

Dear friends,  
Here's to mums as we celebrate Mothers' Day this weekend!



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*Gracious God, we thank and praise for mothers young and old – for mothers who give life, nurture growth and tend to needs, even needs unseen and unthanked. Give them patience and tenderness in their care of others – and also Lord in the care of themselves! Enable them to name their own needs - if they are to keep responding with joy to the needs of others.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways, whether from earth or heaven.*

*We especially pray for mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict. Enable them to feel your loving embrace Lord God as you gently share their tears.*

*Thanks and praise to you great God for women who are not mothers – or not our mothers - but who love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*And thanks and praise to you God as you welcome and hold, in love, mothers, grandmothers, and all our mother figures who have gone onwards from us here to the bigger picture of life; your great gift in which our earthly journeys are enlivened with safety, assurance and joy. Amen*

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I found a beautiful website from Creighton University in the States that's got a collection of really thoughtful Mothers' Prayers according to various themes. Some of them are to pray for mothers – others are for mothers themselves to pray.

It includes a prayer for mothers having difficulty with kids, one for an expectant mother, for a mother with Alzheimer's, for an infertile couple, a prayer for a mother concerned about adult children – and lots more – 19 in all.

You can access all the prayer themes from my blog ([paulfromifm.org.au](http://paulfromifm.org.au)) See the heading: [Mothers' Day - prayer themes - and a motor bike mum!](#) For fun I included a photo of my mother on a motor bike!

OR you can access the prayer themes on the Creighton University site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Mothers/>

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

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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



**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**

**REST IN PEACE:** Fr. Paul Slyney presided at the Requiem Mass for our parishioner Sean Burns last Friday 10th May. We offer Sean's wife Geraldine and all their family and friends our love, prayers and sincere condolences at this very sad time. May they be comforted in the loving kindness of the Lord.



**Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2020.**

Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website at <http://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au>. Ensure your child's place at Our Lady of the Way by completing and returning your enrolment forms as soon as possible. Once complete, please submit your application to the School Office.

Enrolment interviews commence Week 1, Term 2 (29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019).

**PALMS INFORMATION SESSION: 26 MAY** Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers for 1 to 2 years to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. If you have teaching, medical, business, administration or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global families. Sunday May 26 at Aquinas Academy 141 Harrington Street, The Rocks or [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) for more information. See notice board.

**EXPLORING LAUDATO SI: 24 MAY** CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend a presentation by Sr Valda Dickenson RSM that explores aspects of Pope Francis' letter on Our Common Home—*Laudato Si*. To be held on Friday 24 May at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. Please register with Maree on 8838 8486 and BYO Lunch.

**PASTORAL STATEMENT ON THE 2019 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTION:**

Copies of Bishop Vincent's pastoral statement—available in the church foyer.

**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](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

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

**Please pray for Recently Deceased Sean Burns**



**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 & Gregory Clare.*