

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, 21st Aug 2022 **Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon.

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

First Reading

Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to
gather the nations of every language.
They shall come to witness my glory. I
will give them a sign and send some of
their survivors to the nations:
to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech,
Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant
islands that have never heard of me or
seen my glory. They will proclaim my
glory to the nations. As an offering to
the Lord they will bring all your brothers,
on horses, in chariots, in litters, on
mules, on dromedaries, from all the
nations to my holy mountain
in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like
Israelites bringing oblations in clean
vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And
of some of them I will make priests
and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text
in which you are addressed as sons? My
son, when the Lord corrects you, do not
treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged
when he reprimands you. For the Lord
trains the ones that he loves and he
punishes all those that he acknowledges
as his sons. Suffering is part of your
training; God is treating you as his sons.
Has there ever been any son whose father
did not train him? Of course, any
punishment is most painful at the time, and
far from pleasant; but later, in those on
whom it has been used, it bears fruit in
peace and goodness. So hold up your limp
arms and steady your trembling knees and
smooth out the path you tread; then the
injured limb will not be wrenched, it will
grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 13:22-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from."

Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

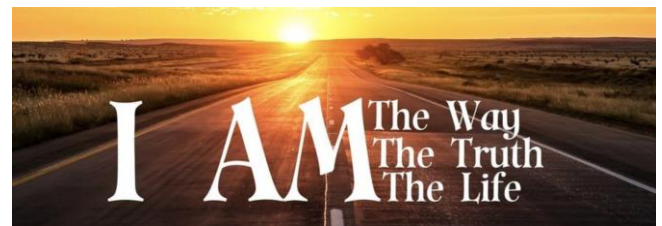
'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Communion Antiphon

[Cf. Ps 103:13-15](#)

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased, Audrey Smith, Margaret White, Mary Martha Gintowt, Malcom Mathison; and for Sam Gauci, Peral Leving, Peter & Francis Hendry whose anniversaries are 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.

Parishioners of the week: Susan and Bill

Susan and Bill moved to Emu Plains in March 1975, the same week that Bill started a new job at TAFE as a Teacher of Plumbing. They first attended Mass at Melrose Hall and quickly became involved in establishing the church. Helped in acquiring the bricks for the new hall, as well as cleaning them. Bill installed the plumbing and sewer onto the hall and the presbytery. He convinced Father Hannan it would be good for his golf game, by building his strength in his swing arm, if he helped with a pick and shovel to dig the trench down the side of the then Presbytery. He did. Bill also received one of those late night calls to participate on a midnight raid to acquire pews for the new church/hall.

Susan and Bill have two boys who were both baptised at OLOW. In 1985 the family transferred to the Riverina, where Bill was Principal of Finley TAFE. In 1993 after several restructures in TAFE, the family returned to OLOW which now had a church and a two-stream school. Bill retired in 2007 as Assistant Director, Educational Programs, Sydney Institute of TAFE. On his retirement Bill had been involved with TAFE for over 50 years and received the TAFE Medal. The death of Susan and Bill's second son in 2009 brought them back into the parish in search of spiritual support. In 2015 they moved from Emu Plains (the house they had built in 1975), to Warrimoo but still see OLOW as their Parish. Favourite Hymn: "depends on my mood". Favourite colour: "any that make me look better". Favourite Activity: Grey Nomad Caravanning.



Parish Notices:

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE – WORKING BEE

We are holding a Working Bee on **Saturday 24th September 2022** at 9.30am. We are going to plant some trees and flowers around the Church and do some in-depth cleaning. All welcome. Lunch will be provided! Many thanks!

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. Mum and their babies and toddlers welcome. If any other women would like to attend to meet our new mothers, please contact Michele Norbury.

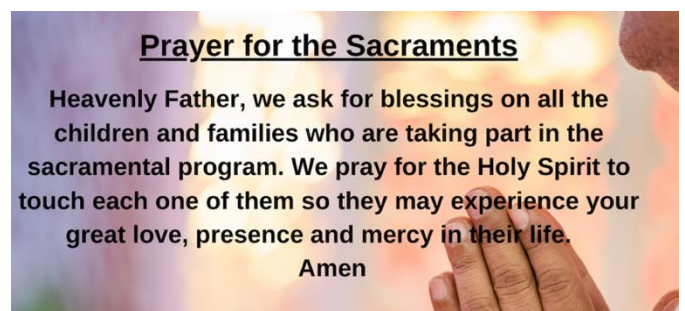
Life Ascending Group: Our meeting will be held at **197 River Rd Leonay, on Wednesday 24th August at 10am.** Come along and join our discussions, support and friendship. Please bring a small plate to share. Both men and women are welcome. **Bring a friend!**

Readers/ Commentators roster:

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
	S. Harman A. Deutscher M. Manton JS: N/A C: P. Youngman R: T. Ryan	Deacon George M. Marsh N. Bangel JS: J. Topp C: G. Manouk R: B. Wright	J. Cowen K. Balkin K. Walker (Visit) JS: A. Carroll C: T. Boyle R: L. Roser

Reminder:

The next **Eucharistic Ministers meeting** is scheduled for Saturday August 27 at 9.30am for 9.45 start. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall so that we can socially distance due to the high number of Covid cases at present. Please consider wearing a mask.



'Listen to the voice of Creation' is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation (SOC). Inspired by Pope Francis, SOC is a time each year when the people of the world particularly focus their awareness on care for the Earth. Listening to Creation is one beginning point. SOC goes from 1 Sept to 4 October. More information is to come on how we can deepen our awareness during this time and take small steps to protect and respect the wellbeing of that within which we live and move and have our being.' Jim Potts

Pope's Quote:

"It is an error to believe that Christ did not teach a determined body of doctrine applicable to all times and to all men, but rather that He inaugurated a religious movement adapted, or to be adapted, to different times and different places." Pope Pius X

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:

Our Bishop's **Father's Day Appeal** for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons. This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan. We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!

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>

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK
22 - 28 AUG 2022
FERTILITY LITERACY - GET THE KNOW HOW



KICK OFF THE WEEK BY JOINING OUR LIVE WEBINAR!

"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World"
The best use of fertility tracking apps
22 Aug 2022 @ 7:30 - 8:30 PM AEST



Billings LIFE
Leaders in Fertility Education

VISIT OUR WEBSITE BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE
FOR MORE DETAILS
AND LOCAL EVENTS!

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

Positions Vacant: Accounts Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August 2022. Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Saints of the week:

22nd August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23rd August – St Rose of Lima

24th August – St Bartholomew (Apostle)

25th August – St Louis IX, King of France

26th August – Our Lady of Czestochowa



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

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