

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, 14th Aug 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 12:49-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

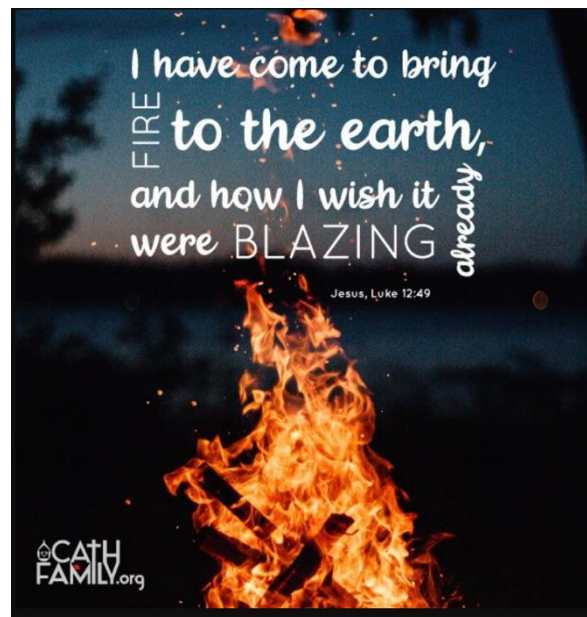


'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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Communion Antiphon [Ps 129:7](#)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



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Appreciation of Parish Vinnies Donations

Vinnies would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to our Winter Appeal which amounted to \$3547. Our Lady of the Way School also raised \$1237 for the Vinnies flood Appeal. Our thanks to everyone for their wonderful generosity and their continuing support. We are extremely grateful.

Barry Harris, President, St Vincent De Paul, Emu Plains Conference.

Please Save this Date Sat 24th September 2022

We are holding a **Working Bee** on Saturday 24th Sept 22 at 9.30am. Plans are to add more trees and flowers around the church and also do some cleaning tasks. All Welcome and lunch will be provided.



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Margaret White, Mary Martha Gintowt and Yvonne Lesley (Bonnie) Caws, (Funeral is at St Nicholas of Myra on 17th August 2022), and for Moira Thomas 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. Please also pray for those struggling with Covid. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list.

Parishioners of the week: Patricia and Michael Hatch

Patricia and Michael have been in the parish since 28th January, 1978. They will have been married 60 years in February and they have four children. Since they have been at OLOW, they have done counting, scripture reading, and helping with reading at the school. Michael was in the police force for 33 years. Patricia was PA to a member of parliament – the Minister for Agriculture.

Her favourite colour is blue. Michael's is "red and green" - for South Sydney. Patricia's favourite food is cheese. Michael likes steak and eggs. They used to play golf together.

Michael's favourite hymn is "Our Lady of the Way" and Patricia likes "Come as you are". They arrived in Fr Kevin Hannan's time. Michael described him as "top of the class". Patricia and Michael like the community of OLOW. "If you'd ever need help, you'd come here" It's just such a loving community. So friendly." An interesting fact about this couple is that Patricia was a Coogee girl and Michael was a Clovelly boy. They met playing tennis.

Michael has spent 99% of his spare time in the country. His dad managed sheep and cattle on 180,000 acres in Condobolin. Michael was a wool classer before he joined the police force.



Parish Notices:

Feast of the Assumption Mass at OLOW.

A special mass will be said on the Feast of the Assumption: 9.00 am, Monday 15th August.
Other Mass Times: St Finbars Glenbrook 7.00pm
St Nicholas of Myra Penrith 9.30am, 7.00pm

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 or phone 4735 1041 for more details, No Fees this term. Great place for new mums to meet others at their stage of life.

Covid Update: Due to the high numbers of COVID cases, we highly recommend the wearing of masks at Mass. Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your consideration.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

13/14 August	S. Harman M. Norbury A. Deutscher JS: N/A C: D. Gleeson for L. Goderie R: V. Tuballa	M. Marsh N. Bangel P. Edwards JS: J. Topp C: P. Ryan R: H. Larsen	Deacon George H. Dhyon K. Walker (Visit) JS: A. Carroll C: Don Robens R: M. Hamilton
20/21 August	Deacon George S. Harman D. Gleeson JS: A. Tuballa C: L. Castellari R: B. Henderson	M. Topp P. Edwards B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: G. Waters R: K. Walker	L. Roser C. Reid Denise Robens (Visit) JS: M. Hamilton C: M. Castor R: C. Hamilton

Prayer for the Sacraments

Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.

Amen

Last week was **National Homelessness Week**. But we need to focus on this social emergency for many weeks. The theme for 2022 is "To end homelessness we need a plan". Find out more at homelessnessaustralia.org.au and show your solidarity in ending homelessness, e.g., by attending or supporting Vinnies' [Community Sleepout](#) or supporting the [Everybody's Home campaign](#) and signing their current [petition for more social housing](#). Vinnies also has some helpful information on homelessness in Australia on their website under [Our Impact](#).

Volunteers Required:

We are in need of money counters, cleaners and Ministers to take Communion to the sick and housebound. If you have time, and are prepared to do the Safeguarding course, please contact the office. Leaving a voicemail is fine, we will get back to you.

Pope's Quote:

"What a mistake those who do not hope make! Judas made a huge blunder the day in which he sold Christ for 30 denarii, but he made an even bigger one when he thought that his sin was too great to be forgiven. No sin is too big: any wretchedness, however great, can always be enclosed in infinite mercy." Pope John Paul 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) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Get #Active4Vocations and support our Holy Spirit Seminarians

We are blessed to have 14 faithful men in our Diocese, devoting themselves to God and to a life of service to our community. Show your support and get #Active4Vocations. Team up with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and ([parishioners/community](#)) for the City2Surf. Your efforts will go the distance in supporting our seminarians to become priests. Scan this QR code to register or donate to our team

@ tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations Thank you.



Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST.

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.

website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHl>

OLMC Parramatta - Class of '90, '91 & '92 30 Year Reunion: Saturday 17th September Parramatta Park Royal. **OLMC Alumnae Day Sunday 18th September:** 10am Mass in the Chapel followed by College Tours. Secure your ticket at <https://bit.ly/3nOIPD3>

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 from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at 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

Kellyville Parish 10th Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August. Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 15 August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11.30am and the walk begins at 1pm sharp. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest: admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call (02) 9629 2595 for catering purposes.

Saints of the week:

15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th August – St Stephen of Hungary

17th August – St Donatus

18th August – St Helen

19th August – St John Eudes

20th August – St Bernard of Clairvaux, 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