

# 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, 23rd Oct 2022** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon.** Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### **First Reading** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 120. R. v.2

#### **(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

#### **(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 18:9-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

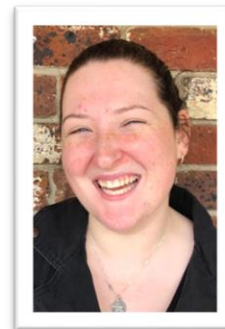
## **Communion Antiphon** [Cf. Ps 19:6](#)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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## **A Parish HSC (and IB) Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our year 12 HSC and IB students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen



<https://parracatholic.org/annual-hsc-masses/>

### **Pope's Quote:**

**"Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms."**

Pope Francis

**Let us pray:** We pray for the recently deceased and for Helen McCarthy whose anniversary is at this time. 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 Dooan, 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.



## RCIA welcome – Rosanett McAuley:

Congratulations to Rosanett McAuley who has completed our RCIA program. Rosanett received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and made her First Communion during the 6:00pm Mass on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Rosanett was supported by her husband, James, her children and many members of their family together with friends, including her sponsor Mary. May God bless you abundantly as you deepen your walk with Him.



## 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

**POSITION VACANT at Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains.** Accounts assistant- 1 day per week. MYOB and BAS knowledge is essential. Duties include general accounting including payment and reconciliation of accounts. Email applications to: [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org) by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

**Wrap with love knitters group:** Thursdays from 9am-12pm in the parish hall. Ph. Judy Prendergast 0407101254, Julia Hayes 0452655844.

**OLOW Playgroup:** Tuesday's 9.30am to 11.00am – school term only. For more information, phone 4735 1041 or email ([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org))

Notice from Leo Bahlmann: "With regret we advise the **passing of John Mullane**, a foundation member of our Parish. John was very involved in the design & construction of our Church, what a legacy. We offer our condolences to Margaret and her family at this sad time."

**Thankyou!** A big thankyou to John Cowen who has led the communion services while Fr Michael has been on retreat. We appreciate all you do.

### Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
22/23 October	Deacon George Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Lynne Castellari R: Victor Tuballa	Mark Norbury Pat Edwards John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kay Walker	John Cowen Connie Reid Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Amelie Carroll C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
29/30 October	John Cowen Michael Manton Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon George Matthew Topp Noelene Bangel JS: Jessica Topp C: Maria Sirotti R: Brett Wright	Lara Raser David Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

**BAPTISMS** - Congratulations to **Jack Riger** and **Vance Nix** who will be Baptised on Sunday - we warmly welcome them into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.

**Caring for our common home:** See last week's Bulletin for full details. **Recycling** at our Parish: A collection box for your **clean, dry & empty** dental hygiene items will be outside the main doors of the church from this weekend, going forward. Jim and Kay.



**Advent Reflection Group** – The Advent season is fast approaching and this year we will be offering you the opportunity to join a reflection group. If you would like to join a group or need more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

**Catholic Mission** – This month is **World Mission Month**. If you would like to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer or, donations can be made online. To find out more, please go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/ethiopia>

**Catholic Outlook** is available in the church foyer or online: <https://catholicoutlook.org/the-impact-of-saying-yes-to-god-through-world-youth-day/>



Diocese of Parramatta pilgrims including Qwayne Cuevara (back far left), Kathleen Hernandez (centre right) and Chantelle Ocean (right) during the 2019 World Youth Day pilgrimage. Image: supplied



## 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: TBA

Parish finance chairperson: TBA

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:

**Positions Vacant:** Project Coordinator (part-time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 7 November. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## **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.parrawy.org](http://www.parrawy.org). Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

## **Advertising opportunities available in December *Catholic Outlook Magazine***

The *Catholic Outlook Magazine* reaches 8,000 families in the Diocese of Parramatta. Advertising starts at only \$240. To place your ad in the December edition, call Christina on 0439 594 726.

## **Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30 October**

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

## **Parramatta Marist Bicentennial Celebrations: 28 October**

Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead, warmly invites all Old Boys and former staff to join them on Friday 28 October at the school from 6.30pm to 11pm to celebrate 200 years of continuous Catholic schooling. Tickets are \$40pp and are available at [www.parramarist.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parramarist.catholic.edu.au)

**MGL Sisters Open Wide – Spirit-Led Discipleship Retreat: 28 – 30 October** Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God's love, receive restoration and be empowered to live life wide open to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and times for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and is a great chance to rest and restore. More info and register: [www.trybooking.com/BWMKC](http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC)

## Saints of the week:

24<sup>th</sup> October – St Anthony Claret, bishop

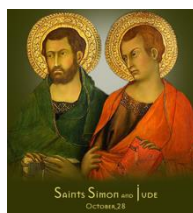
25<sup>th</sup> October – St Tabitha

26<sup>th</sup> October – St Alfred the Great

27<sup>th</sup> October – St Abraham the Poor

28<sup>th</sup> Oct – St Simon and Jude, Apostles

29<sup>th</sup> October – St Gaetano Errico



## 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

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