



— OUR LADY —
QUEEN OF PEACE

The Peaceful Voice

1st August 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Life in the lockdown

Dear friends,

Hearts out – being Eucharist

With the lockdown extended, how are you feeling? Hearts out to those without work and to government and community leaders trying to put support strategies in place. Hearts out to parents doing home schooling and to Year 12 students hoping this phase of their learning can bear the fruit of their goals. Hearts out to remote parts of the world unreported in the media where there is havoc and loss but little medical support or contact tracing available. Hearts out to single people living alone, to people who normally depend on family or a visitor to help with some basic tasks, and to people who are living in difficult relationships. Who are your 'hearts out' towards? Who can you contact by phone or online to be a 'presence' of connection, belonging and listening. When you think about it, that's 'being Eucharist' for others. Have a look in the parish website at that section called 'Life Bits' and you'll see a reflection on 'Being Eucharist'.

Formative faith opportunities

Of course, we can't physically be together in the church at the moment. But imagine if someone asked us in a few months time; 'how did you grow during lockdown?' Here in the parish we've striving to prepare and provide opportunities for reflection and growth. See the schedule of *Life n' Faith Enrichment* at the start of the parish website. Those things are easy to join in .. they just require me/you to say "I'll give it a go". So give yourself a gift of participation and maybe the lockdown can prove enriching in some surprising ways. Here's to coming out of lockdown having taken chances to grow.

Plus extra online parish Masses

This week, starting Sunday, we'll be increasing the opportunities for Mass online. During the week we'll have [three Masses via Facebook](#) and [three Masses via Zoom](#). This allows a mix of larger and smaller experiences and some extra interaction – and it saves our generous video people from having to set up all the gear six times in the week! Instead, we can include Masses via Zoom from one laptop. So, below is the basic outline of Mass times for this week – See the very start of the parish website for more detail and for the easy Zoom link to click.

Blessings to you and yours – and with friendship in God's mission,

Fr. Paul Roberts



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PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

See start of the parish website or page 2 of this bulletin - for details and easy links

Tuesday 6pm - via ZOOM

Wednesday 9.15am - via FACEBOOK

Thursday 6pm - via ZOOM

Friday 9.15am - via FACEBOOK

Saturday 6pm (The Vigil Mass of Sunday) - via FACEBOOK

Sunday 10.30am - via ZOOM (starting on 1st August)

Faith B4U...

- Double the Masses online this week
- Plus - Parish Enrichment Sessions

Everyone welcome

(also welcome to invite friends from other places & faith backgrounds to join in)

→ Masses online this week

3 Masses will be live-streamed via Facebook

(and available afterwards)

Use or share with friends this Facebook Mass link:

<https://www.facebook.com/OLQPGreystanes>

Wednesday 9:15am | Friday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil Mass of The Sunday)

3 extra Masses will be available via Zoom

(at the advertised times)

Use the following Zoom Mass link to get straight on at the given time:

<https://zoom.us/j/92729358740?pwd=dkxaMCtSaTBWSVYrZONBZVlwUThsQT09>

Tuesday 6:00pm | Thursday 6:00pm

Sunday 10:30am (starting 1st August)

→ Enrichment online this week

Welcome to another week of enrichment opportunities. See the simple details further below *****ABOUT THE ZOOM LINK** regarding how to enjoy these sessions. If you haven't used Zoom before, don't worry. See below and know that we want to welcome you to join in!

Life n' Faith Enrichment - Parish-hosted sessions via Zoom

(see details further below*** about the zoom link)

* TUESDAY 3rd August – 7.30pm (approx. 55 mins)

Life n' Faith Enrichment – with Fr Paul

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97586017169>

Topic: 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' - Being agents of God today

* WEDNESDAY 4th August – Midday (approx. 30 mins)

Life n' Faith Enrichment – with Anne Hines (parish team)

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97586017169>

Topic: Prayer, reflection and sharing

* THURSDAY 5th August – 7.30pm (approx. 55 mins)

Life n' Faith Enrichment – with Fr Clifford

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97586017169>

Topic: Reflections on St Francis de Sales' Spirituality

* FRIDAY 6th August – Midday (approx. 30 mins)

Life n' Faith Enrichment – with Fr Neil

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97586017169>

Topic: The Gospel passage of the weekend

Movie Club in the parish via Zoom

* FRIDAY 6th August – 10am

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97586017169>

But see the movie beforehand. Here are the details:

*This week our movie is **To Sir With Love** on ABC iview. You are invited to watch the movie before Friday 6th August. We will meet on Zoom at 10am for about 30 minutes to discuss our favourite character, favourite scene, something we found interesting and a rating out of 10.*

NB Some movies will be on SBS On Demand, a FREE streaming service. Information to access this service can be found at:

https://www.sbs.com.au/language/english/how-to-create-and-log-in-to-your-sbs-on-demand-account_1

(see details further below*** about the zoom link)

*****ABOUT THE ZOOM LINK** - and you're welcome to contact for help

You can use the zoom links with any internet on any computer, phone or device. If you don't have Zoom access there are plenty of sites to easily help. Just google 'how to download zoom on laptop' or a similar search. Once you have it downloaded you'll never have to download it again and you can use the link and get straight onboard. When your screen says 'open zoom.us' or 'launch meeting' – just click and proceed. If you have a desktop computer that doesn't have a camera, it might be better to use a phone or other device, but however you join in, you're super welcome! IF ANYONE NEEDS HELP to download ZOOM, send an email with your name and number to parishoffice@olqp.org.au and we'll get in touch and help.

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*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.*

Psalm 23

FEAST DAYS

This week we celebrate

3rd Tuesday **St Dominic**, priest
4th Wednesday **St John Vianney**, priest
6th Friday **The Transfiguration of the Lord**



Next weeks Readings

1st Reading
1 King
17:8-16

2nd Reading
Colossians
3:12-17

Gospel
Mathew
6:25-34

Our Mission: To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.

Keeping Connected

- **Be a light and connect.** Call, FaceTime or make a video for family you cannot visit.
Not being able to connect with and see our extended family can be difficult. Why not make a video for your Grandparents or another family member using your phone and send it to them!!
Draw a picture, write a special message, take a photo of it and then send it to them to brighten their day.
- **Let the parish team know if** you need assistance in any way.



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Windows

By Patrick Guest and Jonathan Bentley.

This is a delightful picture book that you might enjoy reading as a family.

Please access the book via the YouTube link below.
ENJOY!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yQv4_rhhU4

Let us pray...

OUR SICK, we pray that they will be nourished with hope & recognise the loving presence of God in their lives.

Benita Acharya, Mary Anjoul, Amara Bewert, Frank Borg, Haryono Budiono, Karl Croning, Margaret John, Rachel Karbic, Tulla Kavich, Tyler Kenedy, Maxine Kroebel, Michelle Makin, Sabrina McKertich, Elsie Moran, Joseph Moses, Alex Noble, Christopher Oldham, Delma Ryan, Mary Spiteri, Carmel Thompson, Eddie Vella, Val Venier

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES, we pray that their souls have eternal peace in God's kingdom.

Maurice Lennon, Eric Sillick

→ **THREE MORE OFFERINGS for life n' Faith Enrichment this week**

ONE "HOME Ground" – from our Diocese - every midweek night!

Our Diocese of Parramatta is offering FOUR WEEKS of midweek evening opportunities during Lockdown – called "HOME Ground". There's something enriching on offer for our Life 'n Faith every night! See

<https://parracatholic.org/homeground/>

TWO Our Parishioner's excellent offering! – A new 'Watch and Discuss' series

Lisa Bright from our parish has a professional background and learning in Church and faith life. Lisa kicks off a series this Sunday on the spirituality of the renowned Catholic spiritual figure of the 20th century, Thomas Merton. At 2pm people watch the material and at 3pm have a chance to listen, share and be enriched. Register for this great initiative at the following link and Lisa will reply

<https://tinyurl.com/merton0108>

THREE A special series of offerings on 'Christ-centred Leadership'

Our friends from the Sydney archdiocese parish renewal team welcome any of us to join any or all of the four Tuesday evening sessions starting 3rd August. Go to the following link and you can click on their calendar of events for 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August. The topics are excellent.

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/n>.

**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED,
may our Lord embrace them
into His care and ease the pain
of their family and friends.**

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