

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FR. PAUL

This weekend we say farewell to Fr. Paul who has led our community of faith during the past two years. After much thought and prayer, Fr. Paul has answered Bishop Vincent's request that he become the new Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes.

Fr. Paul brought to us his wide experience in pastoral work and also the experience gained as the Director of the Institute for Mission. We also gained the benefits of his amazing energy and his enthusiasm. He involved himself in all areas of our parish life. We have had much spiritual help from his homilies each week, as well as his attention to the liturgies and administration of the Sacraments.

Fr. Paul has shown us his special ability to include many of our community in all areas of our parish life. Hopefully, we will endeavour to follow his example as we follow the guidelines that he has developed with us and which we are about to put in place for the future life of our parish.

Thank you Fr. Paul for using your unselfish nature to show us what can be achieved together. Thank you for your presence with us, your leadership and your friendship. All of these qualities have been especially apparent as you accepted and dealt with the many challenges during this past year.

We express our most grateful thanks for sharing our journey of faith at Our Lady of the Way Parish. We will miss you as you take up this new chapter in your ministry.

We wish you all God's blessings always and we say farewell with the promise of our ongoing prayers.

John Cowen (Chairperson, Parish Pastoral Council)
on behalf of OLOW Community of Faith.

WEEKDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES : NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO.

WEDNESDAY – 9.15AM.

THURSDAY—8.15AM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 9.00am.

FRIDAY– 7.15AM

RECONCILIATION SATURDAY AT 5PM

PARISH TEAM

Paul Roberts Parish Priest	George Bryan Deacon	Chris Rannaste Parish Secretary	John Cowen Parish Pastoral	Jim Prendergast Finance Committee
--------------------------------------	-------------------------------	---	--------------------------------------	---

CONTACT US

Parish Office 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains NSW 2750	P.O. Box 27 Emu Plains. Email: emuplains@parracatholic.org	Phone: (02)4735 1041 Web: www.catholicparishemuplains.org.au
--	--	---

SACRAMENTS

Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041. **R.C.I.A.:** The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.



CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS To all the children of OLOW community who received this wonderful Sacrament on Thursday evening and to those who will be confirmed this Sunday afternoon. May you be equipped with every gift of the Holy Spirit to go and proclaim the Kingdom of God by your lives.



This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



THE BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THIS WEEKEND 28TH/29TH NOVEMBER. We invite you to be united in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Please give generously to this Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Please note that the website/donation page will be now live and active.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND GIFTING TREE:

Due to Covid precautions and restrictions and the possible risk to clients, there will be no goods collected for Christmas hampers this year. Similarly, no gift tags for toys will be hanging on the Gifting Tree. However, cash or Gift Cards for those in need will still be welcome for distribution by the St. Vincent de Paul conference.

If you would like to assist, please put the cash or Gift Cards in an envelope marked "Christmas Hamper" and put it on the normal collection plate. If you want a receipt for tax purposes, please put your details on the envelope.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE : \$ 7.00 / PACKET

ADMIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - EMU PLAINS PARISH

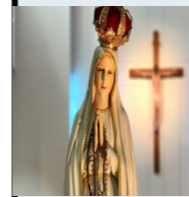
A part time parish secretarial role is available in the parish - 15 hours spread over three short days. This person will work closely with the priest and for two of the days with a continuing, experienced co-worker - along with key volunteers - together building a sense of team, welcome, encouragement and caring service. See the role description and application details in the 19th November entry at <https://catholicparishemuplains.org.au/category/parishblog/>

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Within the guidelines of the Covid Safety requirements we will be able to have a choir for our Christmas Masses. Commencing **Tuesday evening 24th November at 7.30pm.**



CATECHIST TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in short supply of SRE teachers for our children in our local public schools for 2021. Please consider giving some time to this very important ministry. Michelle Harris or Mary Marsh will be available to answer any questions after the 8.00am & 9.30am Masses over the next couple of weekends.

ROSARY GROUP: Our need for Mary's intercession is very great during this time of the Covid pandemic. You are welcome to come to the church at 4.10pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to pray the Rosary, for Mary's intercession for our lives and for all those we love. For more information contact Chrissy at the Parish Office 4735 1041.



Please pray for the Anniversaries of John Debeck, Joseph & Christina Reeves and for those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley & Les Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra-Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall.