On Holy Thursday of 1963 a letter was published, addressed to all people of goodwill. The signature at the end of the letter was that of Pope John XXIII, and the title of the letter was *Pacem in Terris* - "Peace on Earth." It was the last letter, or encyclical, that John XXIII wrote. Two months later he was dead. The letter, therefore, stands as his "last will and testament." After a lifetime spent in the diplomatic service of the Church, with appointments in Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and France between 1935 and 1953, Angelo Roncalli had returned to Italy, and to the care of souls, as Patriarch of Venice. When elected Pope in 1958 he showed the world the warm and human face of a pastoral and fatherly figure.

The encyclical *Pacem in Terris* is a landmark document. "Peace on earth" is a most attractive thought and a dearly desired goal, but it remains elusive and unrealised. Many people would say that the idea of peace is unrealistic in our human society. In many ways Pope John XXIII would agree with them. This world is not a place of peace, he says in his letter. Pope John had first-hand experience of war and conflict. He knew what he was talking about. He had been a chaplain in the Medical Corps in the First World War. He had worked tirelessly for people in Greece and Turkey during the Second World War. He saw the end of that war in Paris. (Continued over page)

**Peace I Bequeath to You, My Own Peace I Give You**

Supporting the CWF puts your gift to work in your local faith community. We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

- The CWF works every day by providing the funds to ensure that there are trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners in the hospitals in our Diocese.
- The CWF works every day by providing the funds to create the resources and train the catechists (Catholic Special Religious Education Teachers) to go to the public schools in our Diocese.
- The CWF works every day by providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.
- The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Donations of $2 and over are tax-deductible.

If you have come unprepared this weekend you may put your envelope in next weekend’s collections.
Peace I Bequeath to You  (continued)

Now, in 1963, as his life was ending, Pope John gave his great teaching, to direct us how to find peace and to work for peace in the world. He tells us to look into our human nature, and to find there the meaning inscribed by God. Looking into our nature, we will find the dignity of the human person. That is our starting point for the peace of the world.

At the Last Supper, the night before he died, Jesus made his own last will and testament to his disciples. St John has recorded at length the words that Jesus spoke on that occasion. The great bequest that Jesus makes, his parting gift, is the gift of peace. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, which, after his death and resurrection, Jesus will send from the Father to all who love him and who keep his word. The Holy Spirit of God empowers people to live in tranquillity of heart, and to negotiate the storms of this world without losing that peace. That is a powerful spirit and a tremendous gift.

The need for that Holy Spirit became evident very quickly in the life of the early Church. An argument broke out about the very meaning of following Christ. Some Jewish converts wanted the sign of their tradition, circumcision, to be demanded of the Gentile converts. All sides of the argument were presented and argued for. Judgement was made, wise judgement, but not at the expense of any side. All points were given due consideration and value. It was not about winners and losers, but about finding the right way forward.

When Pope John wrote “Peace on Earth” to all people of goodwill, he stressed especially the need for discussion and mutual understanding. “Conflicts,” he said, “should not be resolved by recourse to arms, but rather by negotiation.”

In May 2009 Pope Benedict XVI visited the Holy land as “a pilgrim of peace.” The conflict in the Middle East and in the land of Jesus’ birth is a symbol of all the conflicts that exist throughout the world. In every place and in every generation the task of “making peace” continues. Pope Benedict spoke of “unleashing the power of respect, reconciliation and cooperation.” Instead of unleashing weapons on one another, we are called to understand the power of respect for human dignity, and the great good that it can do.

Pope John concluded his letter with a prayer: “May Christ inflame the desires of all… to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through his power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts… and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.”

“Peace be with you” is the Easter greeting of the risen Lord. That greeting is not merely a wish. It is a gift imparted to us. It is a responsibility. It is our vocation.

Adoration in June

Join us each Saturday in June for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Adoration is held in the Prayer Room following 9am Mass and continuing through the day until Benediction at 5:30pm.

“Indeed, this is the will of my heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son, and believes in him, shall have eternal life. They I will raise up on the last day.”

“I desire that [Eucharistic] Adoration take place for the intention of imploring mercy for the world. Adore in the Most Blessed Sacrament my heart, which is full of mercy.”
Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Our present Pastoral Council is coming to the end of its term. We thank all our wonderful Councilors for giving of their valuable time and energy to us. Anyone who would like to nominate someone to stand for election on the Council is asked to complete a registration form and submit it to the office before the end of May. Ideally we would like each parish group and ministry represented. The Council meets bi-monthly as a consultative body to Fr Bill, discussing and actioning pastoral care of the parish. (Forms are on the information tables.)

Our Bereavement Ministry

Our outreach to families planning funerals in our parish has become a little depleted over time. Ideally I would like a couple of groups who can meet with the bereaved and help them plan the funeral for their deceased. If you would volunteer to assist in this ministry you would be exercising a great service to our people at a time of grief. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Compulsory Volunteer WHS Inductions

To all our parish volunteers (ie Catechists, bus drivers, Altar Society, hospitality, social, Sacramental, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Centre, etc) we ask that you please make time to come to a compulsory Work Health and Safety induction in our Parish Centre next Friday 31 May at 12:20pm, after the 11:45am Mass. We will endeavour to take as little of your time as possible, hopefully only 10 minutes. This is a requirement of the Diocese and the government. If you are unable to attend please contact the parish office to make alternative arrangements.

Social Justice

Did You Know? Will You Act?

Macquarie Group chief executive Shemara Wikramanayake was paid $17 million in the past financial year. Mr Moore will be eligible over the next two years to receive $81.5 million in performance shares and other incentives that were awarded to him while CEO. But the Newstart allowance for a single person, is currently worth less than $270 a week – just $40 per day. Polls show that the majority of Australians and agencies want an increase in the Newstart allowances. The rate has not had a real increase in 25 years. Politicians’ daily travel allowance is more than the weekly welfare payment. Margaret Hagan Warnervale/Toukley Social Justice Committee

Please Note

Children’s Liturgy

Our Parish would like to resume the Children’s Liturgy at 9.30am Sunday Mass in the near future, but we need helpers to run the sessions. Only a small time commitment is required and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish office for more information.

Our Lady of The Rosary Primary School need your HELP!

To support our move to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), we are after unwanted Lego for our students to utilise in designing and making. If you have any Lego at home that you no longer use or want, we would be happy to take it off your hands! Any donations of Lego can be dropped into the parish office. Thanks for your support, the Students and Teachers at OLR.
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Mass & Devotions in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am & 5-5:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Wednesday 9:30am Christian Meditation Group Friday 10:30am-11:30am Muldoon Room. Come & join us!

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.
Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Deacon Jim Caulfield, Lee Morley, Christopher Sky (OLR School parent), John Deagan, Pat Smith, William Hoseman, Kevin Pearce, Eunice Randall, Dorothea Grubba.
Funerals: The funerals of Pat Smith, Lee Morley and Deacon Jim were held during the week. Please pray for them and their families.
Anniversaries: Irene McCudden, Kellie-Maree (Burke) Cameron, Ruth Jayesuria.
Remembrances: Bruce Parry, Vincent & Dorothy Cribb and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Families: Bouchet, Cole, Attard.
Welcome Into the Church & Newly Baptised: Tadhg McCarthy, Maddison, Melina, Marcus & Tiasha Dean.

Bushy Tales

Our Lady of the Rosary GIFT CENTRE
For all your devotional needs...

A religious gift is a good way to evangelise. You are always welcome to come in for a browse. We are at the back of the Church carpark, on the corner of Ashton and Copnor Avenues.

Please Note
New Opening Hours:
Sunday 9am-9:30am & 10:30-11am after the Masses
Phone/Fax 4332 5997