

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, 13th Nov 2022 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon.

[Jer 29:11,12,14](#)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

[Mal 3:19-20](#)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9](#)

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Thes 3:7-12](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 21:28](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 21:5-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon [Ps 72:28](#)

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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OLOW All Souls' Day Mass – November 2nd.
Last Wednesday night, those present were able to lay a candle to remember the Holy Souls. Some of our younger parishioners also took part in a candle procession. We would like to thank **Stevenie Harman** for organising this Mass. We are so blessed to have you in our Parish.

Let us pray: We pray for the recently deceased, and for Steve Stindl, Desmond Donoghue, Barry Hilder and Clive McInnes whose anniversaries are 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.



PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK: Mary Marsh

Mary has been at OLOW for three years. She likes the friendly atmosphere and the helpfulness of parishioners. Mary noticed this helpfulness when she was trying to put faces to names when identifying volunteers to give information for “safeguarding” and “working with children” checks. Thanks for your hard work in this area Mary! (If you are a volunteer and haven’t done your safeguarding training, please let Mary know.)

Mary’s favourite saint is St Anthony of Padua. Her confirmation name is Mary. Her favourite hymn is “Angels wings”. Mary’s favourite colour is red and her favourite food is “all food”. She loves gardening, singing and entertaining. An interesting fact about Mary is that as a child she lived on the riverbank in a tent! Now she likes to give to people less fortunate than herself.



Parish Notices:

Advent Reflection Group – The Advent season is fast approaching. If you would like to join a group or need more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Christmas Choir rehearsals - Commencing Tuesday, 29th November at 7.30pm.

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday’s 9.30am to 11.00am – school term only. Phone 4735 1041 or email (emuplains@parracatholic.org)

In November we remember the faithful departed. We have a remembrance book at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends in 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 also available for Masses for specific persons. A stipend of \$20 is suggested for these individual Masses.

Farewell morning tea for Deacon George
We are sad that Deacon George and Kaye are leaving our Parish, but they go with our appreciative thanks and best wishes. There will be morning tea after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 26th November. Please bring a plate to share.

Caring for our common home:
Recycling at our Parish: A collection box for your **clean, dry & empty** dental hygiene items will be outside the main doors of the church. Jim (0421 125 722) and Kay.

BAPTISMS - Congratulations to **Alexander Thompson** and **Nash Adams** who will be baptised on Sunday – we warmly welcome them into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.

World Youth Day 2023 WYD23 is a wonderful opportunity for young people to come closer to Jesus, enrich their prayer life and their relationship with others. If you would like to participate in this noble event, please express your interest. OLOW Parish would like to support those who want to go from our Parish in any way possible. The event is in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21-August 11, 2023. For further information, contact the Parish Office or email James Camden-Mission Enhancement Team james.camden@parracatholic.org . You can also express interest through www.parrawyd.org .

Sacramental news

Please join with me in prayer for the children and their families, in our primary schools who are preparing for baptism. Blessings, Cate



Prayer for the Sacraments
Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.
Amen

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
19/20 November	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa C: Louise Goderie R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury Noelene Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Jessica Topp	Lara Rose Kevin Balkin Kay Walker (Visit) JS: N/A C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
26/27 November Start of Advent NO GLORIA	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Lynne Castellari R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS: Jessica Topp C: Maria Sirotti R: Brett Wright	John Cowen Kevin Balkin David Green Heather Barlow(Visit only) JS: N/A C Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

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) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Women's retreat day: "A fun & spiritual day for young women 20-35 years. At Mt Schoenstatt. \$15 includes materials and Light Lunch. Sunday 27th November, 10.30am - 4.00pm."

PALMS needs volunteers: Communities abroad need qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Charismatic Healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Brian Steele MGL, Sunday 20 November 2022, 2:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

"FirstCPR" Training Expressions of Interest! The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. Sessions will be organised across the Diocese and require a minimum of 10 people per session. For more information, and to express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

Safeguarding Responding to Domestic and Family Violence Training: 22 Nov. You are invited to face-to-face training on the topic "Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence" on Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. To register: Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

Saints of the week:

14th November – St Lawrence O'Toole

15th November – St Albert the Great

16th November – Our Lady of Mercy, St Gertrude the Great, St Margaret, Queen of Scotland.

17th November – St Elizabeth of Hungary

18th November – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts

Peter and Paul, Apostles

19th November – St Crispin

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**

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BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00000289

