

# 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, 9th Oct 2022** Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon.** *Ps 129:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### **First Reading**

*2 Kgs 5:14-17*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said, ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2*

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading**

*2 Tm 2:8-13*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*1 Thes 5:18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**

**Lk 17:11-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

## **Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 33:11**

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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## **A Parish HSC Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
We bring before You our HSC 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 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.

Diocese of Parramatta/Catholic Youth Parramatta

## **Pope's quotes:**

"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence."



Pope John Paul II

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/6473881.Pope\\_John\\_Paul\\_II](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/6473881.Pope_John_Paul_II)



**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Mary Cook and for those whose anniversaries occur 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.

## Congratulations: Gail Marks

Our congratulations and welcome to Gail Marks who has completed our RCIA course and was welcomed into full communion with our community last week. Gail received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion and was confirmed by Fr Michael in the presence of her family. We welcome her warmly and assure her of our prayers.



## Parish Notices:

**Bishop's visit:** We welcome Bishop Vincent this weekend in our midst, who will celebrate Sunday 9.30am Mass. Thankyou Bishop for visiting us.

**VINNIES:** The Vinnies poor box is located in the church entrance. Any donations go towards the Vinnies work to aid people in our local community or beyond. We 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 Julia Hayes ph.0452655844.

**OLOW Playgroup:** Tuesday's 9.30am to 11.00am – school term only. 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
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</i> John Cowen Stevenie Harman <b>Heather Barlow (Visit only)</b> JS: Matthew Hamilton & Alex Tuballa C: Don Robens R: Lara Roser
15/16 October	<i>Stevenie Harman</i> Anne Deutscher Michael Manton JS: N/A C Louise Goderie R: <b>Marie McLennan</b>	<i>Mary Marsh</i> <b>Noelene Bangel</b> Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Jessica Topp	<i>Hartley Dhyon</i> Kevin Balkin <b>Kay Walker (Visit)</b> JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

## **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 17 th 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) .

**Baptisms:** The Parish joyfully welcomes Aria Arbolino, Theodore Brideson and William Cook into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.

## 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 6pm, 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:

**A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:** ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing aid to over 5000 families in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must also be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan visit [www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan](http://www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan)



*Aid to the Church in Need* also 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. To register and learn more visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

**Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022:** A Multi-Faith service will be held on Thursday 13 October at 9.30am, at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta – 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. All are welcome to attend.

## **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)

## **POSITION VACANT: Accounts assistant- Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains.**

Required 1 day per week.

MYOB and BAS knowledge essential.

Duties include: General accounting duties, including payment and reconciliation of accounts.

Application to be emailed to Our Lady of the Way, email address [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

Application to arrive by or before 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022.

## Saints of the week:

11<sup>th</sup> October – The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12<sup>th</sup> October – Our Lady of the Pillar

13<sup>th</sup> October – St Edward the Confessor

14<sup>th</sup> October – St Callistus I. Pope & Martyr

15<sup>th</sup> October – St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor



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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