

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



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Sunday, 20th Nov 2022 **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of all – Year C**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. [Rv 5:12; 1:6](#)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading [2 Sm 5:1-3](#)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.”’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

3. For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading [Col 1:12-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation [Mk 11:9-10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!



Gospel [Lk 23:35-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross, watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached, to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case, we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon

[Ps 28:10-11](#)

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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Epiphany Pilgrimage + Fiesta, Jan 2-8, 2023

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with this wonderful event. It will commence at OLOW on the 2nd January with a Commissioning Mass and morning tea, and conclude on the 8th January at the Sacred Heart, Blackheath with Mass and the Feast of the Epiphany Dinner. For more information and to register please visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. You are also invited to write a **prayer intention** that will be carried throughout the pilgrimage and prayed each evening before the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer Intention cards will be available in the Church foyer and can be placed in the box provided.

Columban Art Calendars are available in the church foyer at a cost of \$10 each. Please place your money in the envelopes labelled 'Columban Calendar', and drop them to the Sacristy.

Blessing of the children to receive the sacraments at 9:30am Sunday Mass. We pray that they may feel God's joy, wisdom, peace and love throughout their journey.



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Stephanie Doohan and Mary Robb, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time. May their families find comfort in the fact that they are safely in the arms of their loving Lord. We also pray for all our brothers and sisters in our community who are unwell, especially Noela Goodwin, Carmelo Mederos, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, Andrew Keenan, Alex Haddad and Catherine Allabyrne. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list.

PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK: Jessica Topp

Jessica has been at Our Lady of the Way for 6 months. She loves the community here. She is 17 years old and has just finished her HSC exams and studies music. (She missed out on the blessing of HSC students at mass a few weeks ago because she was preparing the hall for morning tea afterwards.) Jessica goes to 8am mass each Sunday with her grandmother (Mary Marsh). Her favourite colour is blue and she enjoys eating “anything Italian”. Jessica’s favourite hymn is “Christ be our light”. Her confirmation saint is St Catherine of Sienna. She has lived by the quote from Mary McKillop since year 6: “Never see a need without doing something about it”. She will be going to university to study contemporary music and performance. Jessica is a singer and songwriter. She would love to go to Italy and France to “experience the culture and the food”. Jessica also has a heart for women who have been through abuse and violence. She would love to support a women’s shelter one day. What a bright future you have ahead of you Jessica! We pray for God’s love, protection and guidance in your future plans.



Parish Notices:

Christmas Choir rehearsals: If you would like to be a part of the choir for the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass, please join us for rehearsals commencing Tuesday, 29th November at 7.30 pm.

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday’s 9.30am to 11.00am – school term only. Phone 4735 1041 or email (emuplains@parracatholic.org)

In November we remember the Faithful departed. We have a remembrance book at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends in the box provided, who will be remembered at the masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed. **November mass intention envelopes** are also available for masses for specific persons. A stipend of \$20 is suggested for these individual masses.

Farewell morning tea for Deacon George
You are all invited for morning tea after the 9.30 Mass on **27th November** in the church hall. This is to farewell Deacon George and his beloved wife Kaye as they leave for the South Coast. *Please bring a plate to share.*
Deacon George and Kaye, you will be dearly missed by the OLOW community.

Recycling at our Parish: A collection box for your **clean dry & empty** dental hygiene items will be outside the main doors of the church. Jim (0421 125 722) and Kay.

Church cleaning: We are currently in need of someone to assist with church cleaning **every second Friday, after the 9.30am Mass.** If you have a little bit of time to spare, please contact the Parish Office.

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Contributions:

Each year Vinnies distributes hampers to local families in need. These consist of a large food package and gift cards. These gift cards are donated by children and staff at Penola , OLOW and Cath West. If Parishioners would like to donate, please purchase Woolworths Essentials Gift Cards in lots of \$20 and place them in an envelope on the Parish Collection Plates or the Poor Box in the church foyer. Many thanks for the donation.

Vinnies Christmas Cards are available in the church foyer. They are \$10 for a pack of 10. Please place the money for these cards in the container labelled ‘Christmas Card Money’ (not in the Poor Box please).

Sacramental news: Please join with me in prayer for the children and their families, in our primary schools who are preparing for baptism. Blessings, Cate



Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
19/20 November	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa C Louise Goderie R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury Noelene Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Jessica Topp	Lara Rosec Kevin Balkin Kay Walker (Visit) JS: N/A C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
26/27 November Start of Advent NO GLORIA	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Lynne Castellari R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS: Jessica Topp C: Maria Sicotti R: Brett Wright	John Cowen Kevin Balkin David Green Heather Barlow(Visit only) JS: N/A C Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am to 3pm. (ph: 4735 1041)

Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku
Deacon: George Bryan
Parish Office Administrator: Michele Norbury
Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey
Baptism Coordinator: Jo Hamilton

Our Lady of the Way principal:
Donna McFadzean (ph: 4777 7200)
Penola Catholic college principal:
Jim Fanning (ph: 4728 8100)
St Vincent de Paul Contact Centre:
For assistance call 1800 606 724.

Weekend mass times:

Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am

Weekday masses:

Tuesday 6pm;
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament till 10am
Thursday after mass.
First Fridays of the month – healing mass.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm.

Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Mass for Deceased Clergy: Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese at **St Bernadette's Church**, 367 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill on **Friday 25 November** at 10.30am, which will be followed by prayers at the priests' section of Castle Hill Cemetery, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill. You are warmly invited to attend these celebrations.

Women's retreat day: "A fun & spiritual day for young women 20-35 years. At Mt Schoenstatt. \$15 includes materials and Light Lunch. Sunday 27th November, 10.30am - 4.00pm."

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you.

"FirstCPR" Training Expressions of Interest! The Diocese of Parramatta is participating in a program called FirstCPR that involves education and training in responding to cardiac arrest in the community. The program will provide you with CPR accredited training to parish staff and volunteers and is free of charge. To express your interest, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/cpr-training-eoi/>

Safeguarding Responding to Domestic and Family Violence Training: 22 Nov. You are invited to face-to-face training on the topic "Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence" on Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. To register: Email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org -Contact James Camden james.camden@parracatholic.org

Advent Retreat at St Finbars, Glenbrook: "Jesus the Greatest Gift from God". 9am-3pm 10th December 22. Presenter – Bishop David Walker, Broken Bay Diocese. RSVP: secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Saints of the week:

21st November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22nd November – St Cecilia, Martyr
23rd November – St Columban, St Clement I, Pope & martyr.
24th November – St Andrew Dung Lac & companions
25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria
26th November – St John Berchmans

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**
Name: Emu Plains Catholic church
BSB: 067 950
Account Number: 00000289