

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, 22nd October 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading [Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations
before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right
hand to subdue nations before him and
strip the loins of kings, to force gateways
before him that their gates be closed no
more: It is for the sake of my
servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know
me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no
other God besides me. Though you do
not know me, I am you that men may
know from the rising to the setting of the
sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7](#)

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how
you have shown your faith in action,
worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen, because
when we brought the Good News to you,
it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

Gospel Acclamation [Philippians 2:15. 16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!



Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar
and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon.

[Cf Psalm 32:18-19](#)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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Prayer to St Jude:

Oh glorious apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered thy beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused thee to be forgotten by many, but the Church honours and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases--of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded thee of bringing visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succour of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (mention your request), and that I may bless God with thee and all the elect throughout eternity. I promise thee, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, and I will never cease to honour thee as my special and powerful patron, and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to thee. Amen

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayer-to-st-jude.html>

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Geoffrey Gathuku (Fr Michael's father), Kaye Simpson and Michael O'Sullivan; and for Thelma Clements and Emanuel Dimech, 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, Deacon George Bryan, Irene Donley, Brian O'Hara, Desley Mulock, June Wilson, Kristina Majstorovic, Leo Bahlmann, Trish McGettigan, Pauline Balkin, Mary Goyed, Valerie Plummer, Shirley Harman, Dot Gray, June Sultana, Stuart Cameron, Frank Sirotti, Mary Rose, Maria Mercieca, Marta Mederos, Lucy Mikosic, 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:

Fr Michael's father, Geoffrey Gathuku, passed away suddenly on the 12th October 2023. Father is currently in Kenya and due to return on the 8th November. We ask you to keep Fr Michael and his family in your prayers.

We warmly welcome Fr Porathur Joy MS from the Penrith Parish who will be celebrating the 6:00pm Mass with us. We also welcome Fr Jacek Buda OP from the Kingswood Parish who will be celebrating the 8:00am and 9:30am Mass.

Changes to reconciliation and weekday Mass times this week:

Reconciliation – There will be no reconciliation at 5pm this Saturday (21st October 2023). Reconciliation will be available at 5pm on the 28th October.

Weekday Mass –

Tuesday 24/10 6pm: No Mass or Communion Service

Wednesday 25/10 9am: Mass

Thursday 26/10 9am: Communion Service

Friday 27/10 9am: Communion Service

Hospitality: We have had one of our Parishioners volunteer to assist with hospitality on the 4th Sunday of the month (after the 9:30am Mass). If you are also able to help out, please call the Parish Office on 4735 1041. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, there will be no morning tea after the 9:30am Mass this weekend.

Playgroup: Meets every second Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 10am. Our next playgroup will be 24th October. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

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 (0452 665 844).

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
21/22 Oct	<u>Stevenie Harman</u> <u>Debra Gleeson</u> JS: Alex <u>Tuballa</u> & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Marie McLennan	<u>Deacon Batsiraj</u> <u>Matthew Topp</u> JS: Soraya <u>Laurendet</u> C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica <u>Topp</u>	<u>Lara Roser</u> David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Kate Fenning C: Marianne Castor R: Denise <u>Robens</u>
28/29 Oct	<u>John Cowen</u> <u>Michael Manton</u> JS: Alex <u>Tuballa</u> & Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Victor <u>Tuballa</u>	<u>Mark Norbury</u> <u>Pat Edwards</u> JS: Soraya <u>Laurendet</u> C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue <u>Mouthaan</u>	<u>Deacon Batsiraj</u> <u>Hartley Dhyon</u> Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Don <u>Robens</u> R: Brett Wright

Sacramental news: Please join me in praying for the children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. Thanks and blessings, Cate.



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

Infant Baptisms: The Parish joyfully welcomes Jack Cunneen, Nevaeh Daenell and Carter Vella into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive.

21st/22nd Oct This weekend we will be collecting grocery items for those in need. Please consider popping an extra pantry item or two (eg Cereal, tinned fish,) in your weekly shopping basket to help those in need, then place it at the rear of the church. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. **Thank you**

In November, we remember the Faithful Departed – those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. (2 Maccabees 12:45-46)

We will have the **Remembrance Book** at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends into the box provided, who will be remembered at the Masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed.

November Mass intention envelopes are available. The priest will say a Mass daily for a specific person which is a stipend Mass (stipend – meaning donation). The amount given as a stipend is up to you, although it has been suggested that \$20.00 would be an appropriate gift.

All Souls Day: 2nd November is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. We shall have 6:00pm Mass, and there will be an opportunity during the Mass for you to light a candle for a loved one. You are welcome to invite your family and friends to this special Mass. Refreshments will be served in the hall following Mass.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. (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:
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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
Filipino Mass, 3rd Sunday of the month: 1pm

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:

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal Following a series of surprise attacks against Israel by Hamas in early October, Caritas Australia is supporting partner agencies on the ground to provide emergency cash, shelter, and psychosocial support to those affected by the violence. The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the 1 million people displaced. To support this appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

 CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE	<p>Catholic Theological College Online Information Session for 2024 Monday 30 October at 7.30pm (AEDT) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/</p>
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Parramatta Street Feast: 11 November You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

Bishop Vincent presents Christopher White: 9 November. Vatican correspondent and Pope Francis expert Christopher White is coming to the Diocese of Parramatta as part of the Diocese of Parramatta's 'Bishop Vincent Presents' series. His public lecture "Will our faith have children? Reflections on the health and dynamism of global Catholicism after the October 2023 Synod on Synodality" will be held in Parramatta on Thursday 9 November at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta from 6pm. Places are strictly limited, so register today at <https://parracatholic.org/christopherwhite/>

Saints of the week:

Oct 23rd – St. John of Capistrano
Oct 24th – St. Anthony Claret, Bishop
Oct 25th – St. Tabitha
Oct 26th – St. Alfred the Great
Oct 27th – St. Abraham the Poor
Oct 28th – Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Parish bank details:

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