

# 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, 17th July 2022**     **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

## **Entrance Antiphon.**

*Ps 53:6,8*

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## **First Reading**     *Gen 18:1-10*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said, ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said, ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent,’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.’

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1*

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading**     *Col 1:24-28*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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**

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

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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 Joy Considine, 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: Lynne and Mario Castellari**

Lynne and Mario have been in the parish since the beginning. They moved into Troy Street in 1971. They have been at OLOW Emu Plains for most of the past 52 years. They have three children (who all attended OLOW) and four grandchildren. Mario was the first president of the PNF and was involved in the building committees. Lynne taught at OLOW primary school for over a year, as they needed someone urgently. She was a high school maths teacher. She is a commentator, reader and sings at mass. Lynne looks after the peace lilies in the church, so they don't get overwatered. Her favourite hymn is "Eagles wings". She likes Paul's second letter to Timothy: "My life has been poured out as a libation..." Lynne's favourite colour is green.



Mario is involved in the grounds team mostly. His favourite colour is red. His favourite saint is Padre Pio. He met him when he was a young boy of 8 years old. His dad had asked for Padre Pio's guidance about whether he should come to Australia. And then his mum asked for guidance too and he was there. He attended his mass and he remembers him saying "you'll be alright".

An interesting fact about the Castellari's is they have lived in Melbourne, Brisbane, and Hong Kong. They have also travelled a lot around Europe.

**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 an electronic Tap and Go machine, (separate to the parish's machine), also available at the rear of the church after Mass. Thank you for your support. Barry Harris (President Emu Plains Conference)

**Bishop Vincent's Visit:**

We welcome Bishop Vincent to our Community this weekend. This is the first official visit of our Bishop since Covid 19 struck. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass with us at 9.30am and thereafter meet the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee. Welcome Bishop!!!

**Readers/ Commentators roster:**

Mass	16/17 July 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time	23/24 July 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time
Vigil C: R:	Lynne Castellari Bellinda Henderson	Phillip Youngman Trish Ryan
8am C: R:	Paul Ryan Helen Larsen	Geraldine Waters Kay Walker
9.30am C: R:	Don Robens Courtney Hamilton	Marianne Castor Lara Roser



**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP**

Our Life Ascending meeting will be held

At the home of Kay Walker **197 River Rd Leonay**

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.00am.

Come along and join our discussions, support, friendship and gather strength spiritually. Please bring a small plate to share.

Both men and women are most welcome.

***Bring a Friend***

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-ship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Applications close 29 July 2022.

**Pope's Quote:**

"Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life." John Paul II.

## 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

Parish Admin Assistant: Jo Hamilton

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.

Healing Service at First Friday Masses.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 5pm.

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

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

### **Positions Vacant:**

\* Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close Friday 22 July at 5pm.** More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

\*Garden Crew Supervisor – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

\*Support Worker – Domestic Assistance – 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](mailto:careers@ccss.org.au)

### **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July**

You are invited to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers, including Bishop Vincent Long. This Tri-Diocesan event is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay: **Wednesday 20 July, 6–9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills.** For more information and to register, visit [parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan](http://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan) by 17 July.

### **Volunteer Position Available – Housing Maintenance Volunteer, House of Welcome**

House of Welcome (HOW), a partner of the Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a handyman to look after their properties, as they continue to support people in need in our communities. The Housing Maintenance Volunteer will also be required to provide face-to-face support for Occupants with practical components of their property and its care. This will be a short-term appointment, 1 day a week. For more information please contact HOW Volunteer Program Manager, Lumka Liwela Power on 0402 549 962 or [l.liwelapower@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:l.liwelapower@houseofwelcome.com.au).

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

## Saints of the week:

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July:

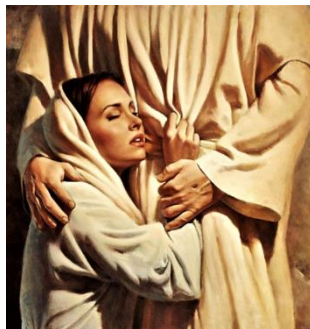
St Lawrence of Brindisi

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July:

St Mary Magdalene

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July:

St Bridget of Sweden.



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## 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