

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH, EMU PLAINS

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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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit

comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Rv6



**(R.) God, mounts His throne
to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always,
until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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Let us pray:

We pray for recently deceased Mike Sayer and Graham Skinner, and for Aniela Barglik whose anniversary is at this time.

We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Catherine Allabyrne. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list.



Parishioner of the week: Christie Wood

Christie has been at OLOW for about 32 years. She has been a catechist for 11 years, is a reader and commentator, was in the choir, and helped with RCIA for a year. She also helped with reading at OLOW school for years. Christie is married to Gordon and has three children. She loves how everyone at OLOW makes you feel welcome and part of the family. Her favourite hymn is "Come as you are". Her favourite scripture is "Love one another as I have loved you." She loves lollies and hot milk with turmeric and honey. Christie loves reading and Tai Chi. Her favourite book is "Vera" – police inspector. Her favourite colour is purple. She has been overseas to Greece, Iceland, Scotland, Ireland and England with her family and to the Kimberley's by herself. She has worked as a nurse for 8 years. She presently teaches at the U3A.



Parish Notices:

Wrap with love knitters group meet Thursdays from 9am-12pm in the parish hall. Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted. New members welcome. Contact Judy Prendergast 0407101254 or Julie Hayes 0452655844.

The Bishop's appeal is on 28/29th May 2022. Visit: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Receipts for Project compassion are available in the Foyer of the church

Playgroup coordinator needed: email (emuplains@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office (ph: 4735 1041) for more details.

Safeguarding date changes:

Dates for Safeguarding at OLOW Parish:

Module 2. Wednesday 1st June

Module 3. Wednesday 15th June

If you have any questions phone Mary Marsh on 0408 212 437 or email starmgm@gmail.com

Prayer for the Sacraments

Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.

Amen

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians



Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to becoming priests.**

Jim Potts's summary from the workshops held Sun 3rd April 2022 - Springwood.

The Gospels in Action: (Presenter: Laurie Woods) Gospel passages were explained in their original context, their language and relevance to today and how to engage with scripture in prayer and meditation.

Some specific proposals for ongoing formation: Promote existing opportunities for scripture study e.g. Laurie's weekly reflections, St Finbar's faith formation program, Catalyst for Renewal mornings. Investigate other avenues e.g., zoom hours, incorporate video/slides into homilies, select family-friendly scriptures for reflection, investigate ecumenical scripture-based groups, promote diocesan initiatives more actively, identify resources people and invite them to share their wisdom.

Other areas identified for faith-formation included: experiences of prayer and meditation, human formation esp. psychology and human relationships, the role of ecology in prayer and spirituality, interfaith study and sharing.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am to 3pm. (ph: 4735 1041)

Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku

Deacon: George Bryan

Parish Office Administrator: Michele Norbury

Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey

Parish Pastoral council chairperson: John Cowen

Parish finance chairperson: Jim Prendergast

Our Lady of the Way principal:

Donna McFadzean (ph: 4777 7200)

Penola Catholic college principal:

Jim Fanning (ph: 4728 8100)

Weekend mass times:

Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am

Weekday masses:

Tuesday 6pm, Wednesday 9am

Communion services: Thursday and Friday 9am

Reconciliation: no reconciliation till Fr Michael returns

Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Fundraising Campaigns Manager – Put Your Faith Into Action For The Common Good

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at OLQP Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit" with Prayer and Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

Free lecture - The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm, Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign".

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the *cry of the earth and the cry of the poor* by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si' Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit parracatholic.org/laudatosi to download the launch video and for further information.

Saints of the week:

Monday, May 30th – St Joan of Arc.

Tuesday, May 31st - The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Friday, June 3rd - St Charles

Lwanga and companions, martyrs



Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**
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BSB: 067 950
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