

# 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, 24th March 2024. Palm Sunday Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
11:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> and said to them, ‘Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” say, “The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately”’. <sup>4</sup> And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.
- <sup>5</sup> And those who stood there said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’
- <sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.
- <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.
- <sup>8</sup> And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.
- <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed cried out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!’

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### **First Reading** [Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm.** [Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2](#)

### **(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.’ (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
‘You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.’ (R.)

**Second Reading** [Philippians 2:6-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation** [Philippians 2:8-9](#)

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**Gospel** [Mark 14:1 – 15:47](#)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (See booklets.)

**Communion Antiphon.** [Matthew 26:42](#)

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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**HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION**

**PALM SUNDAY**

*Saturday 23 March*

**6.00pm Mass**

*Sunday 24 March*

**8.00am & 9.30am Mass**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

*Thursday 28 March*

**7.30pm - The Lord's Supper** (No 9am Mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY**

*Friday 29 March*

**10.00am Stations of the Cross**

**3.00pm Passion of Our Lord**

**EASTER VIGIL**

*Saturday 30 March*

**7.00pm Mass**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Sunday 31 March*

**8.00am & 9.30am Mass**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 23 March 5.00-5.45pm**

**Tuesday 26 March 5.00-5.45pm**

**Wednesday: 27 March 9.30-10.15am**

**Thursday: 28 March 9.00-10.00am**

**Let us pray:** We pray for those recently deceased; and for Karen McInnes whose death anniversary occurs 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, Troy Raittila, Bob Scott, Trish Micallef, 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, Sr Patricia Holligan, Lucy Mikosic, Bernadette Hoolahan, 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:

**Safeguarding:** Mandatory Safeguarding training for Modules 4 and 5 will be held at **Our Lady of the Way** on **Saturday 27 April** from 10am-1.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 or email [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org) to register for this event.

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am: Volunteers urgently needed!** Please ring Debra on 0418 259 757.

**Choir Rehearsal** for the Easter Vigil Mass is on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Church. All welcome!

### **Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet Roster:**

**Group One:** Felicity Tuballa, Bellinda Henderson, Josie Henderson

**Group Two:** Kristina Pincevic, Patrick Geeson, Anastazia Pincevic

**Group Three:** Nicholas Hamilton Joanne Hamilton, Noah Pincevic

**Group Four:** Rafael Pincevic, Raphael Nyavor, Carmen Nyavor

### **Readers/ Commentators roster:**

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| Easter Liturgies | <b>7.30 pm Mass of the Last Supper 28/3</b><br>Deacon Batsirai<br>John Cowen<br>Denise Robens<br>Thurifer: Stevenie Harman<br>JS: Matthew Hamilton & Alex Tuballa<br>C: Sue Mouthaan<br>R: Louise Goderie | <b>3.00pm Good Friday 29/3</b><br>Deacon Batsirai<br>John Cowen<br>Stevenie Harman<br>JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton<br>R1: Bellinda Henderson<br>R2: Debra Gleeson<br><b>Narrator: Paul Ryan</b> |
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| Dates:                     | 6.00pm   | 8.00am   | 9.30am  |
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| 23/24 March<br>Palm Sunday | Stevenie Harman<br>Debra Gleeson<br>JS: Josie Henderson<br>C: Bellinda Henderson & part of Other<br>R: Trish Ryan<br><b>Narrator: Phillip Youngman</b>   | Matthew Topp<br>John Lo Cascio<br>JS: Evie Milroy & Soraya Laurendet<br>C: Sue Mouthaan & part of Other<br>R: Paul Ryan<br><b>Narrator: Gabriel Manouk</b> | <b>Deacon Batsirai</b><br>Hartley Dhyon<br>Connie Reid<br><b>Heather Barlow (Visit only)</b><br>JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Kate Fenning<br>C: Trish Boyle & part of Other<br>R: Matthew Hamilton<br><b>Narrator: Marianne Castor</b> |
| 30/31 March<br>Easter      | <b>7.00pm Easter Vigil</b><br>Deacon Batsirai<br>John Cowen<br>Thurifer: Stevenie Harman<br>JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson<br>C: Phillip Youngman<br>R1: Bellinda Henderson<br>R2: Victor Tuballa<br>R2: Trish Ryan<br>R4: Sarah Tuballa | Matthew Topp<br>Barbara Ryan<br>C: Gabriel Manouk<br>R: Kevin Balkin<br>JS: Soraya Laurendet   | Lara Roser<br>David Green<br>Denise Robens<br>JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton<br>C: Lisa Samojlowicz<br>R1: Geraldine Waters<br>R2: Marianne Castor  |

**Parish Outreach: Edinglassie.** Fr Michael recently held an anointing of the sick and celebrated an Easter Mass in the chapel at our local care facility. 12 catholic residents were able to attend. Over the last couple of years, a small team of parishioners has generously given of their gifts and time to build up a good relationship with Uniting Care staff and to provide spiritual and pastoral care to those who live there. **Many thanks to you all.**

**Sacramental news:** First reconciliation was held over 2 nights this year, and both nights were beautiful and blessed. Congratulations to the children and families. A big thank you to the parishioners of OLOW for your prayerful support and especially to those who were able to help with the practical aspect of the program: Sue, Wolfgang, the Snedden family, Krystyna, Jan, Belinda, Maria, Heather and Margaret. I am so grateful to everyone. Blessings, Cate

**Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive:** Catholic Care have once again expressed their gratitude for the monthly delivery of food from OLOW. So far this year we have collected and delivered 97 bags of non-perishable goods. **Many thanks for your continuing generosity** and to our four faithful drivers for transporting the donations. **Next collection 20/21 April.** There is a special request for toilet paper this month.

**Jubilee Polo Shirts:** A second and final order for the Commemorative polo shirts will be placed on **April 15**. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact the parish office and indicate your name, colour required and size. You will need to pay for the shirt when you order. Please note: These shirts are being made to order so cannot be returned once embroidered so please be sure of your size when ordering. Any shirts not paid for are unable to be ordered as we need to pay the money upfront when placing our order. Thank you for your understanding.

**Playgroup:** Join us fortnightly, 10am Tuesday's, in the Parish Hall. All welcome! **Next playgroup is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.** 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)

**Cuppa:** Join us for a cuppa after the 9.30am Mass

### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

### Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

**Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March** Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Make your donation this Holy Week via the envelopes in your parish or donate directly via Commissariat of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St. Waverley NSW 2024 or [holyland@franciscans.org.au](mailto:holyland@franciscans.org.au).

### **2024 Diocese of Parramatta Holy Week Mass Times**

Holy Week Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on our Diocesan website ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)) and on Catholic Outlook ([www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)). Let us embrace the hope, love and joy that this season brings.

### **Easter | Autumn 2024 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!**

The Easter | Autumn 2024 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! This edition invites us to practise silence, deepen our interior lives and pray for a Gospel change of heart, how our communities celebrate Easter, seminarians preparing to 'go out into the deep', a handy Holy Week Mass Times guide, plus so much more. Pick up your free copy from parishes and offices across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains today or read it online via [catholicoutlook.org/magazine](http://catholicoutlook.org/magazine)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Come and celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the **7<sup>th</sup> April at St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith**, commencing at 2:30pm. The celebration includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily and Benediction, Reconciliation till 5pm, Afternoon Tea (4:15-5:15pm) and Divine Mercy Mass at 6:00pm. *"I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy"* (diary 299).

### Saints of the week:

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Jesus cleanses the Temple: Monday of Holy week.

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Jesus explains the destruction of Jerusalem: Tuesday of Holy week.

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Judas speaks to chief priests: Wednesday of Holy week.

March 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – fast and abstinence.

### 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