

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, 28th Aug 2022 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon.

Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation [Mt 11:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 14:1. 7-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon [Ps 30:20](#)

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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What's on at OLOW for the Season of Creation in the coming month:

- * Zoom Session Thur 8/9 - 7.30pm "What is eco-spirituality?" Pre-Reading: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/ecological-spirituality>. Prayer, music, conversation on the reading.. RSVP Jim (SMS your email address to: 0421 125 722 by Monday 5/9);
- * AWE Walk Thur 15/9, 11am to 1pm Tench Reserve Penrith (shifting my attention to creation around me, feeling the presence of something larger than me);
- * Saturday 24/9 – Working Bee and Tree Planting OLOW;
- * Thursday 29/9 7pm Prayer Vigil Season of Creation – Zoom;
- * Weekend 22-23/10: Ongoing OLOW Parish recycling opportunity – Collection box at church each weekend.



SEASON OF CREATION



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Malcom Matheson, and for Andrew Wiecek, Barry Bowden and Fred Lydamore whose anniversaries are at this time. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Stephanie Doohan, 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: Scott and Erin Carroll

Scott and Erin have been married for 18 years and have 4 children. They have been at OLOW since 2019 through Fr Paul Roberts who married them. Scott and Erin describe the OLOW community as “very friendly that is a nice close knit community. It is also relaxed. The church space is bright and breezy. The people that live on the river perhaps have a different vibe.” Erin and Scott were involved in a lot of the online music during the pandemic, participating in the live recordings of the celebration of the Eucharist for parishioners at home. Erin is from Toongabbie parish and Scott is from Kingswood parish. They met through Antioch (Catholic youth program).



Scott's favourite hymn is “Remembrance” by Matt Maher. The chorus says: “Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship. And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation, we remember You”. Scott says it reminds him that “we go out of here and be the change we want to be. And we keep coming back to gather and say ‘how did we go this week?’”

Erin's favourite hymn is “The Crimond - The Lord's my Shepherd”. Her favourite colour is green and Scott agrees with his wife. An interesting fact about Scott is that he owns two accordions. An interesting fact about Erin is that she was one of the first female altar servers in the Parramatta diocese. She also loves photography and genealogy. She supports the Parramatta Eels. Her favourite food is lemon meringue pie. Scott loves schnitzel and chips. They have both been on “Wheel of Fortune”. Scott was on for three nights and won a piano, trampoline and a kayak – “three things you can never do together”.

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. 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.

Replanting of Garden: During the Working Bee on Sept 24th, we will be planting trees and shrubs around the church. If anyone is in a position to financially donate to this, please place donation in a marked envelope (some available in the Foyer), or contact Michele at the parish office.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
27/28 August	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
3 / 4 September	Deacon George S. Harman A. Deutscher JS: A. Tuballa C: D. Gleeson R: M. Balam	N. Adamzewicz P. Edwards B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: M. Sirotti R: S. Mouthaan	L. Roser D. Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: M. Hamilton C: L. Samojlowicz R: L. Pascoe

Aid to the Church in Need

This weekend we welcome to our parish, Kylie Cullen who will speak to us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. ACN exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. In fact, they are the only International Catholic Charity dedicated to this mission. At the end of WWII, a Dutch priest, Fr Werenfried Van Staatan, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, to move past their hatred of the Germans, and to see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. His pleas unleashed so much generosity and he became known as the 'Bacon Priest' because they brought tonnes of bacon to starving German families, along with assisting so many Christians in need. His initiative spread out to the entire world and we now reach thousands of persecuted Christians all around the world. Fr Werenfried led ACN until his death in 2003. In 2011, Pope Benedict XIV raised the charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation. Kylie will speak during Mass and share more about their work and the testimonies of those have been helped.

Confirmation children on retreat

The children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be doing a retreat this Saturday to help them prepare to welcome the Holy Spirit. Could you please keep them in your prayers. Thanks and blessings, Cate

Pope's Quote:

“To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.” **Pope Francis**

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!



Trek for Timor: (virtual walk): The people of the Blue Mountains have been terrific supporters of the East Timorese for over twenty years now. The needs in that fledgling nation are still high in the areas of health and education. There is another opportunity to continue this support in the annual **TREK for TIMOR** event in October. Unfortunately owing to fire damage and slip damage to the walking tracks around Katoomba, the event again will be held virtually! This was quite successful last year. All you need to do is to follow the link <https://trek-for-timor-blue-mountains.raisely.com/>. All the information you need is there. You can financially support other walkers or pledge to walk 10, 25 or more kilometres over the month of October. You can sponsor a walker or simply donate there."

St Finbar's Glenbrook: To coincide with the Season of Creation Dr Sebastian Selaske-Lentern and James Atanasios from the Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology ministry will speak to us on the topic: 'Faith and authentic living – Care for neighbour and the care for creation.' This event will be held on Tuesday 6th September from 7-8.30 in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Please register via secretary@stfinbars.org.au "The Mind of Pope Francis": According to the Papal biographer Austin Ivereigh, Pope Francis is a "Great Reformer" who radically addresses not just Church's issues, but also is very vocal on social and environmental topics. Fr Joseph Lam, an expert on the history of the Early church and on the theology of Pope Benedict XVI, will uncover the background of Pope Francis' cultural and intellectual context. This event will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7-8.30 in the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook 2773. Please register via secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Ordination to the Priesthood: The Diocese of Parramatta wishes to congratulate Fr Andrew Rooney following his ordination to the priesthood on Friday 26 August. Visit catholicoutlook.org in the coming week for an article and photographs from the ordination as well as a video introducing Fr Andrew to the Diocese.

Saints of the week:

29th August – Our Lady of Good Health

30th August – St Richard Martin

1st September – St Anna the Prophetess

2nd September – St Ingrid of Sweden

3rd September – St Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor



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