



What does the LORD require of you
but to act justly, to love tenderly, and
to walk humbly with your God.
MICAH 6:8



OUR LADY OF WAY PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am
3rd Sunday of the Month
Filipino Mass 11:00 am
Weekday Masses
Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday 8.15am &
Friday 7.15am.
Children's Liturgy
During 9.30 am Mass on the
1st & 3rd Sundays each month

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30 pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment
**First Holy Communion
and / or Confirmation**
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From Fr Paul

Dear friends – Happy first Christmas with you after only being parish priest here for two weeks so far! I look forward to learning much more of the story of OLOW but have already been moved by examples of generosity and sharing of leadership in the community! Thank you for the expressions of support as I look towards managing what's normally two full time roles; my continuing work with the Institute for Mission (IFM) at Blacktown – and now here with OLOW. As I said on my first weekend though, the ordained priest is secondary. Firstly, through Baptism, all of us share in the priestly leadership of Jesus. And his Church is built on relationships and families. As we stand on the shoulders of those who've grown the OLOW story to now – and as we share our various ways of saying 'yes' to being the presence of 'Christ the servant leader' – let's look forward to the ways God might lead us in 2019 to be enriched - and to be enrichment for the world!

What's the blog about?

Due to being at work at Blacktown and around the diocese each day and many evenings and Saturdays, I wanted to be particular about communication, so I've cleared my blogsite to use for the parish. I've started some things there about my family story, my other role and some practical and spiritual messages. You can easily access it from any device by typing in paulfromifm.org.au Someone told me she has internet on her phone but didn't use it until her son showed her how easy it was to get onto that blog. He showed her how to save it as a *favourite* for quick access and she surprised me by telling me something she read about my family! I'm conscious also that some don't use internet so I'll think of how to display some of the messages in print.

Thanks Cards / Bookmarks

Do you agree it's sometimes hard to share faith without feeling a bit awkward? Recognizing 'goodness' – which is 'Godness' – can be a meaningful way to bless people's connection to God.

You'll see a large supply of specially designed OLOW bookmarks to help this. Write someone's name who you appreciate in the space. The message says you're giving thanks for him/her this Christmas and there's a stylized image and a simple faith quote. Enjoy giving some unexpected blessings with three or four of these bookmarks. Go further if you wish and write what you appreciate of the person on the reverse side.

Midweek Mass times

On Boxing Day we'll begin the trial schedule of new midweek Mass times, part of the change required due to my dual role: **Wednesdays 9.15am / Thursdays 8.15am / Fridays 7.15am.** The blog paulfromifm.org.au shares reasons for the choices but briefly, Wednesday can include school classes – Thursday can include some before school - Friday can include some before work.

Welcome to all at Our Lady of the Way

No doubt there are people here for Christmas Masses who are from other areas or other stories and spiritual backgrounds. Thanks for the gift of your presence. Perhaps some people brought someone who's felt disillusioned with the Church or excluded by certain views. Thank you from us all for your actions of welcome. Thank you from us all for being Christmas by your solidarity. At Christmas we celebrate the remarkable solidarity God showed us by being born into vulnerability, as one of us! **May every one of us know that our lives and stories, with all our realities and vulnerabilities, are embraced by the God of tenderness who became one of us!**

Have a great Christmas and enjoy being Christmas for others.

With friendship in God's mission,

Fr Paul

