



What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love Tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. MICAH 6:8

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ENVELOPES: You may drop your Planned Giving envelope to the Parish office on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 Midday. Thankyou.

NO MASSES—DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN until further notice. Please stay up to date with Government advice.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR ALL AT THIS TIME!

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO US AT THIS TIME OF THE PANDEMIC?

MAY THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH SURPASSES UNDERSTANDING, BE WITH US ALL IN THIS TRIAL. AMEN

Please pray for all those who are sick in our community.

Grace Perry, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley 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, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Laurie Doohan, Nathalie Dhyon, Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn, Graham and Christine Hall, Lorraine Lindsay, Maria Chircop, Nerida Fabri, Graeme Hardy, Lynette Hill, Frances Grove, Jennifer Stonehouse, Peter Graham, Megan Hallam & Mandy Parer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Dear Parishioners Fr Michael's Mass for this weekend will be available from Saturday evening.

Access through Youtube: **Our Lady of the Way Parish Emu Plains** and on Facebook.

This prayer can be said after following mass online before the concluding prayer for mass

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

DEAR PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Your ministry at Our Lady of the Way is very important to the maintenance and growth of our Parish community. In whatever way we serve we are all working for the Kingdom of God to be proclaimed *on earth as it is in heaven.*

We all have to upgrade our volunteer accreditation with the Diocese—a legal requirement—if you have not received information regarding the *new required* Safeguarding training program, please email the parish office with your details or call the office number 4735 1041, leave a message and we will get back to you.

Thanksgiving to God for the gift that you are to our parish community. May we continue to grow in love of God and neighbour.

Homily for ASSUMPTION OF OUR Lady—Fr. Michael.

St John Damascene speaking of the bodily assumption of the loving mother of God in addition to her other gifts and privileges said the following:

It was necessary that she who had preserved her virginity inviolate in childbirth should also have her body kept free from all corruption after death.

It was necessary he said that she who had carried the creator as a child on her breast should dwell in the tabernacle of God.

It was necessary that the bride embraced by the Father should make her home in the bridal chamber of heaven.

It was necessary that she, who had gazed on her crucified son and been pierced in the heart by the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in giving him birth, should contemplate him seated with the father.

It was necessary that the mother of God should share the possession of her son and be venerated by every creature as the mother and handmaid of God".

St Germanus of Constantinople too had the following to say, " It was in keeping not only with her divine motherhood but also with the unique sanctity of her virginal body that it was incorrupt and carried up to heaven".

These reasoning and considerations of holy Fathers rest on scripture as their ultimate foundation on the doctrine of Assumption of our Lady the feast we are celebrating today.

Scripture portrays the loving Mother of God, almost before our very eyes, as most intimately united with divine son and always sharing in his destiny.

Today's feast of Assumption which we celebrate in the middle of the pandemic is a feast of hope and of light, men and women pilgrims on the earth can foresee in Mary the destiny of Glory that awaits them.

We look at Mary as a sign of hope, however dark the shadows that sometimes gather on the horizon, and however incomprehensible certain events and situation may appear in human history we must always be hopeful.

Looking at Mary's strength and faith, our faith in what we await are strengthened too, at the same time we understand better the meaning and value of our earthly pilgrimage.

May Mary Mother of hope, strengthen us amidst fear, obstacles and difficulties, fatigue and suffering, that we do not get discouraged, with her company on the path of life, may she watch over us her children, filling us with the heavenly grace, especially during this time of pandemic.

As Christians we live in faith and hope, even in the midst of the pandemic we cannot be neutral, we cannot excuse ourselves from our duty of accompanying people in crisis, like Mary we are called to reach out to others.

Today's celebration fills us with hope because it anticipates the final victory of good over evil. Mary has cared and protected us in the past in our journey of life, through all variations and upheavals she is truly help of the Christians.

Mary! the first disciple of Jesus Christ, walk before and after us in our own paths of Christian journey.

With the current lockdown and limitations of our movements as we move to the unknown, walk with us and carry us with you as you carried Jesus your son who is our Lord and Savior.

Like you, help us to turn ourselves towards the mercy of God to whom we entrust our lives in all circumstances.

***We fly to thy patronage O Holy mother of God.
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
But deliver us from all dangers'
O Glorious and blessed Virgin.***