

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, 21st April 2024. Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel [John 10:11-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Communion Antiphon.

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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Let us pray: We pray for Sean McKillop, Simon Valentini and Jean Ward; and for Shirley Cameron, Daniel Beck, Matthew Lawlor and James (Jim) Clarke 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, 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, 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 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.

HELP NEEDED to set up tables and chairs from 8:30am. Please contact Mary Marsh on 0408 212437 if you can assist.

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 during the collection. Thank you.

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.

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)

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.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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
27/28 April	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Mark Norbury Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Kay Walker	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Nicolas Hamilton & Kate Fenning C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

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 **this 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.

Parish Planned Giving Program: Your donation to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish, the upkeep of our church and parish pastoral programs.

Please contact Joanne at the Parish Office if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program through the envelope system, or via credit card or direct debit. Alternatively, you can complete the yellow card in the church foyer and hand this to the church warden. If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details can be found on the back of the bulletin. Please ensure you include your surname or envelope number as a reference.

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)
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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

Healing, signs and wonders with Damian Stayne (Cor et Lumen Christi Community). 4th May. 9am-5pm at Servants of Jesus Centre, Seven Hills. Damian is a lay Catholic evangelist with a ministry of prophecy, physical healing and miracles. He has ministered across the globe, equipping the church to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Wherever he has set foot, many thousands have been healed from their physical and mental distress. Others have received life impacting prophecy and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Those who are ill or in need of a miracle are especially welcome. There will be a collection to support Damien and his team's livelihood and mission at each event. For more information contact: Servants of Jesus Centre. 15 Park Rd, Seven Hills, NSW.
Register @ servantsofjesus.org/events

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CLEBRATING 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

Central Europe Pilgrimage with Fr Joseph Lam OSA: May 2025 Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 17 days from 8 to 24 May 2025, travelling through Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Czechia, accompanied by Fr Joseph Lam OSA from St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Prices start from \$5,076 per person, excluding flights. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact the parish office on secretary@stfinbars.org.au.

Saints of the week:

April 22nd – Queen of the Society of Jesus
April 23rd – St. George, martyr
April 24th – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, martyr
April 25th – ANZAC DAY
April 26th – St. Mark, evangelist
April 27th – St. Louis de Montfort

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