

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, 6th Nov 2022 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon. Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading [2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14](#)

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying

on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v.15](#)

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians. *May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful,

and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation [Rv 1:5.6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 20:27-38](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he
gives me repose, near restful waters he leads
me.

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Pope’s quote:

“For centuries, Jews have been unjustly treated and despised. It is time they were treated with justice and humanity. God wills it and the Church wills it. St. Paul tells us that the Jews are our brothers. They should also be welcomed as friends.”

Pope Pius XII

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased John Mullane and Patricia Allen, and for Steve Stindl, Desmond Donoghue, Barry Hilder and Clive McInnes 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, Stephanie Doohan, 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: Alex Victor Tuballa

Alex generously volunteered himself to be parishioner of the week. He wanted to “give his mum a surprise.” Bless him. His parents are Sarah and Victor Tuballa. Alex has three sisters and no brothers. He has been an altar server of OLOW since July this year and has been in our parish since 2012. Alex normally attends Saturday 6pm mass with his family.

His favourite colour is lime green and favourite food is pizza.

He plays footy and Oz tag. Alex used to “do cricket”.

Alex’s favourite hymn is “Our Lady of the Way”.

His favourite bible story is the book of Job. He likes it because Job is tested. “He is really close to God and all bad stuff happens.”

Then it is good in the end.

He is not confirmed yet but has a favourite saint – St Patrick. He likes his stories.

His favourite NRL team is Panthers. This is because he was “born in the heart of Panthers”.

An interesting fact about Alex is that he has played in a grand-final in footy.



Parish Notices:

Advent Reflection Group – The Advent season is fast approaching and this year we will be offering you the opportunity to join a reflection group. If you would like to join a group or need more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

OLOW Playgroup: Tuesday’s 9.30am to 11.00am – school term only. For more information, please 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.

Thankyou Deacon George

We are sad that Deacon George and Kaye are leaving our Parish, but they go with our appreciative thanks and best wishes. Deacon George has been a member of Our Lady of the Way for slightly over four years – during that time he has inspired us with his homilies and contributed immensely to both parish and finance committees. Deacon George, we don’t have a better way to say thank-you for your love for this community. We wish you and Kaye God’s blessing for your future.

World Youth Day 2023 WYD23 is a wonderful opportunity for young people to come closer to Jesus, enrich their prayer life and their relationship with others. If you would like to participate in this noble event, please express your interest. OLOW Parish would like to support those who want to go from our Parish in any way possible. The event (WYD23) is in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21-August 11, 2023. For further information, contact the Parish Office or email [James Camden-Mission Engagement james.camden-mission@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden-mission@parracatholic.org) .You can also express interest through www.parrawyd.org .

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
5/6 November	Stevie Harman N/A N/A JS: Alex Tuballa C: Deborah Gleeson R: Trish Ryan	Mary Marsh Barbara Ryan Noelene Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon George John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Lara Roser
12/13 November	John Cowen Deborah Gleeson Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Christie Wood R: Mary Balam	Matthew Topp Kay Walker Barbara Ryan JS: Jessica Topp C: Geraldine Waters R: Helen Larsen	Deacon George Lara Roser Kevin Balkin Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Amelie Carroll C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

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:

Positions Vacant:

- Project Coordinator (part-time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 7 November.**
- Diocesan Centre Receptionist – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 7 November.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Advertising opportunities available in December *Catholic Outlook Magazine*

The *Catholic Outlook Magazine* reaches 8,000 families in the Diocese of Parramatta. Advertising starts at only \$240. To place your ad in the December edition, call Christina on 0439 594 726.

MET Worship Formation for Ministers at the Altar: 12 November

The Worship – Mission Enhancement Team are organising an Ongoing Formation Day for Ministers at the Altar, Adult servers and Acolytes on Saturday 12 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Food and Toiletries Drive for Refugees Each week, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and the House of Welcome (HoW) provide much needed food and toiletry items to hundreds of Refugees from across the Diocese of Parramatta. These services depend on donations. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is seeking new singers If you are a good singer and you sing alto/countertenor or bass, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is offering paid scholarships, remunerating at \$100 per Mass/service sung (\$5700 per annum approximately). Hear more of the Cathedral choir at [facebook.com/choirSPC](https://www.facebook.com/choirSPC). Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>. The Choir will consider any application to any voice part, but at this time, are only offering paid positions to successful Alto/Countertenor and Bass applicants. They can only offer volunteer positions for the other voice parts at this stage.

Patrician Brothers' Blacktown 70 Years Celebrations: 11 November Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday 11 November from 4pm to 8pm. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs> or contact the school on (02) 8811 0300.

Saints of the week:

7th November – St Ernest

8th November – St Elizabeth of the Trinity

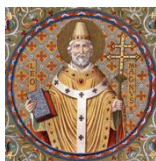
9th November – The dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

10th November – St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor

11th November – St Martin of Tours, Bishop

12th November – St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr



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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