

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, 2nd April 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have
come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have
come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will
not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's
tongue. So that I may know how to reply
to the wearied he provides me with
speech. Each morning he wakes me to
hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my
part, I made no resistance, neither did I
turn away. I offered my back to those
who struck me, my cheeks to those who
tore at my beard; I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle. The Lord
comes to my help, so that I am
untouched by the insults. So, too, I set
my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed.

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading *Phil 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did
not cling to his equality with God but
emptied himself to assume the condition of
a slave, and became as men are, and
being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross. But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all
other names so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel Acclamation

[Phil 2:8-9](#)

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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king of endless glory!**

Gospel

[Mt 26:14 – 27:66](#)

The Passion and death of Jesus.



See PowerPoint in the church.

**“Eli, Eli, Lama
Sabachthani?”**



Masses and Reconciliation this week at OLOW:

Tuesday 4th April: 5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Evening Mass

Wednesday 5th April: 9:30 am Reconciliation
9 am Morning Mass

Thursday 6th April: 9 am Reconciliation
7:30 pm The Lord's Supper

Good Friday 7th April: 10 am Stations of the Cross
3 pm Passion of Our Lord

Saturday 8th April: 7pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9th April: 8 am Mass
9:30 am Mass

Communion Antiphon. [Mt 26:42](#)

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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Prayer after Communion: ANIMA CHRISTI

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 Thy wounds hide me; Permit me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy defend me; In the hour of my death call me, And bid me come to Thee, That, with Thy saints, I may praise Thee. For ever and ever.
Amen.



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Juliane Dowling, and for Frank Watkins whose death anniversary is at this time. 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, Helen O'Connor, Mato Stipic, Marta Mederos, Bernadette Hoolahan, Margaret Houlahan, Henry O'Malley, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, and Andrew Keenan. If you know someone who needs prayers, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 and we will add them to our prayer list.

Parish Notices:

Volunteers Needed: **GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**. We are requesting people to volunteer to lead on Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Any age or capability is welcome. The Stations of the Cross will be performed in tableau form. Good Friday is on 7th April 2023 and the Stations of the Cross will be at 10am. For more information, please contact Debra on 0418 259 757

Choir Rehearsals for Easter. If you would like to be part of the choir for the Easter Vigil, please join us for rehearsals on Tuesday evening in the church at 7:30pm.

Please donate to **Project Compassion 2023** by placing a donation in the boxes/envelopes at the back of the church, by visiting the website: caritas.org.au/projectcompassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. Together we can help vulnerable communities face challenges and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 7 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

Divine Mercy Sunday: Come and celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith on **Sunday 16 April at 2.30pm**. The afternoon will include: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily and Benediction, Reconciliation (until 5pm), Afternoon Tea (4.14pm-5.15pm) and Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm. All are welcome.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
1 /2 April	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa C: Louise Goderie R: Marie McLennan	Deacon <u>Batsirai Mark Norbury</u> JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica <u>Topp</u>	John Cowen David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

EASTER ROSTER

LITURGY	HOLY THURSDAY 7.30PM	GOOD FRIDAY 3.00PM	SERVICE OF LIGHT 7.00PM	EASTER SUNDAY 8.00AM	EASTER SUNDAY 9.30AM
	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury Denise Robens Stevenie Harman Thurifer JS: Matthew Hamilton JS: Alex Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Kay Walker JS: Stevenie Harman JS: Matthew Hamilton	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Stevenie Harman Thurifer JS: Alex Tuballa	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy	Lara Roser David Green Denise Robens

Holy Week Reflection

As we prepare to enter Holy week let us reflect on the meaning of the **Easter Triduum** – one celebration -which is the high point of the entire liturgical year. On Maundy Thursday we begin the sacred Easter Triduum, the journey through Christ's last hours, his humble witness to service, to his death and to his victory over death. As we take this journey together, we pray that our faith is renewed with a sense of purpose.

One of Christ's last actions on earth was to celebrate a meal with his disciples. At the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, we reverently remember those origins of the Eucharistic meal that we have been given to share. In the days of our Easter Triduum, we will celebrate how Christ's willingness to remain faithful, even in the face of violence broke through the barriers of death. In this breaking through – we have been offered an eternal life.

It is this purposeful and significant eternal life – to which the Eucharist on earth joins us. On **Good Friday** we will share with Christ in his suffering on the Cross. On Saturday night, we will start our **Easter Vigil** with our church in darkness and in silence, as if in a tomb. Then our priest will lead us into the light, in the name of the risen Lord. How wonderfully appropriate this is. All over the world on Easter night, others will be doing the same thing and the most beautiful thing is this – He will be risen in every time zone and the tomb will be forever empty as we celebrate together. A Happy and Blessed Easter to all.

Washing of the Feet - Holy Thursday

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to participate in the Feet Washing ceremony at the Mass of the Last Supper. These people are a representative sample of the groups who work together to make our parish a viable Christ centred community.

Group One: Kristina Pincevic, Vaiata Tupou, Antony Pincevic

Group Two: Les Chimel, Josie Henderson, Tomasi Tupou

Group Three: Tom Cook, Anna Chimel, Patrick Gleeson

Group Four: Felicity Tuballa, Victor Tuballa, Stella

There will be reserved seats in the front pews of the church for you to take your place for the ceremony.

Please be there no later than 7.15pm so that you know where you will be sitting as you come forward after the homily.

Parish Information

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

Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku
Deacon: Batsirai Maringehosi
Parish Office Administrator: Michele Norbury
Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey
Parish Administration Assistant: Joanne 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 at 8.30am
Thursday before mass. Benediction last
Thursday of the month.
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: Policy Coordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is recruiting for a part-time Policy Coordinator to work within the Chancery. If you have experience in policy writing and tertiary qualifications in Law, HR or compliance, we encourage you to apply. For a confidential chat call Marie lemma on 0499 874 420 or email your CV and cover letter to parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Music Workshop: 4 May Musicians, Clergy & Liturgy Planners are invited to attend a Music Workshop Presented by Eric Grella on Singing the Psalms & Chant on Thursday 4 May from 7pm - 8:30pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP by 1 May to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Glenbrook Parish Good Friday Music and Meditation: 7 April St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a performance of the music of J.S. Bach and special meditations and reflections on Good Friday, 7 April, from 7.30pm in the parish church. Offering choral and organ music of J.S. Bach together with special readings and meditations, this annual service will feature several of the wonderful chorale settings from the Passions according to St John and St Matthew. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for adults, \$10 for concessions. Any enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.

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Saints of the week:

3rd April – Monday of Holy Week (Jesus cleanses the temple.) 4th April – Tuesday of Holy Week (Jesus explains the destruction of Jerusalem.)
5th April – Wednesday of Holy Week (Jesus speaks to chief priests.). 6th April – Holy Thursday
7th April – Good Friday
8th April – Holy Saturday (Jesus descends into Hell)

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