Weekly Bulletin

# The Peaceful Voice

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

15th November 2026

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

## Priests' changes, farewells, newly ordained Mass etc!







A mixture of news here all at once! I'll leave the good news until last and start by sharing that both Fr Sebastian and Fr Thomas will be leaving us at the end of next month; Fr Sebastian to Baulkham Hills and Fr Thomas to the upper Blue Mountains. A FAREWELL MORNING TEA for Fr Sebastian and Fr Thomas will be held after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 27th December.

FR SEBASTIAN, a member of the religious congregation known as the 'Carmelites of Mary Immaculate' (CMI) arrived in Australia and in our diocese at the start of last year. It is by agreement between the CMI and our diocese that some members do a stint in Australia and typically stay for several years before returning to India or a place where CMI priests are present. During their stay, the norm is to settle into the country and diocese in one parish before moving into the wider ministry of the diocese. Hence, following his time with us, the bishop has appointed Fr Sebastian to Baulkham Hills to serve with Fr Joe. He will finish here after Christmas and start there on 1st January. Meantime I trust and pray that as people express their warmth to Fr Sebastian, OLQP will have been a blessing to him in this large transition to country and diocese – and he a warm and gentle blessing to OLQP.

FR THOMAS, a member of an Indian religious congregation known as the Vincentian Congregation (VC) arrived in Australia 16 years ago. Originally coming for a stint in Broken Bay Diocese, Fr Thomas sought to stay on longer and during that time discerned to leave the VC priests, to become a diocesan priest and to live permanently in Australia. We priests, however, can never just leave one arrangement and go to another. There must always be a bishop or religious congregation leader who authorises our ministry. And to shift and become a diocesan priest needs the blessing of both the bishop of a host diocese AND the Holy See in Rome. It requires a three year transition time, typically exercising ministry in a few locations in the new place (our diocese) to prayerfully and practically confirm his discernment. So, after a year with us settling into the diocese, Fr Thomas will now have a time of ministry in the upper Blue Mountains parish. I trust and pray that OLQP will always remain for him a precious and supportive first step in this process towards being a permanent blessing in the ministry of the diocese.

NOTE the farewell date above to express thanks, affection and wishes to Fr Thomas and Fr Sebastian.

AND FOR SOME GOOD NEWS: As you know, Deacon Jeff will be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Parramatta, very soon, on Tuesday 24th November. All are welcome at St Patrick's Cathedral that night for the big 7.30pm ordination Mass of three deacons; Jeff, Luke and Paul. Following ordination, Jeff has been appointed by the bishop to remain here at OLQP. Part of his role looks like including some ministry for the wider diocese but he will be resident here and we'll have a Fr Jeff permanent in the parish.

NEWLY ORDAINED MASS OF THANKSGIVING**:** A newly ordained priest always has a special Mass of Thanksgiving to formally begin his priestly ministry. Jeff has chosen to have it here at OLQP so that any parishioners can be part of it and it will be on Thursday night 26th November at 7pm with a light supper afterwards**.** It will be a great occasion with quite a few visiting family, friends and priests. You might want to mark your calendar.

With prayers for our parish and transitioning priests in this significant time – and with friendship in God's mission, *fr Paul*

# Faith B4U...

## OLQP Carols 2026

Join us in the church for a night of carols on Sat 5th Dec from 6.30pm.
BBQ after the 5pm mass

## Red November Mass for persecuted Christians: 23 November

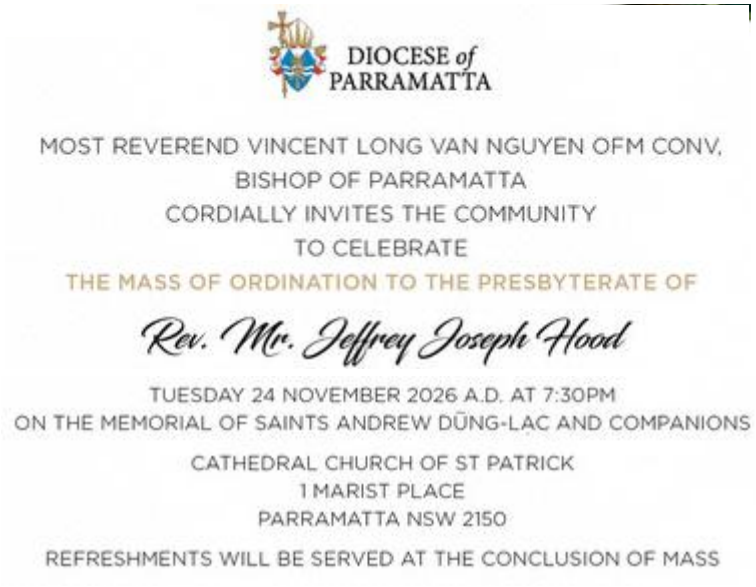
Join us on Monday 23rd November 9.15am Mass as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world.

## New Choir Members Always Welcome

If you'd like to join the Parish choir, please contact the Parish Office.

We meet on a Monday night at 7:30pm in the church (not all year round). Please contact the Parish Office to check.




## Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us Thursday 26th November, 7pm, followed by savoury & sweet finger foods to Deacon Jeff's Thanksgiving Mass.

This will be Deacon Jeff's first Mass after his ordination on 24th November 2026 at Parramatta Cathedral – See notice above for details pertaining to the Ordination.

## Maronite Youth Australia Spring Festival

Raising funds for the South Lebanon Appeal, proceeds will support families and help rebuild lives in communities affected by the ongoing conflict along the border.

Details: Fri 20 Nov, 6pm–11pm; Sat 21 Nov, 4pm–11pm at 703 Hume Highway, Bass Hill.

Entry is free and open to everyone.

Guests can enjoy foods and desserts from local vendors, live music, rides and games, and market stalls from Sydney's faith-inspired makers such as Project Sainthood, Linked By Faith and Little Saints by Norma.

## Let us pray...

FOR OUR SICK, that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.
Chantel Adrien, 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, 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
Irene Giugni, Roy Moore

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

## Advent Scripture Reflection with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ: 21 November

Prepare for Advent with a guided Scripture reflection led by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Saturday, 21 November, from 3pm to 5pm at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains. Hospitality from 2.30pm. All welcome!

## Local World Youth Day & the Feast of Christ the King Mass: 22 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 22 November at 11am for Mass celebrating Local World Youth Day and the Feast of Christ the King. Give thanks for our youth leaders and celebrate the commissioning of 2027 leaders. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!




## FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

17th Tuesday St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

21st Saturday The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

## Lost Property

**If you have lost jewellery or cash, please contact the Parish Office.**

All other items can be found in the lost property basket in the Narthex (main entry area of the church).

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| This Sunday's Readings | Next Sunday's Readings |
|---|---|
| 1st Reading<br>Proverbs<br>31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1st Reading<br>Ezekial<br>34:11-12, 15-17 |
| 2nd Reading<br>1 Thessalonians<br>5:1-6 | 2nd Reading<br>1 Corinthians<br>15:20-26, 28 |
| Gospel<br>Matthew<br>25:14-30 | Gospel<br>Matthew<br>25:31-46 |

## 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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