Cricket Competition: Starting 17 October

There are two Catholic teams in this year's Churches Cricket Competition – the Catholic Cricket Club (Papal Bulls) and the Sri Lankan / Indian Churches Team. All new players welcome. Standard is competitive but social played in a spirit of fellowship & fraternity. Games around Strathfield, Parramatta & Ryde, Saturdays 1-4pm (maximum 3 hours). Season starts 17 October. **EMAIL NOW for more info & to register: papalbullscricket@gmail.com**

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



FEAST DAYS



This week we celebrate

7th Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Gardens can be where we feel the caress of God, but they can also be where we use a lot of our household water. Suggestions to reduce water usage include:

Water when it is cool to reduce evaporation

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
5:1-7

2nd Reading

Philippians
4:6-9

Gospel

Matthew
21:33-43

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading

Isaiah
25:6-10

2nd Reading

Philippians
4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel

Matthew
22:1-14

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.

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