

# 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, 31st July 2022** **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

**Entrance Antiphon.** Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!



For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord,  
You have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

**(R.) In every age, O Lord,  
You have been our refuge.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies.

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops."

Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**Communion Antiphon** Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Josefa Lorbek and Amelia Claudette Coetel; and for Nicholas 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: Les Chmiel**

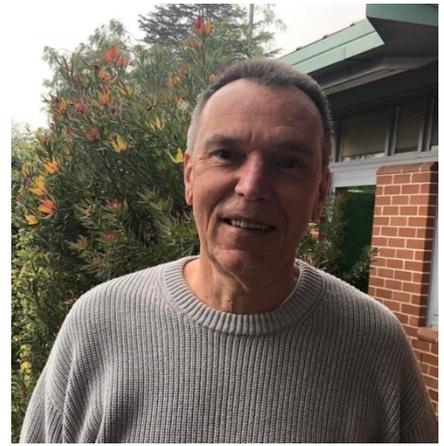
Les and his wife Anna have been in the parish for 30 years. They have one daughter Annette. He likes the friendliness of all the people. Les is part of the grounds team and does odd jobs wherever they are needed. Les has also been on the money counting team for 15 years.

His favourite colour is navy blue, and he likes a good steak. His favourite hymn is “Here I am Lord”.

Les is retired now, but used to work in the textile fashion industry for 53 years. He likes old cars and likes to “tinkle around in the garage doing little bits and pieces.”

He has been to Europe quite a few times, Poland and Rome twice, Tuscany and the Greek islands. His favourite holiday place in the world is in Poland – Gdansk.

Les was born in Germany straight after the war. His parents were in working camps in Germany. (This was just the next step before going to a concentration camp.) They came from Poland originally. They could have gone to America, Canada or Australia and ended up on a ship to Australia.



**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’s 9.30am to 11.00am** email ([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) or phone the parish office (ph:4735 1041) for more details. Great place for new mothers to connect with others. Blessings, Michele

**Covid Update:** Due to the rising numbers of cases of COVID, we are highly recommending the wearing of masks at Mass. Hand sanitizer is provided at entrance of church.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Readers/ Commentators roster:**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>30/31 July</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time
<b>Vigil C:</b>	Deborah Gleeson
<b>R:</b>	Mary Balam
<b>8am C:</b>	Gabe Manouk
<b>R:</b>	Brett Wright
<b>9.30am C:</b>	Trish Boyle
<b>R:</b>	Layla Pascoe

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
6/7 August	S. Harman D. Gleeson M. Manton JS: A. Tuballa C. C. Wood R: A. Ledger	Deacon George N. Adamzewicz B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: M. Sirotti R: S. Mouthaan	J. Cowen D. Green H. Barlow (Visit) JS: M. Hamilton C: L. Samojlowicz R: Denise Robens



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – sacramental program**

The sacrament of confirmation begins this Wednesday and I am looking for volunteers again to help with the hall set, registration table and hospitality. If you are able to help, even if it is for only 1 night, can you please fill in the roster at the back of the church. Thank you and many blessings, Cate

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

The program for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> August for children in yr 6 and above. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please contact the parish office on 47351041

**Pope’s Quote:**

“The devil is always discovering something novel against the truth.”

**Pope Leo I**

## 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  
Parish 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.  
First Fridays of the month – healing mass.

### **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:

### **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](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org)

### **Positions Vacant:**

- ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 initial contract) – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 14 August.
- Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)
- JRS is hiring a Schools Engagement Officer: JRS Australia requires a Schools Engagement Officer with a passion for engaging and educating school communities on issues facing people seeking asylum and refugees. In this dynamic role, the officer will be creating and delivering workshops, supporting young people in their advocacy and action, coordinating school engagement events and developing educational resources for a range of audiences. To read the job description and apply for the role, please visit <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/JRS/schools-engagement-officer>

### **The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon**

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal (July 21 – August 11, 2023). Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### **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/](http://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.

## Saints of the week:

1<sup>st</sup> August – St Alphonsus Liguori  
2<sup>nd</sup> August – Our Lady of the angels  
3<sup>rd</sup> August – St Dominic  
4<sup>th</sup> August – St John Vianney  
6<sup>th</sup> August – The Transfiguration of the Lord



## 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