

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, 4th Sept 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but

something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation [Ps 118:135](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 14:25-33](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish."

Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Communion Antiphon [Cf. Ps 41:2-3](#)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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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."

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1929>

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Malcom Matheson and Audrey Smith, and for Brian Maher, Ron Mulock and John Vanderloo whose anniversary is 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: Irene and Tony Donley

Irene and Tony have been parishioners at Our Lady of the Way for 22 years. They were involved in the R.C.I.A for a number of years and always support parish activities and events. They were married at St John's church in Auburn 65 years ago and have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, with more on the way! They were at OLMC Wentworthville church for 42 years where Tony served as an Acolyte. They also spent a couple of years in Bowral. It was here that Tony met Bishop Bede Heather. He had a good chat with him and only later realised he had been speaking with the Bishop of Parramatta! Irene and Tony are no longer able to attend mass, but they receive communion in their home each Sunday and also during the week. They take an active interest in what is happening in our community and participate in communion in the home liturgy with insightful comment on the reading and a deep sharing of their faith. Our thanks and blessings to you both for your continued participation our parish community.



Parish Notices:

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE 24th September 2022- We are holding a **Working Bee** on **Saturday 24th September 2022** at 9.30am. During this day, we will be planting trees and shrubs around the church as well as doing some in-depth cleaning. If anyone is in a position to financially donate to this, please place donation in a marked envelope in the foyer, or contact the Parish office on 4735 1041. NB- If you would like to assist with catering on the day, please write your name on the form in the foyer.

-If you have rakes and forks at home, please bring these along.

All are welcome, many thanks.

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.

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? Your commitment would be once every 4-5 weeks at the Mass of your choice. Please contact the parish office or Marianne Castor on 0431 966365.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
3 / 4 September	Deacon George <i>S. Harman</i> A. <i>Deutscher</i> JS: A. Tuballa C: D. Gleeson R: M. Balam	<i>N. Adamzewicz</i> P. Edwards B. Ryan JS: E. Milroy C: M. Sirotti R: S. Mouthaan	<i>L. Roser</i> D. Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: M. Hamilton C: L. Samojslowicz R: L. Pascoe
10/11 September	<i>S. Harman</i> D. Gleeson C. Reid JS: N/A C: C. Wood R: A. Ledger	<i>M. Marsh</i> N. Bangel M. Topp JS: J. Topp C: P. Ryan R: H. Larsen	Deacon George <i>H. Dhyon</i> K. Walker (Visit) JS: A. Carroll C: Don Robens R: Denise Robens

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon: Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

What's on at OLOW for the Season of Creation in the coming week: (See Bulletin 27/28 August and Notice Board for all events and details): **Zoom Session Thur 8/9 - 7.30pm** "What is eco-spirituality?". RSVP Jim (SMS your email address to 0421 125 722 by Tuesday 6/9) One-page personal resources for use during the **Season of Creation**: SMS your email address to Jim (0421 125 722) or telephone the Parish Office (4735 1041) for a copy of these resources. Some handouts will be available at Mass.



SEASON OF CREATION

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday's 9.30am to 11.00am email (emuplains@parracatholic.org) or phone 4735 1041. No Fees this term. Mum and their babies and toddlers welcome. If any other women would like to attend to meet our new mothers, please contact Michele Norbury.

REMINDER – All are welcome to join us for a cuppa after the 6pm Mass this Saturday night.

Pope's Quote:

"We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way." Pope Francis

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:

Our Bishop's **Father's Day Appeal** for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September. This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons.

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan. We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Please consider leaving an eternal legacy by remembering *Aid to the Church in Need* in your will. This gift will ensure that the light of faith continues to shine brightly throughout the world and that persecuted, and suffering Christians will be cared for and given a voice. When you leave a gift in your will to ACN you can also rest assured that ACN will arrange Masses for the eternal repose of your soul. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/legacies



Positions Vacant: Business Operations Manager – The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton – Applications close 10pm Monday 19 September.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022 National Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022.

Every Child in Every Community Needs a Fair Go. This week begins Child Protection Week across the country. During this week we are reminded that: - Children benefit when we bring people together to create connected communities. They thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture. They have a right to grow up in environments that support them now and into their future. There are many things we can do to create a supportive Parish environment and show that we do give a fair go for all the children of our faith community! **As volunteers in Parish Ministry, have each of us completed our Mandatory Safeguarding Training?** Please contact your Parish 47351041 or Mary Marsh 0408 212 437 about local Face-to-Face Training opportunities.

Saints of the week:

5th Sept – St Teresa of Calcutta

6th Sept – St Donatian

7th Sept – St Regina

8th Sept – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary. 9th Sept- St Pater Claver



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