

# 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, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The Ascension of the Lord, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** *Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

### **First Reading** *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’

Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on

you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

### **Responsorial Psalm.**

*Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6*

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**



## **Second Reading** [Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## **Gospel Acclamation** [Matthew 28:19, 20](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** [Mark 16:15-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## **Communion Antiphon.** [Matthew 28:20](#)

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Teresa Langer, Janet Giles and Bob Aitken; and for those 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, Trevor Ledger, Jackie Powell, Marie Pridham, 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:



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**Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures. We especially remember all mothers who have gone from this life and give thanks for their unconditional love. May God bless our mothers – today and always.

**Playgroup:** Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. All welcome! **Next playgroup: 21<sup>st</sup> May.** Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** Please join us this Sunday after the 9:30am Mass.

**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)

**Parish Working Bee:** In preparation for the Golden Jubilee Mass, we will be holding a working bee on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** from 8am-12noon. Jobs will include cleaning the hall and tidying up the garden. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. If you have tools to assist, please bring them along. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are able to help, please register on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
11/12 May	John Cowen Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Noeline Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Geraldine Waters	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser David Green <b>Heather Barlow (Visit)</b> JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
18/19 May	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid <b>Kay Walker (Visit)</b> JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

## Sacramental news

### First Holy Communion Enrolments

The First Holy Communion program for children who are in year 4 and above is commencing on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please contact the parish office on 47351041 or [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

### Golden Jubilee Mass Celebration– 26<sup>th</sup> May:

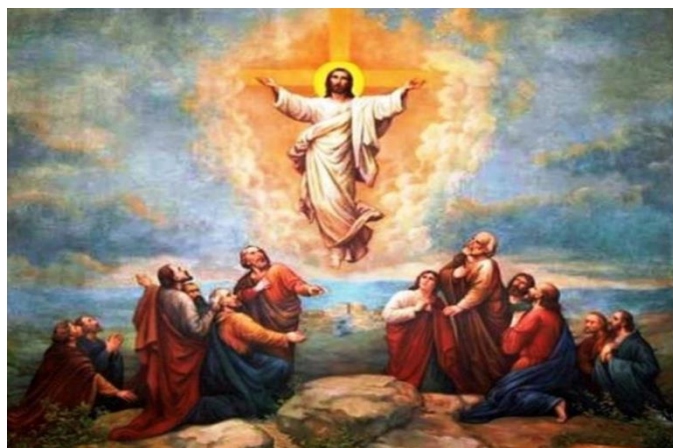
Following the Mass on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will be having a celebration gathering in the hall. For catering purposes, we are asking you to register if you would like to attend this gathering. (N.B. Registration for Mass attendance is NOT required, only for the celebration gathering). To register, please see Sarah, Mary or Joanne in the church foyer before/after Mass. Alternatively, email [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org) with your family name, number attending, phone number and any food allergies.

**Life Ascending Meeting:** Next meeting will be at 10am, May 15th 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.

Catholic Care have asked us to pass on their thanks for your continuing generosity. Your donations of pantry food to help those in need are greatly appreciated. Please place goods such as canned fish, canned vegetables and pasta at rear of the church **next weekend 18/19 May Thank you**

**Hospitality News:** We are in need of 1-2 people to assist with morning tea on the second Sunday of the month after the 9:30am Mass. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.



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### 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, 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:

#### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE “ ANOINTING”**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve “Anointing” on Saturday 18th 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@ccrns.org.au](mailto:email@ccrns.org.au)

#### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 17 May**

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood with Fr Chris del Rosario, on Friday 17 May from 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email [galbert.albino@parracatholic.org](mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org)

#### **Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals**

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact

[bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by 15 June 2024.

#### **Celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week: Seeds of Hope (16-24 May)** Are you ready to sow “Seeds of Hope”?

Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating *Laudato Si'* Week: 16 to 24 May 2024. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. You can find useful resources at [linktr.ee/met.pje](http://linktr.ee/met.pje)

**St Patrick's Cathedral Mozart Concert: 17 May** Let the full force of River City Voices carry you through Mozart's Requiem in D Minor – a testament of power, faith, awe and hope as the choir joins for the first time with the dynamic young Western Sydney Philharmonic at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Friday 17 May from 7.30pm. Tickets are \$60 for general admission and \$45 for concessions. To purchase ticket, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mozart-s-requiem/tickets>

### Saints of the week:

May 13th – Our Lady of Fatima  
May 14th – St Matthias, Apostle  
May 15th – St. Dymphna  
May 16th – St. Simon Stock  
May 17th – St. Pascal Baylon  
May 18th – St. Stanislaus; St John 1, pope and martyr

### 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