

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, 14th April 2024. Third Sunday of Easter, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.



Peter said to the people:
'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm. *Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7*

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 John 2:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation [See Luke 24:32](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 24:35-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and

ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Communion Antiphon. [Luke 24:35](#)

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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Let us pray: We pray for Simon Valentini and Jean Ward; and for Matthew Lawlor whose death anniversary is 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, Jeffrey Meads, Julie Laws, Cheryl Morgan, Nerida Fabri, Greg Pigott, Michelle Gardam, Troy Rittila, 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:

Communion for the Sick If you, a family member or anyone you know is sick or is no longer able to attend Mass and would like communion in the home, please call the office on 4735 1041. We will arrange for one of our ministers of Communion to make a home visit after Mass on Sunday.

Safeguarding training: 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 to register for this event.

Cuppa and a Chat: 1st Sat after 6pm Mass, 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 8.00am Mass.

Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians. Will you support our seminarians to “go out into the deep” and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or by returning the Good Shepherd Appeal envelope next weekend (envelopes available in the church foyer). Thank you.

Playgroup: Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. All welcome! **Next playgroup: 7th May.** 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)

Grounds Team: The new roster is available for collection in the church foyer.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
13/14 April	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Kay Walker	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyon Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Kate Fenning C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
20/21 April	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	Lara Roser David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Nicolas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Baptisms: We warmly welcome Jacob Brown, Eloise Jordan and Isaiah Randall into our Faith Community. May God bless these children always.

Music Ministry at OLOW needs your help! Some of our musicians are taking a break from this ministry and we are in need of new volunteers. If you are able to accompany or lead the music at Mass, or you know someone who is able to do this, please contact Chris Welch on 0414 855839.

Life Ascending Meeting: Next meeting will be at 10am, April 17 at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 yrs age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 0247337481.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive. Your donations of pantry food to help those in need are greatly appreciated. Please place goods at rear of the church **next weekend 20/21 April.** Thank you.

Parish Jubilee Projects - Can you help?

1. Do you have any photos or videos of events in our parish since its beginnings in 1974? Can you please scan these and send them to the Parish office? We would like to make a video for our Jubilee celebrations. Any contributions valued.
2. Do you or one of your family have expertise in making videos from photos and video clips? We could use your help. Please contact Marianne Castor (0431 966365) on the Parish Pastoral Council to discuss this.

Love One Another as I have loved you
John 15:12



Worldwide Marriage Encounter [WWME] is a weekend getaway, offering couples a special 'time-out' to enrich their marriage. Take this opportunity to step back from daily distractions and rediscover your relationship.

When: 28th -30th June 2024

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat centre, Varoiville, NSW 2566

Conrad and Natalia Gabriel will tell you more about this at the 9:30am mass on Sunday, 28th April 2024.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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: Joanne Hamilton
Sacramental Co-ordinator: Cate Kensey

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:

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April

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 The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

Glenbrook Parish Roof Restoration Fundraising Concert: 14 April

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to a fundraising concert with the Sydney Male Choir on Sunday 14 April at 2pm in the parish church. Come and enjoy the music and at the same time, support the restoration of the Church roof, with at least \$5 going to St Finbar's Roof Restoration Fund for every ticket sold. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at www.sydneymalechoir.com or at the door.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE "ANOINTING"

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18 th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer. Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true> . Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

Catalyst For Renewal Presentation 20 April, 9:30am-12:15pm, Santa Maria Hall, Lawson Catholic Church grounds:

You are welcome to attend a presentation by Good Samaritan Sister, Catherine Slattery, to reflect upon the topic Abounding in Hope. Treading lightly through selections of Scripture, Wisdom literature and poetry, this session will exploire Hope as a divine invitation to stop, be in the moment, and enjoy the abundance of life within and around us.

Saints of the week:

April 15th – St Paternus of Wales
April 16th – St. Bernadette Soubirous
April 17th – St. James of Cerqueto
April 18th – St. Apollonius
April 19th – St. Crescentius
April 20th – St. Marian

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**
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BSB: 067 950
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