

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, 29th October 2023. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my
anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await
his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you,

how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

[Matthew 22:34-40](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.

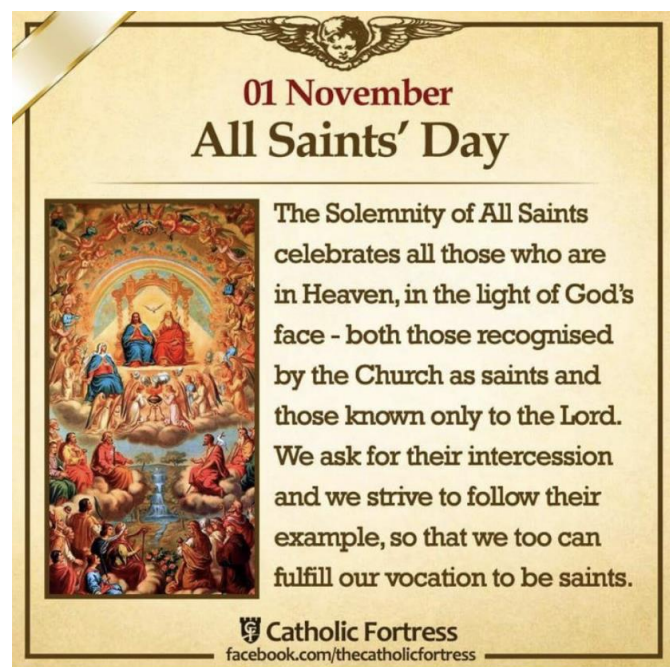
The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon.

[Cf Psalm 19:6](#)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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01 November
All Saints' Day

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Brian O'Hara (funeral 30/10/23 at 10.30am), Geoffrey Gathuku and Kaye Simpson; and for Frank Lindsay 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, Desley Mulock, June Wilson, Kristina Majstorovic, Leo Bahlmann, Trish McGettigan, Pauline Balkin, Mary Goyed, Valerie Plummer, Shirley Harman, Dot Gray, June Sultana, Stuart Cameron, 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:

We continue to keep Fr Michael in our prayers. The funeral for his father was held on Wednesday 25th October in Kenya. The link to 'Celebrating the life of Mr Geoffrey Gathuku' is available on our Facebook page and Parish website.

We warmly welcome Fr Pawel Barszczewski OP and Fr Piotr Kruk OP from the Kingswood Parish who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

Changes to reconciliation and weekday Mass times this week:

Reconciliation –Reconciliation will be available at 5pm this Saturday. No reconciliation next week (4/11).

Weekday Mass –

Tuesday 31/10: No Mass or Communion Service

Wednesday 01/11 All Saints Day: 9am Mass

Thursday 02/11 All Souls' Day: 9am Mass and 6pm Mass (6pm Mass followed by light refreshments)

Friday 03/11: 9am Communion Service

Next Sunday, 5th Nov, at the 9.30am Mass, a Choir of the 3rd Order of St Francis of Assisi will be leading the music at Our Lady of the Way. The Choir sings at various churches in the course of the year, and you are very welcome to hear them at 9.30am if that coincides with your Sunday planning.

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.

Playgroup: Playgroup runs fortnightly in the Parish Hall. No fees are payable. All are 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
28/29 Oct	John Cowen Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Victor Tuballa	Mark Norbury Pat Edwards JS: Soraya Laurendet C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyan Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
4/5 November	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Bellinda Henderson	Jessica Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

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

Caring for our common home: Recycling at our Parish: A collection box for your **clean dry & empty** dental hygiene items will be outside the main doors of the church at all Masses NEXT weekend 4-5 November then every FIRST weekend of each month going forward. **NEW** - You can also deposit your **used blister packs** in the same box (script and non-script finished packages can both be deposited). Dental is taken to Bupa in the Plaza, Used blister packs to Blooms in High St. Jim (0421 125 722).

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 at the rear of the church. 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 these special Mass. Light 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:

Phillip Kapitanow (ph: 4777 7200)

Penola Catholic college principal:

Peta Sparkes (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

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/

NIGHT OF LIGHT: A Brighter Side of Halloween Tuesday 31st October from 4.30pm. 5:45pm sausage sizzle. The church will be open for prayer. Mums, Dads, Preschool and Primary kids are all welcome. Kids can dress up as their Favourite Saint or Bible Hero. Registrations essential. \$5 per child, \$15 per family. See Flyer on the noticeboard at the back of the Church for more information.



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.

Friends of the Suffering Souls (FoSS) is a Catholic association which facilitates Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. FoSS began in Australia in the early 1980s and has spread around the world, currently having 11,000 Members who collectively arrange more than 45,000 Masses each year for the Holy Souls and is now administered by Aid to the Church in Need. FoSS welcomes new enrolments to this important apostolate. To learn more and to enrol yourself and/or your loved ones visit www.fossnovena.org.

Saints of the week:

Oct 30th – St. Dorothy of Montau

Oct 31st – St. Quentin

Nov 1st – ALL SAINTS

Nov 2nd – ALL SOULS

Nov 3rd – St. Martin de Porres

Nov 4th – St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

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