

Dear friends

OLOW SCHOOL 40 YEARS!

As you probably know, one of this weekend's Masses (the 9.30am) and afterwards is specially celebrating the 40 years anniversary of the Parish School. Our thanks to the children, families and teachers who are contributing to the Mass and hosting special tours, presentations and bbq brunch for any and all to attend. What a cause for celebration!

MUSEUM – SCHOOL ORIGINS - NOW

A museum focus has been created in the School Library space to show key elements of the journey of the School story from before its beginnings. There are still some parishioners who well remember the early discussions and dreaming about a huge mission of possibility for the Parish to develop its own School. Today of course, our new and growing Catholic Schools receive considerable public funding through government channels. But the main funding source for the establishment of Our Lady of the Way School and the land it's on, was humble parish collections and fundraisers! Parishioners wanted it and got behind it with their wallets, time and sacrifices. In every sense, right from the earliest dream, this truly is the story of a local Parish School. In our more safety conscious time, fences and careful standards of access are in place for ours and every School. But we are all welcome to tread the Parish land inside the fences after 9.30am Mass this weekend and feel in our feet a story of love, hope, and striving; a story that links the origins of the parishioners' dreaming with their pastor, Fr Kevin Hannan - to the story of love, hope and striving that nurtures children's holistic development and supports families in the context of a new era.

HONOUR AND STORY

For the 9.30 Mass homily, we've asked a few of the children with the support of Emma (Assistant Principal) to share just a snippet of the content from the beautiful historical overview many of the children combined to dramatise at the recent Grandparents' day. And Donna (Principal) will share a reflection at thanksgiving time in the Mass. We honour the leadership of Donna and Emma, Carole (REC) and all the teaching staff who are today's active successors, (many who are also key initiative Parish people here or elsewhere) to what is now a growing history of educational / faith leadership commitment for children and families. And with them we honour various special role and ancillary staff who have contributed greatly to the richness of the OLOW School story; in particular, Julie, our long term parishioner and front line of the School Admin who lives a mission of connection between Parish and School.



**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**

THREE CHEERS

Congratulations to Our Lady of the Way Parish School, to its founding parishioners and to the backbone people, parishioners and families of its vibrant story today – Many blessings for our next steps ahead.

With friendship in God's mission, fr Paul

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: DO NOT FEAR for I Am with you! In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability or who mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be "spirit children" and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. This ministry in Chana is the focus of this year's appeal which will be held on the weekend of the **26/27 October**.

PLENARY 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT: The next stage of Plenary 2020 is about Communal Discernment rather than individual discernment and as such we are called together as a group to discuss our future. An introductory flyer from our parish Plenary team was in the bulletin last weekend: Copies of this flyer are still available at the front of the church or on the noticeboard. Commencing next weekend 26/27 October members of our team will give an explanation of the first theme.

CHURCH WARDENS: Wardens are required for the 8.00am Mass. For information on the role of the warden or if you are available to assist with this ministry please contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

NEW LOOK PARISH BULLETIN: We are in the process of formatting our new A3 sized Bulletin and are looking for **expressions of interest** from businesses which would like to advertise with us. If you are interested in advertising we are interested in hearing from you. Please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

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

Please pray for Recently Deceased Tom Grieve the Anniversary of Reg Levinge
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 Cudmore, Angela Lonergan, Ken Skillicorn, Frank Cummins, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Denis Woodward & Chris Thompson.

