

# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2022** Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

## **Entrance Antiphon.** Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## **First Reading**

[Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4](#)

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, ‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

## **Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v.8](#)

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

## **Second Reading**

[2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Pt 1:25

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

### **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

## **Communion Antiphon**

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

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### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit:**

Saint Augustine (354-430) created this prayer to the Holy Spirit:



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.

<https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers/saints-prayers/holy-spirit-prayer-of-saint-augustine/>

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## **THANKYOU:**

**We thank all those who took part in the working bee last Saturday. May you all be blessed for the time you offered.**  
**Grounds Team**



**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Mary Cook and for the anniversary of Paul Joseph Reeves. 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.

## Parishioners of the week: Henderson family

Bellinda and Brad Henderson, and their daughter Josie have been at OLOW for the last three years. Bellinda is a reader at mass and she is also part of the parish council. Bellinda loves the parishioners of OLOW. She says they are “so welcoming, supporting and loving”. Her favourite hymn is “Here I am Lord”, which was her dad’s favourite hymn too. She loves the story of the prodigal son. “That epitomises how we should live”. Bellinda’s favourite food is mudcrab. Josie loves spaghetti and Brad loves “spag bol” too.

Bellinda is originally from Fiji and is the youngest of 9 children. She says that’s why she can project her voice so well; from growing up in a large family. Her favourite saint is St Anthony of Padua.

An interesting fact about Bellinda is that she makes toilet paper for a living.

She met Brad at her work. They were making tomato sauce together. Bellinda was Brad’s boss and he had the courage to ask her out. She said “no, completely unprofessional” and so he left his job. He went and got another job and tried again. And she said “yes”! ☺



## Parish Notices:

**Bishop’s visit:** Bishop Vincent will be visiting us on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. He will be officiating at the 9.30am Mass with morning tea to follow to meet with parishioners. **PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.**

**VINNIES:** The Vinnies poor box is located in the church entrance. Any donations assist Vinnies to aid people in our local community and beyond. They provide emergency assistance with food, clothing and other ways that help people get through difficult times. For help phone 1800 606 724. A member of our local parish Vinnies Conference will visit to provide assistance.

**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 (school term only) in the parish hall. For more information, please phone 4735 1041 or email ([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)).

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
1/2 October	<i>Stevenie Harman</i> N/A <i>Anne Deutscher</i> JS: N/A C: Deborah Gleeson R: Trish Ryan	<i>Deacon George Matthew Topp</i> <i>Pat Edwards</i> JS: J. Topp C: Maria Sirotti R: Sue Mouthaan	Lara Roser Connie Reid <b>Kay Walker (Visit)</b> JS: N/A C Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
8/9 October	<i>Stevenie Harman</i> Beth Nowland Deborah. Gleeson JS: N/A C Christie Wood R: Mary Balam	<i>Mark Norbury</i> Noelene Bangel Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Helen Larsen	<i>Deacon George John Cowen</i> <i>Stevenie Harman</i> <b>Heather Barlow (Visit only)</b> JS: Matthew Hamilton & Alex Tuballa C: Don Robens R: Lara Roser

**Please note that Daylight Savings begins in NSW on Sunday 2 October at 2am. Please move your clocks forward one hour.**

## 2022-23 Social Justice Statement “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse”

The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse” invites us to engage with a complex and challenging social reality: domestic and family violence and abuse. The Australian Bishops call for all people to take part in the individual and social transformation needed so all people can live in safety.

You can download the statement, listen to a podcast version and access many other resources at [bit.ly/SJS22-23](http://bit.ly/SJS22-23)

## **Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training Yet?**

Do you need to catch up on some Modules? Please choose one of the following options and register for your Safeguarding Modules.

- Weekday Training - Bishop Bede Heather Centre – 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. Monday 17th October (All Modules: 9.30am - 2.30pm)
- Weekday Morning Training: St Andrew’s Marayong (Fr Byrne Centre 36-40 Breakfast Road Marayong - Module 1: Monday 24th October (10am-11am) - Module 2: Monday 31st October (10am-11.30am) - Module 3: Monday 7th November (10am-11.30am)

Please register for one of these options by emailing: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) If you would like to complete the training online ‘Sign Up’ by clicking on this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) .



## 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:

### **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://www.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)

### **Diocesan Food and Toiletries Drive for Refugees**

Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. You can organise a food and toiletries drive in your parish, school or workplace, or make a cash donation to support JRS and HoW. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### **Positions Vacant:**

- Personal Assistant – Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Full-time position, based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on 0402 210 055.
- Student Life and Alumni Officer – Champion College Australia. Full-time position, based at Toongabbie. Please contact Nevine Piperides at Reach Human Resources on 0418 698 327.

### **Glenbrook Parish Memorable Melodies Concert: 23 October**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

## Saints of the week:

4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis of Assisi

5<sup>th</sup> October – St Faustina Kowalska

6<sup>th</sup> October – St Bruno

7<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Rosary

8<sup>th</sup> October – St Pelagia the Penitent

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## 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