

# 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, 30th Oct 2022** Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon.**

*Cf. Ps 37:22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **First Reading**

*Wis 11:22 – 12:2*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1*

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** *2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

## **Gospel Acclamation** [Jn 3:16](#)

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much,  
He gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in Him  
might have eternal life.

### **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** [Lk 19:1-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke.

*The Son of Man came to seek and to  
find that which was lost.*



Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay them back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

[Cf. Ps 15:11](#)

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord

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### **Readers/ Commentators roster:**

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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 Roser David Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
5/6 November	Stevenie Harman N/A N/A JS: Alex Tuballa C: Deborah Gleeson R: Trish Ryan	Mary Marsh Barbara Ryan Noelene Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon George John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Lara Roser

## **Thankyou Deacon George**

We are sad that Deacon George and Kaye are leaving our Parish, but they go with our appreciative thanks and best wishes. Deacon George has been a member of Our Lady of the Way for slightly over four years – during that time he has inspired us with his homilies and contributed immensely to both parish and finance committees. Deacon George, we don't have a better way to say thankyou for your love for this community. We wish you and Kaye God's blessing for your future.

### **Pope's Quote**

"It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."

Pope Francis

**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased John Mullane and for Patricia Allen, sister of Mary Laffan. We also pray 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 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: Wrap with Love Knitters Group**

Judy Prendergast, Doris Field, Anna Chmiel, Belinda Tehan, Nago, Jenny Griffiths, Margaret Brown, Lee Rzbpecki, Carol Spurr, Julia Hayes, Cecilia Calder, Christine Gentle, Susan Beck, Maria Kayaronon, Judy Cashell and Sophi Charytanowicz are parishioners who meet each week to knit and crochet blankets for those in need. The group has been going for over 25 years and they make approximately 100 blankets a year which they donate to groups such as Edinglassie, Mama Lana's, Wrap with Love, Holy Family Services and the Cancer Council for those who have a recent diagnosis. Each blanket is different and participants fund their own materials. Members say as well as helping those in need, it is a time for them to share with other parishioners, learn from each other and to share wisdom and skills. Meeting each week gives participants confidence, a feeling of inclusion in parish life, and has enabled meeting others and friendship. The group are happy to contribute to parish life and to our wider community. Our thanks and blessings to each of you.

*(Anyone wishing to join the group or to make a donation please contact Judy 0407101254)*



## **Parish Notices:**

**EXTRA MASSES this week at OLOW:**

**All Saints Day: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.** 9am and 6pm Mass

**All Souls Day: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** 9am and 6pm Mass

*In November, we remember the Faithful Departed – those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*

*And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. (2 Maccabees 12:45-46)*

We will have the **Remembrance Book** at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends into the box provided, who will be remembered at the Masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed.

**November Mass intention envelopes** are available. The priest will say a Mass daily for a specific person which is a stipend Mass (stipend – meaning donation). The amount given as a stipend is up to you, although it has been suggested that \$20.00 would be an appropriate gift.

**All Souls Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November** is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. At the 6pm Mass, there will be an opportunity during the Mass for you to light a candle for a loved one. You are welcome to invite your family and friends to this special Mass.

## **Saints of the week:**

31<sup>st</sup> October – St Quentin

1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day

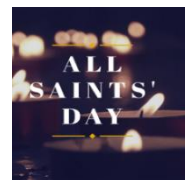
2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Day

3<sup>rd</sup> November – St Martin de Porres

4<sup>th</sup> November – St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

5<sup>th</sup> November – St Sylvia

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## **Sacramental News - Volunteers Needed**

The program for Baptism for Primary children begins this Wednesday 2 Nov and runs through every Wednesday in November. I am looking for 3 helpers each week to assist with rego, greeting and hospitality. As it is a small group, you will only be needed for 15 minutes each week. If you are available to help, even if for just one week, could you fill in the form on the table at the back of the church. Thank you and blessings, Cate

## **POSITION VACANT at OLOW, 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 OLOW: [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org) by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

## **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



### **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.

## **November: Month of remembering our faithful departed.**

In the book of 2 Maccabees chapter 12, Judas Maccabee orders that sacrifices be offered in the Temple in Jerusalem for slain Jewish soldiers who had worn pagan amulets (good-luck charms). "He took up a collection among his soldiers which amounted to two thousand drachmas of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice offered there" (2 Maccabees 12:43). Some people have seen this paragraph as biblical justification for the teaching on purgatory.

That certainly make too much of the author's intention and one wonders, if those Jewish soldiers did something wrong by wearing pagan amulets, why offer sacrifices on their behalf?

There is an element of atonement of the sin through prayer, thus offering November masses for the dead

The New Testament and early Christian writings offer some evidence of the above argument too. In 2 Timothy St. Paul prays for Onesiphorus, who had died, "May the Lord grant that he find mercy from the Lord on that day" (2 Tim 1:18) The earliest mention of prayers for the dead in public Christian worship is by the writer Tertullian in 211 A.D.

The question of purgatory and praying for the dead was a major issue between Catholics and Protestants in the 16th century. The Council of Trent's 1563 decree about purgatory reaffirmed its existence and the usefulness of prayers for the deceased, yet it cautioned against "a certain kind of curiosity or superstition..." about it.

The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints, that is why the feast of all souls follows immediately that of all saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting and other believers here on earth. Prayers for the deceased are not a means of buying their way out of purgatory but praying for them and affirm our connectedness with them.

The Catholic Church's teaching about purgatory (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1030-32) says that all sin, unfortunately, has a life of its own and may have bad effects even after the sinner repents. Sincere repentance includes a desire to repair the damage done by one's sins. This repair may or may not be complete before the person dies.

When the world ends at the Final Judgment, there will be only two possibilities: heaven and hell. We who celebrate Jesus' Resurrection over sin and death look forward to sharing in that victory, and we pray that our beloved dead may do the same.

This month we remember all the departed souls that they will rest in peace and joy of God for eternity.

*May their souls be granted eternal rest.*