

## PARISH INFORMATION

**OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Closed till Tues 26.04.22**

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM**

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**Fr. Michael G. Gathuku:** Parish Priest

**George Bryan:** Deacon

**Michele Norbury:** Parish Office Administrator

**Cate Kensey:** Sacramental Co-ordinator

**John Cowen:** Parish Pastoral Council, Chairperson

**Jim Prendergast:** Parish Finance, Chairperson

**Donna McFadzean:** Our Lady of the Way Principal  
Ph: 4777 7200

**Jim Fanning:** Penola Catholic College Principal  
Ph: 4728 8100

## MASS TIMES:

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 6.00pm Wednesday 9.00am

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday and Friday's 9.00am  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after the  
Thursday 9.00am Mass till 10.00am.

**Anointing of Sick** on the First  
Friday of each month at the 9.00am Mass.

### RECONCILIATION:

No reconciliation while Fr Michael is away.

### SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**Reconciliation**

**First Holy Communion**

**Confirmation**

Please contact Parish Office  
[emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

**R.C.I.A.:** The process for adults interested in becoming  
Catholic. Contact the Parish Office: 4735 1041



What does the LORD require of you  
but to act justly, to love tenderly, and  
to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8



# OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH, EMU PLAINS

**Sunday 24th April 2022**

**2nd Sunday of Easter Year C**

## Divine Mercy Sunday.

### Entrance Antiphon 1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the  
pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

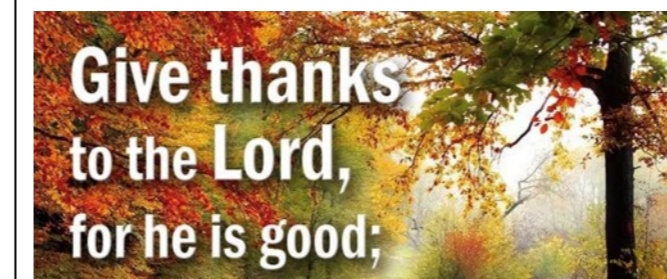
### First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the  
Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common  
consent in the Portico of Solomon. No  
one else ever dared to join them, but the  
people were loud in their praise and the  
numbers of men and women who came  
to believe in the Lord increased steadily.  
So many signs and wonders were  
worked among the people at the hands  
of the apostles that the sick were even  
taken out into the streets and laid on  
beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that  
at least the shadow of Peter might fall  
across some of them as he went past.  
People even came crowding in from the  
towns round about Jerusalem, bringing  
with them their sick and those tormented  
by unclean spirits, and all of them were  
cured.



## Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. R v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Rev 1:9, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in  
Jesus I am your brother and share your suf-  
ferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I  
was on the island of Patmos for having  
preached God's word and witnessed for Je-  
sus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit pos-  
sessed me, and I heard a voice behind me,  
shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that  
you see in a book.' I turned round to see who  
had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw  
seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded  
by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed  
in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden  
girdle.

## NOTICE: Fr Michael will be away for his annual leave beginning 18th April 2022 to 31st May 2022.

Please note the following changes on times and days of our Masses when Fr Michael is away.

1. There will be **NO** changes to weekend Masses.
2. On the week after Easter Sunday there will be no masses, but we will have a Communion Service from  
Wednesday 20th April to Friday 22nd April at 9.00am.
3. (a) Beginning Sunday 24th April, we will be having Masses on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm and Wednesday at  
9.00am until Fr Michael comes back.  
(b) On Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am we will be having Communion Services.
4. Eucharistic adoration on Thursdays will go on as usual.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices

**Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!** Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are  
enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our web-  
site [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

**St Marys Parish Perpetual Adoration:** Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, is looking for Eucharistic Ador-  
ers to commit to a rostered weekly hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in their Perpetual Adoration  
Chapel starting Sunday 24 April, Divine Mercy Sunday. Those who would like to assist can contact either Steven  
Buhagiar on 0415 600 290, Stella Buhagiar on 0415 600 103, or the parish office directly on (02) 9623 1962.

**Donate to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal** Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on  
the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the peo-  
ple of Ukraine. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

## COVID UPDATE

No sign-in is needed for mass at present.  
Masks are highly encouraged as a sign of  
care for each other but are not mandatory.

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## Second Reading (ctd)

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

## Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel Jn 20: 19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*The Creed is said.*

## Communion Antiphon Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

My dear friends,

I just wanted to say **Thank you** to all those people who have in some way contributed to the Easter liturgies at OLOW this year. The people who have served, read, provided music or multimedia presentations, or simply attended the liturgies have made this special time in the liturgical cycle a deep and meaningful experience. Our community is indeed richly blessed. I would like to share a poem with you called **An Easter Message** which I wrote a few years ago. Wishing you all a safe and blessed Easter. (Copies of poem are in the Foyer).

As Always in friendship Kind Regards, Stevenie Harman

**We pray for recently deceased Sr Joanne Nolan and Lyn Craddy. Also we remember those whose anniversaries are at this time. We pray for Alex Hadid, Andrew Keenan who are sick, and other brothers and sisters who are unwell. If you have someone who needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office.**

**Parish Planned Giving Envelopes** are available for collection at the back of the church for this year. Thank you for your ongoing support of Our Lady of the Way Parish.

## PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK— Christine McGregor

Christine and her husband built their first home at Emu Plains and came to the parish in the early 70s. She has three daughters. She likes the family community at OLOW and says that our priests have been amazing. Each one bringing their own giftings, that has really built one upon another, blessing the parish.

Her favourite scripture is "Be still and know that I am God". At present her favourite hymn is "Lord I need you". Her favourite colour is green. And she is English, not Irish!

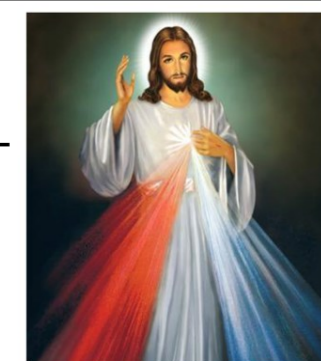
As far as food goes, she loved family roasts, and her mum's apple pies but doesn't eat them much these days. Christine has been to New Zealand and wanted to do things she hadn't done before. She embraced the thrill-seeker helicopter ride and speedboat tours up the gorge. When she lived in Queensland (for about 4 years) she went paragliding at around 40 years of age and loved it.



## St Nicholas Parish Penrith: Divine Mercy Sunday

All parishioners are welcome to attend an afternoon of prayer and adoration at St Nicholas of Myra church Penrith. Starting at 2:30pm, Sunday 24th April.

Proceedings include recitation of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the cross, homily and Benediction, reconciliation till 5pm, afternoon tea and mass at 6pm. Contact Louise Goderie on 0434434385 for more details.



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

## Respond to the Synod of Bishops draft report:

On April 21, all are invited to **RESPOND** to the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Join us for the Exhibition Night via Zoom at 7pm for reflection and discussion. To register email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue. For more information, visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/>



## Mandatory Safeguard Training.

**All volunteers** in our parish are asked to do essential safeguard training.

There are **Group sessions** available: 3 x two-hour sessions. Daytime sessions at OLOW are after morning mass at 10am on Wed 18th May, 25th May and 1st June in the parish hall. **Independent sessions** are available by contacting Mary Marsh to access log in details. To register for sessions contact Mary Marsh on 0408 212 437 or email [starmgm@gmail.com](mailto:starmgm@gmail.com)

## Wrap With Love Knitters:

Meets Thursday's 9am-12 pm in the parish hall. Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted. New members welcome. Please contact: Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254, Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

## PLAYGROUP:

Playgroup is on every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.00am during school terms. Contact Kathryn 0428 837 626 or just turn up on the day!

## Parish Bank Details:

**For online banking only!**  
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