

**Dear friends,  
Social Justice Sunday**

As many would know, each year the Aussie bishops put together a key, highly prepared document known as the Social Justice Statement. They choose a different theme each time, trying to offer some very thorough reflection that links our faith with life in the world. This year's theme is: 'Making it Real – Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World'. Terry Brady, the bishop who introduces the document, starts with an understanding sentiment saying: "For those of us who are not 'digital natives', finding our way around the wide range of contemporary digital platforms can be challenging." The document then goes on to reflect on the ways the internet has changed the way we communicate, work, learn and do business – and how we can contribute and participate in 'a more just a loving digital world'. It is a very thoughtful and supportive document that includes a call to us as Church along with various other sectors of society too. I purchased 50 copies of the 20 page magazine in which the statement is presented, which people interested in a formative read might like to share back and forth across friends and parishioners.

**Catholic Social Teaching**

As many would also know, our Catholic religious tradition has an enormous resource known as Catholic Social Teaching. The Social Justice statement mentioned above is based on that teaching. If you'd like an excellent and easy to access overview of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, just google [USCCB Seven Themes](#) and you'll see a great resource from the United States Bishops' Conference. If such things are helpful for us in terms of enrichment from our Church teaching, I'd really appreciate your feedback and will look for more opportunities to share relevant resources.

**HSC Mass – please invite Yr 12 students and their families**

See the flyers in the foyer about the HSC Mass. I'm sure lots of people know a young person about to sit exams so please let's enjoy inviting Yr12s and their families to join us for a special focus. As a parish we're aiming to use the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October to include prayer and encouragement for the HSC. This week we had the McCarthy Yr 12 Grad here in the Church and it was a marvellous occasion. It was absolutely beautifully prepared by the school and entered into with such sincerity by the Yr12s. Hopefully we can enjoy expressing welcome and accompanying people at that Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the very week the exams begin. God bless Yr12s.

**With friendship in God's mission.**

**fr Paul**



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**

**"THE SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP** : Annual Dinner is being held on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> at Springwood Golf Club from 7:15pm**. This has traditionally been a well-supported occasion and this year's event will feature quite a few voices from East Timor indicating how the small country has progressed in 20 years since gaining independence. Contact **PAM GORMAN 4754 1160** for bookings as soon as possible. **Cost is \$38 p/head** for delicious meal and terrific company. You could organise a table of ten or book independently."

CELEBRATING **40 Years** of Catholic Education at

**Our Lady of the Way Primary**

**Sunday 20th October 2019.**

Events for the day: 9.15am Mass—here our School and Parish community will come together to give thanks for our school and the past 40 years of education.

Following Mass (Approx. 10.30am—2pm) come and enjoy a BBQ breakfast and a cuppa in our beautiful school grounds + other special events.

Other events throughout the day include:

- Museum—displaying some photos, stores and items from the past 40 years.
- School Band and choir performance
- Fun rides and activities for the children to enjoy
- Open classrooms—take a look around what our learning environments look like in 2019
- And much more..... **We hope you can all join us on this special day.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:** To **Michael Merceica on his 80th birthday** and to **Edna Hunter** who has made a century + 4 (**104**). To both Michael and Edna we congratulate you and pray for continued blessings for the years ahead.

**PARISH TEAM**

**Paul Roberts**  
Parish Priest

**George Bryan**  
Deacon

**Chris Rannaste**  
Parish Secretary

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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 1.00 pm

**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

**SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4.45pm-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 Lou Deutscher and John Michael Melano for the Anniversaries of Lorna "Polly" Melder, Enmanuel Vella and members of the 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, 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), Joyce Dukes, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, William Simmonds, Judy Chesters, Maria Apap, Paul*