

Dear friends,
OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO THE CHILDREN CELEBRATING FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Any parishioners are more than welcome to join us in support for the 7.30pm liturgy if they'd like. As well there'll be a Reconciliation service here, for us and Glenbrook parish, on Monday 15th April, 7.30pm, just before Easter. THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS for the inspiration of your guiding faith. You encourage us all to keep thinking of the ways we can share faith in our awesome God in our own situations.

ISSUES OF THE CHURCH – AND THE 'IFM' LINK WITH OLOW

About 50 people were present on Wednesday night for the facilitated listening process hosted by the parish and the Institute for Mission (IFM) team. This was the first official occasion where my small team from Blacktown linked with the parish as part of the proposal for OLOW to become a periodic host venue for works of the IFM. On this occasion a number of neighbouring parishioners joined us, so it's a first step for such hosting.

When I recently came to OLOW I wrote and spoke about what my continuing full time IFM role involves – and about the diocese asking the parish before I was appointed if there would be a keenness for this idea of linking the parish and IFM here at Emu. Please always feel welcome to ask me if you're not sure – or you can see the article on my blogsite, listed up the top of that site in red, that says '**The IFM role**'. (On any device / websearch just type in paulfromifm.org.au)

Wednesday evening wasn't meant to be a 'silver bullet fix' in any way to the dark stories of historic abuse that have affected people – but quite a few said things like, it provided an opportunity to really be heard and to feel connected in concern and hope.

ELECTION DIFFERENCES IN LIFE AND FAITH!

A favourite moment for me in the recent state election campaign was witnessing a conversation at a local polling booth. Long and short of it, it was two people wearing different coloured T-shirts, representing the competing political parties, but having a heartfelt and warm conversation. The simple sight of these two people from different political parties reminded me of the various sources of wisdom about unity not needing to be always found in uniformity. Of course we are not to simply accept everything as having equal and optional value. That's often referred to as 'relativism'. And yes, in politics, religion and society there are certain views that divide and oppress, views that do not deserve equal defence. But no doubt I/we lose much

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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

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

view' of humanity when we miss the chance to enter each others' stories; to discover that across our differences of culture, belief, identity and lifestyle there is so much common yearning for belonging, goodness and purpose. I wonder who the people of our world might be, who yearn for belonging, goodness and purpose, yet don't experience welcome in the community of faith. What great opportunities we can keep creating to be the heart of Christ.

(see this article slightly longer, with words from Pope Francis and with a photo of the two people mentioned above. Go to my blogsite – simply type in paulfromifm.org.au on any device / websearch)

With friendship in God's mission,
fr Paul

EASTER CHOIR: Choir practice for Easter has commenced. It's not too late to come along!! The rehearsal dates are as follows: Mon. 1st April; Mon. 8th April; & **Mon. 15th April (please note the choir will be singing for the combined 2nd Rite of Reconciliation with St. Finbars on the Monday 15th April.)** at 7.30pm.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Devotions will be held at St. Nicholas of Myra Penrith commencing at 2.30apm on 28th April 2019 and will conclude with Mass at 6pm.

EASTER GIRLS CAMP @ MT SCHOENSTATT: For Girls Aged 10-13 (See Flyer on Noticeboard)
When: Thursday 25 April 2019 7pm—Saturday 27 April 7pm.
Where: "Home of Light 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. **Cost:** \$95.00 **RSVP** Friday 11 April 2019.

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT 28TH APRIL—25TH MAY 2019. The retreat takes the form of small groups facilitated by a Jesuit priest Fr. Meyo Obwanda from Kenya, meeting once a week over four weeks. Brochure and Application available in church foyer. For more details contact Carol & Len Teodori-Blahut 4758 7549. Em: carol.len@me.com

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

Please pray for Recently Deceased Noel Irvin and for the Anniversaries of Gaye & Victor Jordan Tuballa.



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, 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.