Weekly Bulletin

# The Peaceful Voice

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

8th November 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

## Living Today in the Light of Eternity…

*"Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)*

November is a special month when we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. We think of the people who once walked beside us, shared our joys, listened to our worries and filled our lives with love. Today, their voices may be silent, and their places may be empty, but their memories remain alive in our hearts. Their absence reminds us of a simple truth: life on earth is temporary, but our journey does not end with death.

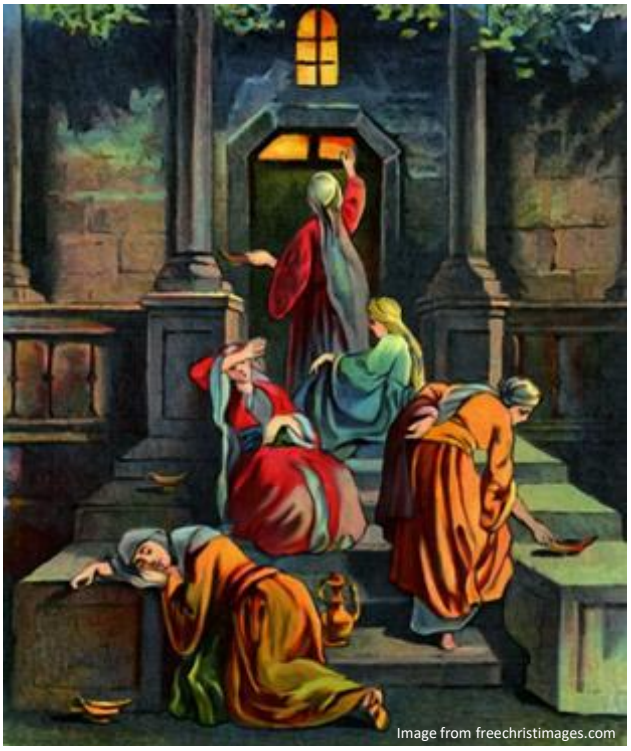
We spend much of our lives preparing for the future. We plan our careers, save money, build homes and dream of a comfortable life. Yet, in the middle of all these plans, we sometimes forget to prepare for the one journey that awaits every human being: our journey into eternity.

The Gospel of the ten virgins reminds us of the importance of being ready. The wise virgins kept enough oil in their lamps because they were prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. In the same way, our hearts need to be filled with the oil of faith, love, kindness and forgiveness. These are the things that give lasting meaning to our lives.

One of our greatest human weaknesses is believing that we always have more time. We think there will be another day to say, "I love you," another opportunity to ask forgiveness, another moment to make peace, or another chance to turn towards God. Sadly, life does not always give us that tomorrow.

Remembering death is not meant to make us afraid. Rather, it can teach us to appreciate life more deeply. When we realise that our time together is precious, we learn to love more sincerely, forgive more quickly and treasure the people God has placed in our lives.

Our Christian faith gives us a beautiful reason for hope. Death is not the end of love, because God's love is stronger than death. When we pray for our departed loved ones, we entrust them to God's mercy, believing in the promise of resurrection and eternal life. Our prayers become a beautiful expression of the love that continues beyond the grave.




Perhaps November is also a gentle reminder to look at our own lives. Are we spending enough time with those we love? Are we holding on to unnecessary anger? Are we too busy chasing things that will one day be left behind? Are we making room for God in our hearts?

In the end, what matters most is not how much we have collected, but how much we have loved; not how successful we have become, but how much goodness we have shared.

As we pray for those who have gone before us, may their memory inspire us to live better, love deeper and forgive sooner. Let us keep our lamps burning with faith and love, so that whenever the Lord calls us, we may be ready to meet Him.

Fr Sebastian CMI

## Thanksgiving Mass

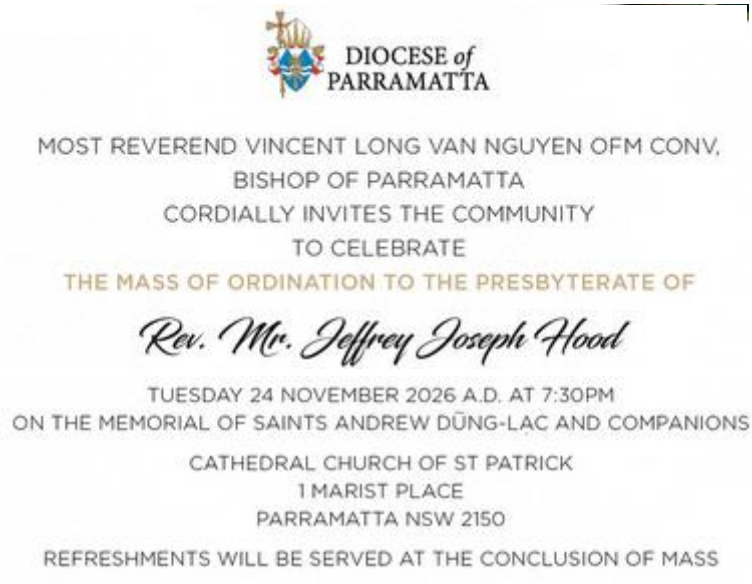
Please join us Thursday 26th November, 7pm, followed by supper to Deacon Jeff's Thanksgiving Mass.

This will be Deacon Jeff's first Mass after his ordination on 24th November 2026 at Parramatta Cathedral – See notice on page 2 for details pertaining to the Ordination.

## 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

# Faith B4U...




## Congratulations

Congratulations to parishioner Sabine Harriss, this picture being taken at the annual Special Religious Education (SRE) Mass and presentation at the Cathedral. Sabine was celebrated for reaching 50 years as an SRE Catechist in Government Schools in our parish! What a milestone of monumental service! May Sabine be blessed and may her witness be a blessing of encouragement to us all in our various areas of service. Sabine speaks of the long term privilege it has been through this ministry, to support parents in the faith formation of their children.

She is pictured here with her grandchildren Bradley and Nikki, Bishop Vincent, our amazing volunteer SRE coo-ordinator Trisha Shaw, 'Faith in Action' coordinator Julie Vu from St Paul's staff, St Paul's boys/parishioners Eli and Kian who are two of our high school aged SRE catechists and Fr Paul.



## Great chance for a Certificate in Theology - Information this Wednesday

A new initiative of the Diocese and Parishes is to sponsor some interested people to do an *Undergraduate Certificate in Theology*. The program is not heavy as it consists of one topic/subject per semester over two years. Ideally, it's for people who want to further their learning in faith and who might want to take some kind of next step in an area of ministry, service or sharing of their faith. Our Diocese and OLQP Parish will offer sponsorships for some to do this. Because of cost, those sponsorships will be limited to a few at a time and so it's important for interested people to discern if this program is a good fit for them. This coming Wednesday night there's an ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION for you to find out all about it. After that, if you think you might be keen (or if you want to chat further), you can have a catch-up with Fr Paul. You need to register for the information session and to do that, go to the Parramatta Diocese website and click on Events. There you can click forward through the different events and find the one on November 11 for the Undergraduate Certificate in Theology.




## 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, 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

Joseph Aquilina, Clare Pombart

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*

Charles Galea

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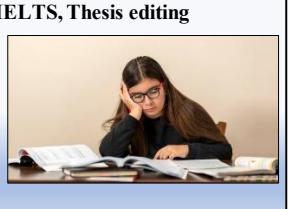
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## FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

9th Monday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10th Tuesday St Leo the Great, pope, doctor
11th Wednesday St Martin of Tours, bishop
12th Thursday St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

## Greystanes Maltese Seniors

Monday 9 November at 10:30am

St George Preca Centre. Members & Friends always welcome.

Contact: Marisa Previtera OAM, JP Mb: 0414 863 123

| This Sunday's Readings | Next Sunday's Readings |
|---|---|
| 1st Reading<br>Wisdom<br>6:12-16 | 1st Reading<br>Proverbs<br>31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 |
| 2nd Reading<br>1 Thessalonians<br>4:13-18 | 2nd Reading<br>1 Thessalonians<br>5:1-6 |
| Gospel<br>Matthew<br>25:1-13 | Gospel<br>Matthew<br>25:14-30 |

## 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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