# **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, 10th July 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

## Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

#### Entrance Antiphon. Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### First Reading Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

#### Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

#### Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

- (R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.
  - This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

- 2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.I will praise God's name with a song;I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
- The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)
- For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him. everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

## Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

## <u>Gospel</u>

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

## Communion Antiphon

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## Let us pray:

We pray for recently deceased Helen McInnes and Lyla 'Pat' Reidy; and for Sandra Leving whose anniversary is at this time. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Beth Nowland, Elisabeth Robens, Marion 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: Phillip Youngman

Phillip has been a parishioner of OLOW since 1976, when the school first started. He had three boys go through OLOW primary school, Dom's and McCarthy. Phillip is one of our data projectionists at mass. In the past he has set up the church warden's group in 1976 and the grounds team, and ran that for 10 years. He was also president of parents and friends at OLOW, St Dominics and McCarthy. Phillip was on the parish council at one stage as well. He has been involved in church one way or another since they were in the church hall. He has with "KH" at the beginning.

His favourite hymn is "Here I am Lord" and his favourite colour is blue. Phillip's favourite saint is St Jude, and his favourite prayer is "The Our Father". His favourite food is "everything".



He loves golf, classic cars and his 8 grandchildren. His favourite thing about Our Lady of the Way is the people. "A lot of us have known each other since the beginning. Our kids went to school together. We grew up together. It's a comfortable feeling of being around friends."

#### 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.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: The Annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies will be held at OLOW on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday 24th July. This Appeal helps support people to cope with the difficulties of winter by providing food, clothes and shelter. Donations may be made via the envelopes on the church seats or by placing cash in the Vinnies buckets at the rear of the Church after Mass. Alternatively credit card payments may be made by using the electronic Tap and Go machine , also available at the rear of the church after Mass. Thank you for your support. Barry Harris (President Emu Plains Conference)

#### Readers/ Commentators Roster:

Mass	9/10 July	16/17 July
	15th Sunday Ord Time	16th Sunday Ord Time
Vigil C: R:	Debra Gleeson Victor Tuballa	Lynne Castellari Bellinda Henderson
8am C: R:	Maria Sirotti Sue Mouthaan	Paul Ryan Helen Larsen
9.30am C: R:	Lisa Samojlowicz Matthew Hamilton	Don Robens Courtney Hamilton

#### Bishop Vincent's Visit:

Bishop Vincent will visit our Parish on 17th July 2022, this will be the Bishop's first official visit since COVID struck. Bishop Vincent will celebrate 9.30 mass, after which all are invited for morning tea in the hall and thereafter bishop will meet with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council.

**OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday's 9.30 to11.00am** email (<u>emuplains@parracatholic.org</u>) or phone the parish office (ph:4735 1041) for more details, No Fees this term. Recommencing 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. I am also wondering if any other women would like to attend to meet our new mothers?? Please contact me if you are interested. Blessings, Michele





Parish Information	Weekend mass times:			
Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from	Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am Weekday masses:			
9:30am to 3pm. (ph: 4735 1041)				
Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku	Tuesday 6pm;			
Deacon: George Bryan	Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am			
Parish Office Administrator: Michele Norbury Parish Admin Assistant: Jo Hamilton Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey Parish Pastoral council chairperson: John Cowen	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament till 10am Thursday after mass. Healing Service at First Friday Masses.			
Parish finance chairperson: Jim Prendergast	Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm.			
Our Lady of the Way principal: Donna McFadzean (ph: 4777 7200) Penola Catholic college principal: Jim Fanning (ph: 4728 8100)	<b>Sacraments:</b> baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office ( <u>emuplains@parracatholic.org</u> ) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.			

#### **Diocese of Parramatta Notices:**

Aboriginal Catholic Services NAIDOC Week Celebration: 11 July Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Monday 11 July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

#### **Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?** Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <u>https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/</u>

**Office for Worship Resources available:** The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

**Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022:** Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit <u>www.parracatholic.org/pmp</u> to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email <u>met@parracatholic.org</u> or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

**Charismatic Healing Mass.** Mass will be followed by prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Sunday 17 July 2022, 2pm, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

#### The FaithFeed Conversations Event: 15 July

Looking for an event to engage those in their mid 20s-40s in life and faith conversation? On the evening of Friday 15 July, The FaithFeed is on as a diocese-wide networking opportunity, offering an organic initial connection for this age group to your parish community. Invite those in their mid 20s-40s to register and find out more by signing up via: <a href="https://tb.me/e/1PAVFKal7">https://tb.me/e/1PAVFKal7</a> or emailing <a href="mailto:met@parracatholic.org">met@parracatholic.org</a>

#### Saints of the week:

Pope St. Pius I, Martyr - July 11 St. Oliver Plunket - July 11 St. Veronica of the Veil - July 12 Pope St. Anacletus, Martyr - July 13 St. Mildred - July 13 St. Teresa of the Andes - July 13 St. Bonaventure - July 14 Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha - July 14 St. Henry II, Emperor - July 15

## 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