

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, 14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm. *Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. see v.1*

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Pt 4:13-16*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 14:15-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another
Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give
you another Advocate to be with you
for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the
world can never receive since it neither
sees nor knows him;

but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I
am in my Father and you in me
and I in you.

Anybody who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be
loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself
to him.'

Communion Antiphon.

[Jn 14:15-16](#)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete, to abide with you
for ever, alleluia.

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Let us pray: We pray for the recently deceased, and for those
whose anniversary of death 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, Lucy Mikosic, Robert Hatch, Tammy
Horan, Maria Mercieca, 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:

Baptisms: The Parish joyfully welcomes Olivia Hartley into our Faith Community. May God bless Olivia and her family.

Cuppa and a Chat:

All welcome to come across to the hall for a cuppa and a chat:
 2nd Sunday of the month, after 9.30am Mass
 3rd Sunday of the month, after 8am Mass
 4th Sunday of the month, after 9.30am Mass



Church Warden Volunteers needed – We are in need of a few people to take on this role at the 9:30am mass. It includes unlocking/locking the church, welcoming, among other duties. Please see Bill and Sue Beck (current church wardens) or contact the Parish Office if you can assist with this role.

Wrap with love knitters group meets on Thursdays from 9am -12pm in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Judy Prendergast (0407101254) or Julia Hayes (0452655844).

Caring for our Common Home:

Bushcare, Hollier Reserve (end of Troy St)
 Tuesday 16 May, 9-12. Inquiries 0421 125 722.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
13/14 May	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp JS: Jessica Topp C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Lara Roser David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
20/21 May	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Louise Goderie R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS: N/A C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	Hartley Dhyon School will provide Eucharistic ministers. Denise Robens (Visit only) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: OLOW School R: OLOW School

Annual Schoenstatt Marian Pilgrimage:

The Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre's Annual Marian Pilgrimage will be held again on Sunday **21 May**. Reconciliation will be available from 9.30am before Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv celebrates Mass and recommissions pilgrim mother coordinators. Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine. Please bring your own chairs. Hot food, tea and coffee available for sale or BYO. Call (02) 4773 8338 or email info@schoenstatt.org.au.



Prayer for the Sacraments

Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.

Amen

Be part of our DIOCESAN SYNOD!

You are invited to join our Parramatta Diocesan Bishop Vincent, and other Parishioners from Emu Plains to Blackheath, at this Deanery Listening Consultation



Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Venue:

"Presentation Space"

St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood

(Once you have turned off Hawkesbury Rd drive for 1km & follow the signs at the end)

You are invited to come earlier (from 6.30pm) to chat and share a snack and a cuppa (both provided).

Registrations essential. Inquires Kay (0430 193 000) or Jim (0421 125 722), Parish Reps for Deanery.

Safe Parishes Week 2023 – Safeguarding Renewal

Mandatory Training Opportunities! Did you complete your 6 points of mandatory training in 2021? Are you due for renewal training? Would you like to complete the renewal training Face to Face? Our Renewal Training Package (Cycle 2 – 4 points) consists of: **Module 4:** Understanding Safeguarding, the Child Safe Standards & Working with Adults at Risk **Module 5:** Legal Compliance: Risk Of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct These Renewal Mandatory Modules will be offered face to face at Bishop Bede Heather Centre on: Tuesday 6th June at 10am - 1.30pm, OR Wednesday 7th June at 10am – 1.30pm Please register for the renewal modules at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au

These renewal mandatory modules will also be available online by August 2023. All enquiries: email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

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)

CathWest Innovation College principal:

Paul Stenning (ph: 02 8886 9500)

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:

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS - Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW & Parramatta in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, and Prayer Ministry. Date Saturday 27th May 23, venue Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills. Time 2pm-5.30pm. Enquiries 9810 2499.

Springwood East Timor Support Group Trivia Night: 20 May: Join us for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance to aid the Timorese people with Medical and Education initiatives. On Saturday 20 May 7pm for a 7:30 start at St Thomas Aquinas School Hall – 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood. BYO nibbles & drinks – Tables of 8 to 10. Minimal Prizes this year – Donation box available, Tickets are \$20 each. Payment at the door – credit card accepted. Please call Dennis on 0425209840 for any queries.

Mary Help of Christians Procession: 20 May Join The Servants of Mary Help of Christians for their annual procession ahead of the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia on Saturday 20 May. Mass will commence at 10am at St Peter's Surry Hills, followed by a street procession through to St Mary's Cathedral and Mass at 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

'Anointed' MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive Retreat: 24-28 May Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship, generously sharing the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info & register: www.trybooking.com/CFBRF

The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

Saints of the week:

May 15th – St. Dymphna

May 16th – St. Simon Stock

May 17th – St. Giulia Salzano

May 18th – St. John I, Pope and Martyr

May 19th – St. Celestine

May 20th – St Bernadine of Siena

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