

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, 4th June 2023 The Most Holy Trinity, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm.

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel [n 3:16-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world

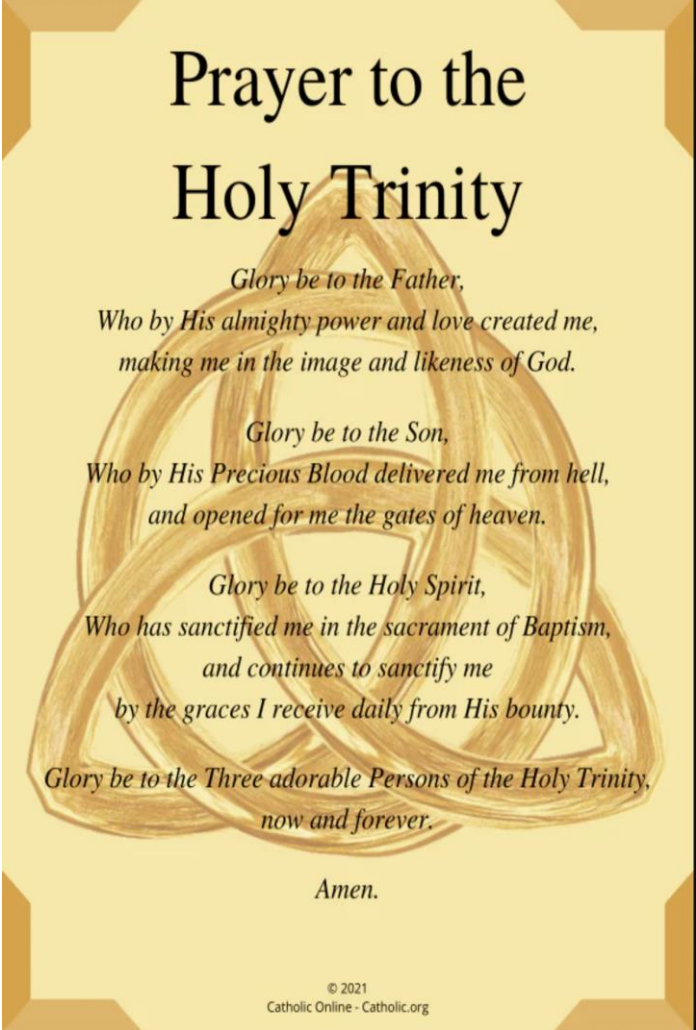
not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon. [Gal 4:6](#)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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A graphic titled "Prayer to the Holy Trinity" on a yellow background with a gold border. The text is centered and reads: "Prayer to the Holy Trinity", "Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.", "Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.", "Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.", "Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.", "Amen." At the bottom, it says "© 2021 Catholic Online - Catholic.org".

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

*Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
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and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.*

*Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.*

Amen.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased, John Parer, Peter Kennedy, Norman Vecchio, Mark Furness and Robert Ash; and for Grazia Gauci and Marie Kershaw whose death anniversaries are at this time. We pray, too, for deceased members of the Mederos and Nyavor families, and for Matilda Tsekumah. 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, 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 Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9am 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.

Parish Notices:

Church Warden needed – We are in urgent need of someone to take on this role at the 9:30am Mass. Please see Bill and Sue Beck (current church wardens) or contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

Sacramental Program – Urgent Tech support Needed

We are in URGENT need for someone to help support Wolfgang in the set up of the computer and audio system for the sacramental program on a Wednesday night. If you can assist, can you please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Listening and Sharing - that is what the Parish Listening Session will be about on **24 June, 4pm to 5.30pm** in the Parish Hall. To listen is to offer that gift to the one we are listening to. But who will listen to those who come to share their experiences? All done in small groups of 5 people only. Feedback from each group goes to the Diocese at the end. If needed, a further date is also proposed - **Sunday 9 July, 11am-12.15pm.**

RSVP: SMS Kay (0430 193 000) or Jim (0421 125 722) with your name and email address. Synod 2023.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
3 / 4 June	<u>Deacon Batsirai</u> <u>John Cowen</u> JS: Alex Tuballa C: Trish Ryan R: Marie McLennan	<u>Mark Norbury</u> <u>Barbara Ryan</u> JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	<u>Hartley Dhyon</u> David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
10/11 June	<u>Stevenie Harman</u> <u>Beth Nowland</u> JS: Alex Tuballa C: Deborah Gleeson R: Victor Tuballa	<u>Deacon Batsirai</u> <u>Matthew Topp</u> JS: N/A C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	<u>Hartley Dhyon</u> Kay Walker Connie Reid Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright

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@parracatholic.org

Saints of the week:

June 5th – St. Nomiface of Mainz, Bishop and martyr

June 6th – St. Marcellin Champagnat

June 7th – St. Anthony Mary Gianelli

June 8th – St. Edgar

June 9th – St. Ephrem, Doctor

June 10th – St Timothy, Bishop 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

Account Number: 00000289

Letter from Fr Michael:

Dear Parishioners,

Since my appointment to be the Parish Priest in this lovely Parish on 1st September 2021, I am thankful to all the support I have received from all of you. I can state that I have been enriched by your contributions to my life both materially and spiritually. When I took over the role of the Parish Priest in this Parish it was my intention to re-constitute the Pastoral and Financial committees. The process has been a little slow because of the effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic, as you know, my appointment was in the middle of Covid.

By God's grace, last year we were able to have these two bodies in place. The following are members of the said committees. Parish council members:

Fr Michael, Deacon Batsirai, Chris Welch, James McAuley, Kay Walker, Marianne Castor, Jim Potts, Mark Norbury, Bellinda Henderson, Carol Burke, Stevenie Harman and Michael Manton. Other members are the Principal of Penola college Jim Fanning, Principal of Our Lady Of The Way (OLOW) Phil Kapitanow and Principal of CathWest Innovation College (McCarthy campus) Paul Stenning.

Members of the Parish Finance committee are: Fr Michael, Deacon Batsirai, John Cowen, Leo Bahlmann, Denice Robens, Victor Tuballa and Krystyna Stead.

Very soon we will be giving you more details about the members so you can get to know them a little more. Meanwhile, if you have a concern or a suggestion you can contact them.

As we continue to resume a more normal Parish life, we are invited together with the above members to reflect on ways in which we can make our Parish community better. We appreciate the past with gratitude for all that we have achieved so far as a community, engage the present with enthusiasm and plan our future with optimism. We are invited to seriously reflect on our expectations and the parish expectations and come up with modality on how we can fulfill them and make our Parish better.

In February this year, the members of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Committee (PFC) had a reflection day which was facilitated by Sr Jan Barnett and we discussed matters relating to Parish enhancement. Members came up with very valuable suggestions and ideas. The outcome of that day's reflection and the findings of the 2020 Parish Gathering, during Fr Paul Robert's time as Parish Priest, were synthesized by Chris Welch. Chris Welch's synthesis led to three broad areas which needed further exploration, namely: The Mission, Christ life and Community.

In our recent Parish Council meeting held on May 17, 2023, the members prioritised 3 areas which we aim to look at and explore. These are not the only areas that need attention, if you have further suggestions, you are most welcome to share. The areas the members of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) prioritized were the Outreach, engaging in Liturgy, and Youth/Children. As I have stated above this is not conclusive, you are most welcome to suggest other areas you deem important or bring suggestions on the said areas. I invite you to be engaged and be part of the running process of our Parish, let your voice be heard. This is in line with the ongoing Diocesan Synod.

As some of you are aware, next year we are turning 50 as a Parish. Therefore, we will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our Parish. In Lieu of this a small sub-committee has been put in place in preparation for this significant occasion for our Parish. If you are interested in being part of this committee or have suggestions for the committee, please reach the Parish office on 4735 1041. The committee is inviting suggestions on how this can be done in the best way possible. We will keep updating you on this matter with time.

Once again, I invite you all to take up the challenge and embark on being what we were prior to Covid, a welcoming community, a community that is engaging and enthusiastic. Thank you once again for your strong support for our Parish! We are blessed to be part of a vibrant faith-filled welcoming community and it is my prayer that our lives will be enriched by coming together as a community to celebrate mass and the sacraments. I call you to explore more ways of outreach, not just to our regular Parishioners, but also to the visitors and potential parishioners who would like to be part of us.

God Bless.

Fr Michael G Gathuku PP