

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, 18th February 2024. First Sunday in Lent Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading [Genesis 9:8-15](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10](#)

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has

made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Charismatic Healing Mass. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR. Sunday 18 February 2024, 2:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

Communion Antiphon. Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Sat 18th May 2024
CCC 50th Anniversary Celebration Day

Sat 19th October 2024
CCC 50th Anniversary Cocktail Evening

Celebrating our past, empowering our future

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Fr Kevin Bates and Annette Hogan; and for Frank Attard, Coral Ryan, Catherine Allabyrne and Rodney Wilson 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, Bernadette Hoolahan, Greg Pigott, Deacon George Bryan, Kaye Bryan, Laurie Doohan, Desley Mulock, June Wilson, Kristina Majstorovic, Leo Bahlmann, Trish McGettigan, Pauline Balkin, Mary Goyed, Shirley Harman, Dot Gray, June Sultana, Stuart Cameron, Mary Rose, Maria Mercieca, Marta Mederos, Lucy Mikosic,, Margaret Houlihan, 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:

Thank you, Fr Robert Anderson, for celebrating Mass with us over the past 5 weeks. We are extremely grateful and have enjoyed having you at OLOW.

Youth Mass: Thank you to our youth for their participation at the 9:30 Mass. After Mass, there will be morning tea in the hall. **ALL WELCOME!** For information on future youth initiatives, contact Bellinda Henderson on 0481 454 191.

Choir Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil Mass commences Tuesday 5th March at 7:30pm in the church. All welcome!

OLOW Jubilee: Payment for the **commemorative polo shirt** is due **Sunday 18th Feb**. Payment can be made by bank transfer (details on back of bulletin) or see Sarah, Mary or Joanne for the Tap & Go eftpos facility in the church foyer. Contact Sarah Tuballa for more information on 0439 467797.

A **Garage Sale** will be held on **Saturday 16th March**. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the weekend Masses. *Please note that we are unable to accept furniture or electrical items.* We also need volunteers to bake for the Bake Sale, and also to assist with the BBQ on the day. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer if you are able to assist. For more information, please contact Debra Gleeson (0418 259757) or Sarah Tuballa (0439 467797).

Cuppa: Come for a cuppa after the 8:00am Mass.

Playgroup: Join us fortnightly, 10am Tuesday's, in the Parish Hall. All welcome! Next playgroup is on 20th February. Contact the Parish Office for more information 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
17/18 February	Deacon Batsirai Stevie Harman JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Hartley Dhyon Denise Robens Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
24/25 February	John Cowen Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Belinda Henderson	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Kay Walker Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Lenten Reflection Program: In preparation for Holy Week, Deacon Batsirai will be running a Lenten Reflection Program on Friday's during Lent **commencing at 5:30pm**. Please meet in the church foyer. **Theme for 23rd Feb: It is wonderful to be in the presence of Christ.** For more information, contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

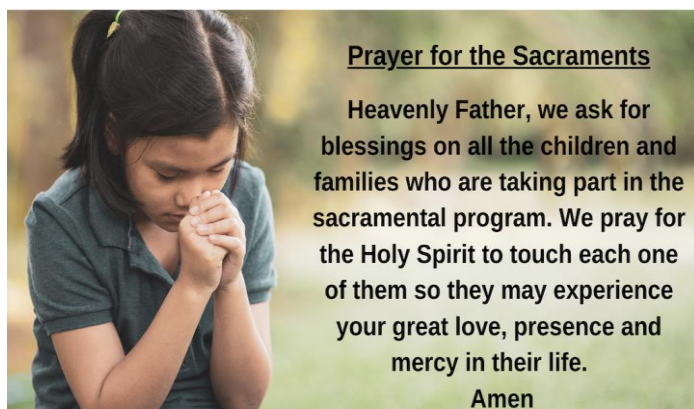
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent, **commencing at 6:30pm** (following the Lenten Reflection Program). Please take home a **Project Compassion box** or donation envelope to support Caritas Australia.

Vinnies: OLOW Vinnies Conference are in need of volunteers to assist with work in the community. This includes home visitations and supporting families. If you would like to be involved, or for more information, please contact Mel Topp on 0425 301 525.

Planned Giving Envelopes: The 2024/2025 envelopes are now available for you to collect. If you would like to contribute using this method, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Safeguarding: All volunteers in our parish need to complete the Mandatory Safeguarding Training Modules 1, 2 and 3. It can be completed online or at face-to-face meetings. **For those who need to renew** (that is, if you completed Modules 1-3 in 2021-2022), Modules 4 and 5 will be offered at St Nicholas of Myra Parish on 22nd and 29th Feb from 7:00pm-8:30pm. A day session will be held at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair on 2nd March from 10:00am-1:30pm. To register for the **Face-to-Face Training Sessions**, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training> and click on a cycle that is convenient for you. Alternatively, you can email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org.au.

Online training for all the Modules can be completed at any time by going to <https://learning.safeguarding.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

Parish Information

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:

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:

Glenbrook Parish Aspects of the Eucharist Talks: 21 and 28 February. St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21 and 28 February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2024 LIFTED Launch: 29 February LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7pm to 9:30pm. Register www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch

Mount Schoenstatt Young Women's Lenten Reflection Day: 25 February

The Mount Schoenstatt Girls and Young Women ministry invite young women to a Lenten Reflection Day on Sunday 25 February from 10.30am to 8.30pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Cost is \$25 including afternoon tea and dinner. BYO lunch. Register before Thursday 15 February to Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 25 February Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.org.au

Saints of the week:

Feb 19th – St Belina

Feb 20th – St. Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Feb 21st – St. Peter Damian, bishop and doctor

Feb 22nd – The Chair of St. Peter Apostle

Feb 23rd – St. Polycarp of Smyrna, bishop and martyr

Feb 24th – St. Montanus

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