

Dear friends,

PLENARY GATHERING – PARISH VISION

Thanks to John, Kay and Jim who'll speak briefly at each Mass this weekend with an update of the Church Plenary 2020 process here in the parish. And they'll once again extend a welcome for anyone to attend our next step in the process which is next Sunday straight after the 9.30am Mass. The Plenary 2020 is about a major consultation and reflection process happening across the Church in Australia regarding where God is calling us. BUT the parish committee overseeing our participation in 2020, is wisely using the current discussions in the parish to influence our next priorities as a parish now. As the new priest in the equation here at OLOW I'm so thankful for the timing of this! It gives me a superb opportunity to listen to where the priorities and energies ahead are among parishioners, for how the parish will set its ongoing course and growth for God and the Gospel in this region.

PARISH ENVELOPES

As mentioned last weekend, thanks to God for all who share of their resources to make the parish possible. Just like a family and its home, lots of hidden basics have to be covered before any next steps of life and mission can occur. The parish here, for example, costs \$500 per week in insurance costs, just to exist! Yep, \$25,000 per year insurance .. plus \$30,000 or more in guttering and roofing repairs currently waiting to happen on the church .. plus a church sound system that lots of people have told me since I recently arrived that they're struggling with .. and so on .. all before we take the first step of outreach to make a difference in other people's lives! So again, thanks to God for all who treat the parish as an extension of home as they consider the use and sharing of life's resources.

CHILDREN AND RECONCILIATION

I look forward to sharing with you in coming weeks about ideas to involve the whole parish in the support of children and families shortly to start preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just in a nutshell for now, we're going to look at a very big parish morning tea as part of the process. And rather than have an 'enrolment weekend' we'll have a 'blessing weekend' – where families of kids beginning preparation AND all parishioners, can all share prayer intentions to put on each others' fridges at home. And on that weekend we'll bless all of our vocations, including the precious nurturing of children's faith in the vocation of parenting. My hope is by doing these kinds of things, many of the Reconciliation families will feel a bit more like a normal part of parish life, with what we're all part of doing, rather than being a one-off focus for a Sacraments program.

PARISH TEAM

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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



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

Anyway, more on that as we go – and my humble thanks to a number of parishioners who gave feedback on the big Mass we had on Wednesday of this past week with all the parish school children and a good number of their parents too.

SCRIPTURE NOURISHMENT OPPORTUNITY – 4 sessions

Would anyone like the chance for four evening sessions, in a small group of parishioners, chewing over the Gospel of Luke with a Bible expert/teacher? Dr Gideon Goosen from Glenbrook is offering this great opportunity right here at OLOW, 7.30-9pm on Thursdays March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Please contact Chrissy at the parish office asap if you'd like to indicate your interest - emuplains@parracatholic.org or 47351041. Happy week ahead!

With friendship in God's mission, Fr. Paul.

PLENARY 2020: PARISH GATHERING SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS. A Light lunch will be provided. For catering purposes please sign RSVP sheet in the church foyer or contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041. **RSVP 19th February.**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Parish Finance committee will meet on Wednesday evening at 6.45pm following by the Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: If you would like to donate through our Planned Giving— Envelopes, Direct Deposit or Credit card deposit please contact the Parish Office or fill out the **yellow Gifting Cards** in the church foyer.

PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS: The Parish Library is no longer in operation. There will be a display of books at each of the Masses for the next few weeks. Please browse and purchase a book for a gold coin donation. Thankyou again to Marilyn and all those who served in the Library for many years.

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 or
emuplains@parracatholic.org

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

We pray for Recently Deceased Molly Castle and the Anniversaries of Lucy Rowston & Vicky & Andy Dollin, Nicholas Apap, Beryl, Edmund, Trevor & Derek Spitz, Fitzgerald and Molloy Families.

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, Val Smith, Bernadette Dearie & Barbara Grant.

