

Dear friends,

With the Easter season still here, it's a good chance to spend some reflection time with the rich readings of our liturgy over these weeks. This weekend is no exception as the courage of the apostles continues in defiance of the religious leaders, as John has a remarkable vision of God's glory and as we revisit a resurrection appearance and welcoming barbecue at the lake. What might our new or renewed insights and life applications be this Easter season?

### Pastoral Care ministry

Following our parish plenary in February, planning has begun to establish a pastoral care network from the parish in our local region. The first stage of this ministry is looking at our parish response to people in times of loss, our assistance in their preparation of a funeral liturgy and our response in the period following loss. There are already great efforts connected to this especially from our Eucharistic ministers, St Vincent de Paul Conference and general good neighbour outreach! The next efforts aim to work with those existing gifts and complement them. Obviously there are different needs associated, from home visitation and care, to planning of a funeral booklet, to hospitality and accompaniment at the church and various wider and ongoing needs. Anyone who would like to inquire more about some possible involvement is most welcome to contact Chrissy at the office, Kay Walker, Deacon George or fr Paul.

### 'The Jewish Jesus in our Eucharist' Here - this Wednesday 7.15pm

As you know, part of my reason for being at Emu Plains is to link this region to the ministry of the Institute for Mission (IFM). The IFM is the diocese's ministry, based in Blacktown, that offers enrichment in life and faith to people across the diocese and OLOW parish reps expressed keenness to become a special host venue of the IFM in this area. This coming Wednesday night, with 7.15 hospitality and nibbles for a 7.30 start, you are welcome to an enjoyable presentation by IFM team members (myself and the assistant director) entitled *The Jewish Jesus in our Eucharist*. It offers insights into both the background and some of more subtle connections to what we celebrate as our central religious activity of the Eucharist. It is being offered to all the parents of children making Eucharist here at OLOW this year – and as well, any parishioners and other friends of any faith background are most welcome. Grab a flier and sign on in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers – or even just come along and we'll break out some extra chairs, chips and biscuits!

***With Friendship in God's Mission,***

***fr Paul***

#### PARISH TEAM

**Fr. Paul Roberts**  
Parish Priest

**George Bryan**  
Deacon

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**FR. PAUL'S BLOG:**  
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#### 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:** The Funeral Service of Kathryn Davies will be held at Our Lady of the Way on Friday 10th May at 10.30 am.

We offer Kathryn's family and friends our prayers and sincere condolences at this very sad time. May they be comforted by 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).

**FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program will commence with a parent evening next Wednesday 8th May—7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the Parish hall with a presentation by The Institute for Mission on ***The Jewish Jesus in our Eucharist***.

Let us make a commitment to journey with the children and their families to the reception of this wonderful gift of Eucharist through our prayers and welcome.

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

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

**THANK YOU:** For your generous response to the Holy Land Appeal, Project Compassion and your faithful support for our Parish community.

Could the parishioner who is using **Planned Giving Envelope Number 112**—Please contact the Parish office—4735 1041 so that our records can be updated. Thank you.

#### 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 Kathryn Davies and the Anniversaries of Daniel Beck, William & Dorothy Horne, Bernie Sutton the Fitzgerald & 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, 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.*