

# 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, 18th Sept 2022** Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

## **Entrance Antiphon.**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## **First Reading**

**Am 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** **1Tm 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

[2 Cor 8:9](#)

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

#### **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** [Lk 16:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”

Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply.

The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

### **Communion Antiphon** [Ps 118:4-5](#)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Queen Elizabeth II and for the anniversaries of Pat Magee, Wal Payne and Steven Patterson. May their families find comfort in the fact that they are safely in the arms of their loving Lord. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Carmelo Mederos, Stephanie Doochan, 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:

Teresa Armstrong is married to Andrew and they have 6 children. She has been in the parish since 1987. She loves the friendly people of OLOW who she says are “very compassionate and kind towards our son Anthony who has non-verbal autism”. Teresa was a scripture teacher with OLOW for over 5 years. She taught at Emu Plains public school and Emu Heights public school. She loved it. Teresa is a member of the Servants of Jesus community. Her favourite hymns are ‘How great Thou art’ and ‘The Lord is my Shepherd’. She also makes up songs spontaneously and if you are blessed enough to hear one you will be impressed! Her favourite scripture is Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd. She says that “it summarises everything.” Teresa likes Chinese food. Besides her amazing song-writing ability, Teresa also loves spending time appreciating butterflies. She can name quite a few species and “loves all the different colours and types of butterflies”. She says that “they don’t live long but they bring joy to people. They represent new life to me.”



## Parish Notices:

**67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary congratulations** to Stevenie’s parents: Eric and Shirley Harman.

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

**OLOW Playgroup:** Tuesday’s 9.30am-11.00am in the parish hall. For more information, please email ([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) or ph.4735 1041.

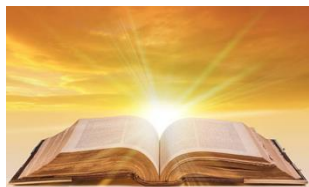
**OLOW Parish Working Bee: Sat Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.** Our parish working bee will be from 9:30am, Sat Sept 24th. Plans are to add more trees and flowers around the church, and also do some cleaning tasks. BYO gardening tools. All welcome. Lunch will be provided. To assist with catering, please advise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

**Safeguarding training:** If you haven’t already done safeguarding training, there is a notice on the foyer noticeboard with information about options for doing this program in person.

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
17/18 September	<i>S. Harman</i> M. Norbury M. Manton JS: A. Tuballa C: L. Goderie R: V. Tuballa	Deacon George <i>M. Topp</i> B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: G. Waters R: K. Walker	<i>J. Cowen</i> C. Reid <b>H. Barlow (Visit)</b> JS: A. Carroll C: M. Castor R: M. Hamilton

<b>Mass</b>	<b>24/25 September</b> 26th Sunday Ord Time
<b>Vigil C:</b>	Phillip Youngman
<b>R:</b>	Bellinda Henderson
<b>8am C:</b>	Gabe Manouk
<b>R:</b>	Brett Wright
<b>9.30am C:</b>	Trish Boyle
<b>R:</b>	Matthew Hamilton



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**Bishop visit:** Bishop Vincent will be visiting us on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. He will be officiating at the 9.30am Mass. This will be followed by morning tea with the parishioners.

**Life Ascending group:** This is a spiritual wellbeing group for people over the age of 55. We offer the opportunity to reflect on and discuss scriptures and faith. Our next gathering is at 10am on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. 197 River Rd, Leonay.



**What’s on at OLOW for the Season of Creation in the coming week:**



**SEASON OF CREATION**

\* Thursday 22/9, 7.30pm- Prayer Vigil for Creation – Zoom: A time of gratitude, prayer, song and reflection; have a gift of creation in front of you and a candle nearby to light at the beginning of the vigil. Join Zoom Meeting for Prayer Vigil:

<https://marists-org-au.zoom.us/j/68921501718?pwd=YTFsUEFaSDZucmhWM0JJdUtmLzZVZz09>

Meeting ID: 689 2150 1718. Passcode: 662863

\* Two one-page personal resources for use during this **Season of Creation** and beyond: Please SMS your email address to Jim (0421 125 722) or Kay (0430 193 000) or telephone the Parish Office (4735 1041) for a copy of these resources (if you did not receive an email from the Parish Office around 31/8). Some handouts will also be available in the church foyer on these personal resources.

## CONFIRMATION THANKS:

A special thanks to the OLOW community for your prayerful support for the children who were confirmed last Sunday. It was a very beautiful Mass and celebration of these young children who, like us, are called to go forward to follow Jesus and become a Saint! I am so grateful for the practical help of so many people who have made this program run smoothly. Thank you to Barbara, Mary, Clare, Kaye, Helen, Matt, Mary, Jess, Michelle, Finn, Connor, Brad and Dallas, Mario, David and Marcia, Jackie, Chris and all the choir, Jacinta, Les, Michele and Jannah. A special thanks to Wolfgang who did the audio every Wednesday and to Sue who works tirelessly in so many ways to support this program.



## 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)

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](mailto: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!

**Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco:** We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

**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](http://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](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

## Saints of the week:

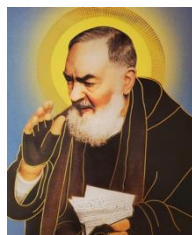
19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Our Lady of La Salette

21<sup>st</sup> Sept – St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Our Lady Queen of Peace

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – St Pio of Pietrelcina

24<sup>th</sup> Sept- Our Lady of Walsingham



## 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