

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, 15th January 2023 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified’; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communion Antiphon.

Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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RIP Cardinal George Pell.

Cardinal George Pell, who served as prefect emeritus of the Vatican Secretariat for the Economy, **died on Tuesday at the age of 81.** Here are some quotes from the Australian cardinal about the meaning of life and death.

"While all Catholics are not called to be priests or religious, all are called to follow Christ in a serious way, to imitate Christ's wholeness of life in what we traditionally call holiness." - **Commencement Address to the Class of 2008,** Thomas Aquinas College.

"The afterlife is a mystery, but Christ's bodily departure reminds us that we believe in the resurrection of the body as well as the final judgment on the last day. We are not only members of the People of God but in some mystical way we belong to the Body of Christ. Despite all our sins and weaknesses we are divinized, made a bit like God's only Son, especially in the next life." - **2013 homily**

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253315/7-quotes-from-cardinal-george-pell-on-life-and-death>



Prayer after Communion:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds conceal me.
Do not permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil foe protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to you,
to praise you with all your saints
for ever and ever.
Amen.



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Jim Daly, Victor Ryan, Connie Incorvaja and Josephine Fava, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Joan Dent, Carol Swane and Mrs H Lydamore. We pray that 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, Henry O'Malley, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, Andrew Keenan, 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: Clare Grus

Clare has been going to OLOW (mostly weekday mass) for the past 9 years. She loves going to weekday mass to be “fed by Jesus. That gives me my spiritual food for the day. Without it, I miss it.”. Clare says that “lockdown taught me how essential it is. It is so important...I think if we want to feed our children faith we have to be receiving ourselves and that way we can give to our children.” Her favourite hymn is, at the moment, the Christmas song: “Mary did you know”. As far as a favourite saint goes, she loves the simplicity of St Terese of Lisieux. Her favourite colour is blue and loves to eat salmon. She has been married to Lubos for 9 years and has 4 children. Clare enjoys bushwalking, travel, nature and music. She would love to go to the Holy Land, Rome and Nepal one day.



Parish Notices:

Care for Our Common

Home: A BUSHCARE

GROUP is going to start up soon in Hollier Reserve (A Council Reserve at the Motorway end of Troy St). If you are interested in this way of caring for the local environment in your area by volunteering for this group (meets monthly, for 3 hours, led by a Bushcare Program Officer from Council) contact Jim 0421 125 722 for more information.



Hospitality notice: In 2023, we would like to resume our hospitality after weekend Mass. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.


Sacramental news: Reconciliation 2023

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in term 1 this year, for children who will be in year 4 and above in 2023. If you would like your child to make this sacrament, please contact me on 47351041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org

Blessings, Cate

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
14/15 January	John Cowen Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Hartley Dhyon David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Mathew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
21/22 January	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Deborah Gleeson R: Mary Balam	Mark Norbury Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	John Cowen David Green Denise Robens Heather Barlow Visit only JS: N/A C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton



EILEEN ROSALINE O'CONNOR
SERVANT OF GOD

COME!
ON SUNDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2023
FROM 2.30PM TO 4.30PM


You are invited to hear of the Life of Eileen Rosaline O'Connor

by Dr Jocelyn Hedley, the President of the Historical Commission for the Cause of Canonisation of Eileen Rosaline O'Connor, Servant of God.

Dr Hedley will open our eyes to the life and reasons Eileen O'Connor has already been proclaimed Servant of God.

Let us get behind the cause to make Eileen Rosaline O'Connor Australia's Second Saint.

Don't forget – Sunday, 15 January 2023
at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
26 Swanston St., St Marys from **2.30pm to 4.30pm**



Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

R.C.I.A. is the process by which the Catholic Church welcomes people into the faith. Our parish R.C.I.A team would like to hear from your family members or friends who might be interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Please ask them to contact the Parish Office (4735 1041) or emuplains@parracatholic.org and a member of the team will contact them.

Parish Information

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

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

Our Lady of the Way principal:
Phillip Kapitanow (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:

Sr Nathalie Becquart Sydney Public Forum and Lecture: 3 February Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, the Vatican's most influential female, is coming to Australia for a whirlwind tour in February 2023. Sr Nathalie will be in Sydney on Friday 3 February, presenting at a public forum at 4pm and a public lecture at 7pm, both held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Places are limited, so please register via <https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie/>.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023 A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2022 to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE – Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita: 19 February You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Sunday 19 February at 2pm at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage Registrations Open!

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawydy.org

Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is advertising for a Sacramental/SRE Coordinator. The successful applicant will be in charge of the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education (SRE) Program and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish Secretary by 1 February 2023 to secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

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Saints of the week:

17th Jan – St Anthony, abbot
20th January – St Fabian, Pope and martyr.
St Sebastian, martyr
21st January – St Agnes, Virgin and martyr

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
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