

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, 11th June 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors
did not know.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

Responsorial Psalm. Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we
share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Communion Antiphon. Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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The Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen

“If you want peace, work for justice.

If you want justice, defend life.

If you want life, embrace truth.”

John Paul II.



Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased, Geraldine Burns, Brian Spencer, Peter Kennedy, Mark Furness, Robert Ash, and Norman Vecchio; and for Jean McInnes, Jesse Borg and Roger Borg whose death anniversaries are 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, June Sultana, Mary Rose, Robert Hatch, Tammy Horan, Maria Mercieca, Marta Mederos, Lucy Mikosic, 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:

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



Liturgical Ministry: Are you interested in joining one of our **ministries** - a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, or Minister at the Altar? The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again, starting on 4th of September, in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office.

A friendly reminder that next weekend, 17th/18th June, is the **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated. Buckets, envelopes and eftpos facilities (Tap & Go) will be available.

Caritas: Caritas receipts for the 2023 Project Compassion Appeal are now available for collection in the church foyer.

Baptisms: The Parish joyfully welcomes Willow Martinez and Luke Anderson into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.



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

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
10/11 June	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa C: Deborah Gleeson R: Victor Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp JS: N/A C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker Connie Reid Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
17/18 June	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Alex Tuballa C: Louise Goderie R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy Gabe Manouk Helen Larsen	Jessica Topp Kevin Balkin Kay Walker (Visit) JS: N/A C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton



Life Ascending Group: Life

Ascending is a Spiritual Wellbeing group for people over the age of 55. The group offers you the opportunity to reflect and discuss the scriptures and our faith. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st June**, commencing 10am, at Kay Walker's home- 197 River Rd Leonay. You are all welcome.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal Thank-you:

Fr Fernando Montano Rodriguez, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and Catholic Care, thanks you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our First Nations brothers and sisters in need. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including Aboriginal Catholic Care.

Diocesan Synod: Bishop Vincent is looking to make changes to suit the needs of our Catholic Communities in these modern times. All parishioners are invited to our parish response at the organised *Listening Session* in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 24th June, 4pm to 5.30pm**. We will listen to scripture and respond to a Synod question related to **how we are being called to be a more synodal church in the diocese of Parramatta**. If needed, a further date is also proposed - **Sunday 9th July, 11am - 12.30pm**. **The outcome from the session(s) will be forwarded to the Synod to be held in October.**

Contact Kay (0430 193 000) or Jim (0421 125 722) if you would like information on how to go about having a small informal family or friends gathering. RSVP to Jim or Kay for the Parish Hall event - please send an SMS text with your name and email address.

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united. Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility. May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us

<p><u>Parish Information</u></p> <p>Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am 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.</p>	<p>Weekend mass times: Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am</p> <p>Weekday masses: Tuesday 6pm; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am.</p> <p>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am Thursday before mass. Benediction last Thursday of the month. First Fridays of the month – healing mass.</p> <p>Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm.</p> <p>Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.</p>
<p><u>Diocese of Parramatta Notices:</u></p> <p>Diocesan Synod 2023 – Join Bishop Vincent at a listening event! Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese, listening directly to people's stories and suggestions about our Church. Join him at one of three locations to have your say. Events start at 6.30pm with light refreshments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday ,17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong. • Sat 24 June at Holy Spirit Primary School, St Clair. <p>To register visit parracatholic.org/synod2023</p> <p>Save Calvary Hospital: There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au</p> <p>The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org</p> <p>Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023 Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called <i>SmartLoving</i> can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.</p> <p>St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au</p>	
<p><u>Saints of the week:</u></p> <p>June 12th – St. Christian June 13th –St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor June 14th – St Anastasius XVII June 14th – St. Germaine Cousin June 16th – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS June 17th – The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>	<p><u>Parish bank details:</u></p> <p>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</p>