

# 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, 25th Sept 2022** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

**Entrance Antiphon.** Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First Reading**

Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

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2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading**

1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

## **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 16:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

## **Communion Antiphon** [Cf. Ps 118:49-50](#)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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## **Prayer after communion:**

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel And with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee, to fix deep in my heart, lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate with great love and tender pity, Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words that David, Thy prophet, said of Thee , my Jesus, "They have pierced My hands and feet, they have numbered all my bones." Amen.

**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Jenny Hall and for the anniversaries of Lou Deutscher and Keith Goderie. 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 Noela Goodwin, Carmelo Mederos, Stephanie Doohan, 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: Kelly Leehy

Kelly Leehy is married to Luke and they have 3 children who went to OLOW primary school. She generally plays the keyboard and sings at the 9:30am Sunday mass. Kelly has been playing for the parish since 2015. Her favourite hymn is "As the deer longs" and her favourite saint is Mary Magdalene. She also loves to eat haloumi. Her favourite colour is purple.

An interesting fact about Kelly is that she is nearly certified to become a "biofield tuner". She tunes peoples' biofields to help people with trauma by using sound.

Kelly has been a music teacher in high schools for the last 20 years.

Kelly once went canyoning in Austria. She did this to impress her boyfriend back home, who is now her husband. 😊



## Parish Notices:

### Sacramental News - Baptism for primary children:

In term 4 we will be running a baptism program for children in primary school.

If you know any child/ren who would like to be baptised, please contact the parish office.

Blessings, Cate

**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 to 11.00am in the parish hall. For more information, please email ([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) or phone the parish office.

### Readers/ Commentators roster:

Mass	24/25 September 26th Sunday Ord Time	1/2 Oct 27th Sunday Ord Time
<b>Vigil C:</b>	Phillip Youngman	Deborah Gleeson
<b>R:</b>	<a href="#">Bellinda Henderson</a>	Trish Ryan
<b>8am C:</b>	Gabe <a href="#">Manouk</a>	Maria <a href="#">Sirotti</a>
<b>R:</b>	Brett Wright	Sue <a href="#">Mouthaan</a>
<b>9.30am C:</b>	Trish Boyle	Lisa <a href="#">Samojlowicz</a>
<b>R:</b>	Matthew Hamilton	Courtney Hamilton

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**OLOW Parish Working Bee thankyou:** A big thankyou to all those who helped make our parish the beautiful place it is.

**Safeguarding training:** If you haven't done safeguarding training there is a notice on the foyer board with information on how to do this program in person.

**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.

### Bishop Vincent quote:

"Strengthened by His Body and Blood, our Saviour Jesus of Nazareth, constantly sends us out on mission, to live the Gospel afresh." Oct 2021.

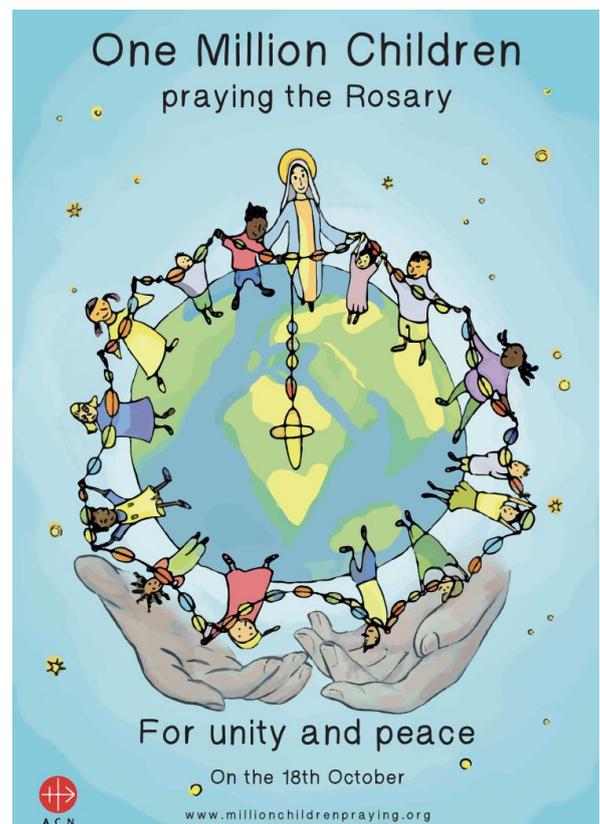
## What's on at OLOW for the Season of Creation in the coming week:



## SEASON OF CREATION

\* Two one-page personal resources for use during this **Season of Creation** and beyond: SMS your email address to Kay (0430 193 000) or telephone the Parish Office (4735 1041) for a copy of these resources. Some handouts will also be available in the church foyer on these two personal resources.

\* **Seasons of Creation: Camping trip** from Friday, September 30 - Sunday, October 2. Where? Amidst the beautiful bush setting at Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat, Oakdale. What? Includes a number of optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator. Cost is \$20 for individual campers, \$40 for camping couples and \$50 for family groups. May be particularly suitable for young people and young couples/families. For more information and to register: <https://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org/season-of-creation-camping-trip.html>



## 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

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:

### **World Day of Migrants and Refugees Event**

Sunday 25 September in Blacktown

2:00pm: Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

3:30pm–5:00pm: Afternoon of fun, food and friendship, All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown

Please register online at [shorturl.at/ahxyZ](http://shorturl.at/ahxyZ)

A new program for refugees: 'Work & Welcome' is a project of the House of Welcome and the PAYCE Foundation. It assists people seeking asylum and refugees to be job ready by providing empowering work experience and employment opportunities in supportive host organisations.

More information can be found

at [www.houseofwelcome.org.au/house-of-welcome/employment/work-and-welcome](http://www.houseofwelcome.org.au/house-of-welcome/employment/work-and-welcome) or by

contacting [s.musavie@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:s.musavie@houseofwelcome.com.au) or (02) 9727

9290.

### **Pray for our HSC Class of 2022:**

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend local HSC Masses being organised by parish teams across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams. Parishes will be blessing students over the weekends of 1-2 and 8-9 October. Check with your local parish for their dedicated HSC Mass times or visit [facebook.com/catholicyouthparra](https://facebook.com/catholicyouthparra) to download the flyer.

*Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

## Saints of the week:

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

27<sup>th</sup> Sept – St Vincent de Paul

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – St Wenceslaus, martyr

29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels

30<sup>th</sup> Sept – St Jerome, doctor

1<sup>st</sup> Oct – St Therese of the Child Jesus, doctor

## 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

**OPEN DAY**  
10:00AM - 11:30AM  
WED 19 OCT 2022  
To register go to:  
[discover.montgrove.nsw.edu.au](http://discover.montgrove.nsw.edu.au)

**Montgrove COLLEGE**  
140 Bringelly Road,  
Orchard Hills 2748

**OPEN DAY**  
11:30AM - 12:45PM  
WED 19 OCT 2022  
To register go to:  
[discover.wollemi.nsw.edu.au](http://discover.wollemi.nsw.edu.au)

**WOLLEMI COLLEGE**  
4 Gipps Street,  
Werrington 2747