

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, 7th Aug 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by
calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our
ancestors, so that, once they saw what
kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of
their enemies; for by the same act with
which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to
you. The devout children of worthy men
offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one
accord: that the saints would share the
same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant
the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

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chosen to be his own.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that
we hope for, or prove the existence of the
realities that at present remain unseen. It was
for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call
to set out for a country that was the
inheritance given to him and his descendants,
and that he set out without knowing where he
was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in
a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who
were heirs with him of the same promise.
They lived there in tents while he looked
forward to a city founded, designed and built
by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of
being past the age, was made able to
conceive, because she believed that he who
had made the promise would be faithful to it.
Because of this, there came from one man,
and one who was already as good as dead
himself, more descendants than could be
counted, as many as the stars of heaven or
the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the
Son of Man is coming.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks.

Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 147:12,14

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Yvonne Lesley Caws (Bonnie); and for those 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: Joanne Hamilton

Joanne is our new parish admin assistant. She has been in the parish for three years. Joanne is married with 4 children and 2 beagles. She often goes on road trips with her family around Australia. Joanne teaches scripture, and helps run the Baptism program. She used to be an occupational therapist who worked in aged care, paediatrics and mental health. Her favourite colour is yellow and her favourite foods are lemon cheesecake and Thai food. Joanne’s favourite flower is the sweet pea, and her favourite hymns are 'Strong and constant' and 'Bread of Life'. She would like to travel to Scotland, Italy and Norway. A fun fact about Joanne is that she has always wanted to go on a game show and once auditioned for wheel of fortune. She got through casting but unfortunately couldn't make the date of the show!



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

St Mary of the Cross Feast day. We will be celebration Mass with OLOW school children at 9.30am on Tuesday morning. Mass will still be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday night.

Covid update: Due to the rising numbers of cases of COVID, 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:

| Dates: | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 9.30am |
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| 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 |
| 13/14 August | S. Harman M. Norbury A. Deutscher JS: N/A C: 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 |

Pope’s Quote: “Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves.” Pope John Paul II

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:

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>

Parramatta Catholic Foundation: Parishioners, clergy, families, and friends from across the Diocese are invited to [join our City2Surf #Active4Vocations team](#), (Aug 14 City2 Surf), spur our seminarians, deacons, and priests on with a donation

Positions Vacant:

* Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.

* 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

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022 Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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.

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

Saints of the week:

8th August – St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)

9th August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein – Martyr)

10th August – St Lawrence (Martyr)

11th August – St Clare, St Philomena (Martyr)

12th August – St Isidore Bakanja, St Jane Frances de Chantal.

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**

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