

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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Sunday, 26th June 2022 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon.

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!



First Reading

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: ‘Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.’ Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. ‘Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you’ he said. Elijah answered, ‘Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?’ Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.’
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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POPE QUOTES:

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." (Pope Francis)

"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." (Pope John Paul II)

Let us pray:



We pray for recently deceased Mercy Bhuyan, and Lyla 'Pat' Reidy; and those anniversaries are at this time. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Beth Nowland (damaged knee), Elisabeth Robens, Marian Betker, Andrew Keenan, Alex Haddad and 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: Josiane Lise Nagle

Josiane has been at OLOW parish for 25 years. She loves the parish, the priest and the people: all make her feel very welcome. Josiane is very happy here. All the people are very friendly. She has been in the parish knitting group for the last 3 years and enjoys helping the needy. Josiane is originally from Mauritius. She has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren! Her favourite colour is green, and her favourite food is curry. She loves dancing – all types of dancing. Her favourite hymn is ‘Our Lady of the Way’. Josiane’s favourite prayer is the “I believe”.



We want you for “Parishioner of the Week”!

If you would like to be our next “parishioner of the week” (or would like to volunteer someone else with their permission) contact Louise Goderie after mass or send her a photo and your story: louise.goderie@gmail.com

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.

Playgroup coordinator needed:

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

Sacramental News

Last weekend 48 children made their First Holy Communion here at OLOW. It was a beautiful celebration! We have 4 more children to make this Sacrament over the next few weeks.

This program was a parish effort and I would like to thank every one of you for your prayerful support over the last few months. It certainly gave me much strength and encouragement. I would like to thank those who were able to assist in a practical way: Emma, Marianne, Mary, Helen, Margaret, Marcia and David, Les, Brad, Connor, Finn, Mario, Graham and Chris, Wolfgang, Scott and Erin, Kaye, Jo, Matthew, John, Chris. A special thanks to Sue, who works tirelessly to ensure the program runs smoothly. I would be lost without you all. We will be having a **THANK YOU morning tea after the 9.30am Mass on 3rd July**. Please come along if you can make it. Blessings, Cate

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Mass	25/26 June 13 th Sunday Ord Time	2/3 July 14 th Sunday Ord Time
Vigil C: R:	Debra Gleeson Mary Balam	Christie Wood Anne Ledger
8am C: R:	Geraldine Waters Kay Walker	Gabe Manouk Brett Wright
9.30am C: R:	Marianne Castor Layla Pascoe	Trish Boyle Denise Robens

Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favoured by God. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us.

As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. He who is mighty has done great things for you, and God’s greatest fear is that, in time of temptation, we might fail to call out to you and become lost children.

Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help. Amen.

Musicians from each parish (or their representatives) are invited to contact Chris below regarding coming meetings. We will explore the feasibility of an Ecumenical deanery Christmas Carol experience; others who share this vision are also invited to attend or share their ideas with the music team in our parish. To confirm your interest or to seek clarification on this initiative please contact Chris by email: CWILSON@stdominics.nsw.edu.au

Altar Serving

Children who have made their first Holy Communion are welcome to become altar servers. If your child would like to learn more about what is involved, please come to an information session on **Thurs 30th June** from **7-7.30pm** in the church. This is an information night. There is no pressure to sign up. If you are already an altar server and would like to rejoin the roster, please contact the parish office on 47351041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org

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, Thursday, and Friday 9am.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament till 10am
Thursday after mass.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm.

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:

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are suffering due to ongoing financial and political instability. Will you join us as we help them by providing food parcels to 500 needy families in the diocese of Baalbek, Lebanon? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.



St Joseph's 150 year celebration mass: (Flyers in Church Foyer)

Sesquicentenary mass celebrating 150 years of the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in NSW on Saturday 16th July 2022 at 10:30am in the Cathedral of St Michael and St John, Bathurst. Everyone is welcome. RSVP Sr Berenice (mob: 0418681949, email: Berenice.cornish@sosj.org.au)

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Thank you for supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future good shepherds and priests. Our bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised \$1800 from giving envelopes processed by the parish office, which will help our Holy Spirit seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests and beacons of Christ's light. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including our Holy Spirit Seminarians and all those who contribute to their education, formation, and care.

Positions Vacant:

- Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) – St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
- Regional Coordinator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June.**
- Administrative Support (Pastoral Formation) – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 July**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Family Preservation Caseworker – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

Saints of the week:

Monday, June 27th –

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, June 29th –

Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles.

Friday, June 30th –

Eucharist Heart of Jesus



Parish bank details:

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

Name: Emu Plains Catholic church

BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00000289