



# OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH EMU PLAINS

Dear friends,

Hope your week's been a good one and best wishes especially to those returning to school routines over the coming week.

## AUSTRALIA DAY

Happy Australia Day to all and with particular thoughts of gratitude and admiration for many Australians who've been helping others with the bushfire trauma in parts of the country. Facing such challenges certainly has a way of sorting out the things that matter most and the things that matter less. Such challenges also seem to have a way of breaking down barriers of differing backgrounds or status that can otherwise divide. Inspired by the generous community service of many to fellow humans across our Australian diversity - and across the world's diversity - let's pray that our nation - its individuals, couples and families, faiths, businesses, groups and governments - will continue to explore ways to contribute to human wholeness, both within our country and in some ways also as a leader among nations for the world.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY and BEYOND and OURSELVES

As we celebrate the Eucharist this weekend, our diocese's World Youth Day pilgrims will be celebrating the same Eucharist with a huge diversity of others from across the world in Panama, along with Pope Francis. Straight after writing this brief parish message to you, I'm about to write a piece to our pilgrims from my Blacktown workplace, the Institute for Mission (IFM). It's a message that will be used at their retreat in Houston USA in a couple of days time. And it's about a WYD follow-up activity that is planned to help them to lead a simple process of outreach in our diocese of Parramatta. In a nutshell, we're having a huge run of business card sized messages made that they will be able to use as they go around parishes and groups talking of their WYD experience. But the use of these cards is actually intended as something that we as parishioners can be part of too. So once our pilgrim, Isaiah, is back from WYD, we'll get him to launch this simple outreach idea with us. In fact, because it's the IFM organising it, we might jump in ahead and be the first parish in the diocese to do it!

Have a good week ahead and ..

*With friendship in God's mission,*

*fr Paul*

### PARISH TEAM

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**FR. PAUL'S BLOG:**

[paulfromifm.org.au](http://paulfromifm.org.au)

### MASS TIMES

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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

*MICAH 6:8*



## BAPTISM

*Welcome, Congratulations and Blessings on the parents, Kyle & Belinda Harding, and the family of **John Douglas Harding** who is being baptised at Our Lady of the Way during the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.*

## PLENARY 2020 NEWS! SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday 24th February 2019.** On completion of the small group process there will be a special Parish Gathering after the 9.30am Mass to present our Parish Response and to gather any further contributions from Parishioners.

**All welcome!** If you have not been part of a Parish Plenary Group you may submit your thoughts and prayers on the Plenary Website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/> or come along to our gathering, and express what you feel God is saying to the church in Australia.



**CATECHIST MEETING:** Our first Scripture meeting for the year will be on Monday 4th February in the Parish Office at 9.30am. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry and come along to the meeting. Scripture classes recommence on the 12th & 14th February.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING: Sunday 3rd February** after the 9.30am Mass.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK:** Many of our Volunteers need to renew their Children's Check Numbers with the RMS. Once you have applied for and received your new numbers could you please send your paperwork to the Parish Office as the next step is to advise the Diocese for the clearance to be completed. Thank you to all our volunteers for your faithful service to our Parish.

**REST IN PEACE: The funeral of June Thomas was held at Our Lady of the Way last Friday. We offer June's family and friends our condolences, love and prayers at this very sad time. May the Lord bless you with His Peace.**

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 pm-5:30 pm

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**First Holy Communion  
and / or Confirmation**

Please contact Parish Office  
olowpar@pnc.com.au

**R.C.I.A :** The process for  
adults interested in becoming  
Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

*We pray for Recently Deceased June Thomas and Ron Boothby, Lucy Groves & Pat Tsalia*



**Please pray for those who are sick in our community:**

*Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Patty & Bernie Payne, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Melissa Reardon, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia, Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, (baby—Jordan Edwards) Moira Thomas Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page & Frances Payne.*