

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, 24th July 2022 **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’ Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’

‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’

Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’ Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who
is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Josepha Lorbek (known as Josie) and Amelia Claudette Coetel. We also remember Belinda Cameron, Don Cameron and Margaret Murray whose anniversaries occur at this time. We 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: Louise Goderie

Louise has been a parishioner of OLOW for 21 years. She has four adult children. She currently helps edit this bulletin, is a reader, and a minister of the Eucharist. In the past she has helped with RCIA, the parish council, worked as a catechist in state schools, and been a member of the OLOW playgroup. Her favourite colour is purple, favourite food is chocolate, and her favourite prayer is “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”.

Louise has worked as a waitress, an engineer in power stations, a maths tutor at Sydney university and a high school maths teacher. She currently runs an online maths tutoring business and enjoys bushwalking, dancing and meeting up with friends for morning tea.

An interesting fact about Louise is that she decided to volunteer as a missionary to Uganda instead of having a 50th birthday party and has since been on short-term mission trips to Turkey, Armenia, Brazil, Israel, US, Mozambique, and South Africa. She hopes to do missionary work in the Congo one day.



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.

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday 9.30am to 11.00am email (emuplains@parracatholic.org) or phone the parish office (ph:4735 1041) for more details, No Fees this term. Recommencing 26th July, 2022

Baptisms 24th July 2022

We welcome into our Parish family today Thomas Henry Harding and Isla Cooper-Pareezer. Every blessing over you and your families.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: To be held This weekend. 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 machines available at the rear of the church after Mass, (Not the OLOW one). Thank you for your support. Barry Harris (President Emu Plains Conference).

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Mass	23/24 July 17 th Sunday Ord Time	30/31 July 18 th Sunday Ord Time
Vigil C:	Phillip Youngman	Deborah Gleeson
R:	Trish Ryan	Mary Balam
8am C:	Geraldine Waters	Gabe Manouk
R:	Kay Walker	Brett Wright
9.30am C:	Marianne Castor	Trish Boyle
R:	Lara Roser	Layla Pascoe

Natural Fertility Awareness Week is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques.

Once learned, fertility awareness can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is “Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How”.

Visit www.billings.life for more information on events in your area.

Palms Australia celebrating a return to global mission:

Following the challenges of COVID, Palms Australia is offering Australian Catholics the chance to consider mission opportunities abroad and re-engage with our sisters and brothers globally. If you are interested, you can enquire online via palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/ or phone 0422 742 567. You are also invited to register for a Palms Australia information webinar on Monday 1 August at 7pm for the chance to directly talk with Palms' partner communities abroad and two recent program participants.

Pope's Quote:

“When I am paid a compliment, I must compare myself with the little donkey that carried Christ on Palm Sunday. And I say to myself: If that little creature, hearing the applause of the crowd, had become proud and had begun -- jackass that he was -- to bow his thanks left and right like a prima donna, how much hilarity he would have aroused! Don't act the same!”

Pope John Paul I,

Illustrissimi: Letters from Pope John Paul I

Covid Update:

Due to the rising numbers of cases of COVID, we are highly recommending wearing masks at Mass. Hand sanitizer is provided at entrance of church. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Baptism Coordinator: Jo Hamilton

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.

First Fridays of the month: Healing 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:

Volunteers urgently needed for the Diocese of Broome

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions for a range of tasks including administration, building maintenance and gardening. Placements are preferred for a period of six months plus. In return, volunteers are offered accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Janet Ryan on (08) 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Positions Vacant:

- 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

The Synod on Synodality: There is still time for any of us to let Pope Francis know what our experience of being a member of the Catholic Church has meant for each of us. So we are all encouraged to make either individual or group submissions to Sr Nathalie n.becquart@synod.va

1. As a starting point please refer to Parramatta Diocese's Final Synthesis which is our diocese's contribution to the Synod .

2. Families, particularly parents, could also include some further information about family involvement in the Synod. Families are encouraged to contribute to the synodal process. "The family is a model of synodality." (*from one of the Synod resource documents*) .

3. Most of the members of the Mountains Deanery Pastoral council met a few weeks ago to share our experiences of belonging to the Church. We were asked three questions

- **What is positive and meaningful in the Church community?**
- **What are your hurts and disappointments in belonging to the Church community?**
- **What do you think needs to happen for the Church to thrive?**

You could use any of the above as a way of framing your submission. Please keep it brief, perhaps in a simple point form. It is advisable to introduce yourself and your parish and/or group involvement in the main body of the email. Make your submissions to Sr Nathalie by mid August. Please also send a copy of your submission to Parramatta Diocese.

We are reminded that we are all members of the Body of Christ having been baptised into the body by the Holy Spirit (from 1 Cor 12:13) and as members we are encouraged to share our experiences as Pope Francis is inviting us to do.

Maureen Ryan chair, Carol Teodori assistant chair (Blue Mountains Deanery Pastoral Council)

Saints of the week:

25th July – St James, Apostle

26th July – St Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary

29th July – Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

30th July – St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor.



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

