

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, 11th Sept 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon.

Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.



First Reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk

15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation [2 Cor 5:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 15:1-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke: *There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs.

And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Communion Antiphon [Cf. Ps 35:8](#)

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Malcom Matheson, Audrey Smith and for Brian Maher, Ron Mulock and John Vanderloo 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:

A big congratulations to Jessie Lustri and Kiarna Stark who made their first Holy Communion last Saturday night at the 6pm mass. Both 16 year-old girls attend Penola High School and celebrated this special occasion with their families and parishioners. Jessie said “I just want to continue my journey with God. To be able to feel that closer connection.” Jessie is an only child, but she comes from a big Italian family. Her favourite colour is blue and she loves eating pasta. The last hymn at their First Communion mass was “Here I am Lord”, a favourite of both girls. Kiarna’s journey to joining the Catholic church was born from love for her sister. She would like to be her Godmother. Kiarna has 5 siblings and lives in a house with 11 people and has two part-time jobs. Her favourite colour is pink and she likes eating ham. Please pray for Jessie and Kiarna as they will make their confirmation this weekend.



Parish Notices:

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS!

This Sunday, Bishop Vincent will confirm 40 young children from our parish. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Wrap with love knitters group: Thursdays from 9am-12pm in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Judy Prendergast on 0407101254 or Julie Hayes on 0452655844.

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday’s 9.30am to 11.00am in the parish hall. For more information please email (emuplains@parracatholic.org), or phone 4735 1041 for more details.

Commentators and Readers. The current commentators and readers roster goes until 18th September. Would you like to join the new roster, or have your circumstances changed? Contact the Parish Office or Marianne Castor on 0431 966365.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
10/11 September	S. Harman D. Gleeson C. Reid JS: N/A C: C. Wood R: A. Ledger	M. Marsh N. Bangel M. Topp JS: J. Topp C: P. Ryan R: H. Larsen	Deacon George H. Dhyon K. Walker (Visit) JS: A. Carroll C: Don Robens R: Denise Robens
17/18 September	S. Harman M. Norbury M. Mantou JS: A. Tuballa C: L. Goderie R: V. Tuballa	Deacon George M. Topp B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: G. Waters R: K. Walker	J. Cowen C. Reid H. Barlow (Visit) JS: A. Carroll C: M. Castor R: M. Hamilton

Lide Ascending Group: This group is a Spiritual Wellbeing group for people over the age of 55. The group offers you the opportunity to reflect and discuss the scriptures, and our faith. Come along to our next gathering on **Wednesday 21st September at 197 River Rd Leonay, commencing at 10am.** Hope you can come.

What’s on at OLOW for the Season of Creation in the coming week: AWE Walk (slowing down and noticing colour, texture, sounds, variety, peacefulness, creatures) **Thursday 15/9, 11am to 1pm. Meet at the play equipment near Cnr Tench Ave and Jamison Rd, Jamisontown. BYO lunch** and join in conversation about goals for action to care for creation. (see Notice Boards also for other coming events). SMS your email address to Jim (0421 125 722) or Kay (0430 193 000) or telephone the Parish Office (4735 1041) for resources. Some handouts will also be available in the church foyer on these two personal resources.



OLOW Parish Working Bee: All welcome! Our parish working bee will be on **Sat 24th Sept.** from 9:30am. We intend to add more trees/shrubs/flowers around the church, and also do some cleaning up. Please BYO gardening tools. Lunch will be provided. To assist with catering, please advise us of your attendance. Forms are available in the church foyer.

We invite you to take a copy of the **Australian Bishops’ new Social Justice Statement.** Copies are available in the church foyer.

Parish Information

Parish office Tues-Fri 9:30am-3pm 47351041

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)

St Vincent de Paul Contact Centre:

For assistance call 1800 606 724

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:

Charismatic Healing Mass. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Tony Alex MGL, Sunday 18 September 2022, 2 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

MET Worship Formation for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying: 22 October MET – Worship will be hosting a formation day for those already active in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am – 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Topics: Spirituality of Suffering, Working within Safeguarding Guidelines and the Practicalities of this ministry. Contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Are you looking for a new way to manage your fertility? Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing fertility. No drugs, devices, or side effects! NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralnf.org.au/fertility/>

NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal Family Afternoon with Jesus: The NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal team are inviting families to attend a Family Afternoon with Jesus on Saturday 17 September from 3.30pm to 7.30pm at the Servants of Jesus Community Centre, 15 Park Rd, Seven Hills. There will be a session for adults and children, followed by Mass and Adoration and dinner. For more information, contact email@ccrnsw.org.au

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September. The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ or call 0476 873 519.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 28 – 30 October

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting an in-person Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 28 to 30 October at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Saints of the week:

12th Sept – Most Holy Name of Mary

13th Sept – St John Chryostom, Bishop and Doctor.

14th Sept – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows

16th Sept- St Cornelius, Pope

17th Sept – St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor

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