

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, 19th May 2024. Pentecost Sunday, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon *Wisdom 1:7*

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and

the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm. *Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came. You send forth your spirit, they
are created; and you renew the face of
the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who

is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!



COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, **AMEN.**

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Gospel [John 20:19-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon. [Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11](#)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Jackie Powell; and for Robert Ash, Mark Furness, Gary (Mick) McInnes and Philomena Cox 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, 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:

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS NEXT SUNDAY, 26 MAY at 10am: Next Sunday, our Parish will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee Mass. This is a landmark achievement for the community of Our Lady of the Way. We thank the Lord for how far we have come. From its inception, this community was meant to bring people together, brightened by the Gospel Spirit with the aim of being a witness, with the motto of "Acting justly, loving tenderly and walking humbly with God". The Mass will be presided by Bishop Vincent Long of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta. There will be a gathering in the Parish Hall after the Mass. You are all welcome. Bring a friend with you, so that together we celebrate this landmark of our Parish.

DUE TO THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION, THERE WILL BE NO 8AM MASS next weekend.

Cuppa and a Chat: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 8.00am Mass. Please note that during the winter months, there will be no cuppa after the 6.00pm Mass. **Please join us this weekend after the 8.00am Mass.**

Playgroup: Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. **Next playgroup: Tuesday 21st May.** All welcome! 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)

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
18/19 May	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Helen Larsen	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
25/26 May	John Cowen Beth Nowland JS: Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Louise Goderie	No Mass	NOTE: 10.00AM Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman Lara Roser JS: Matthew Hamilton, Alex Tuballa, Josie Henderson & Nicholas Hamilton Acknowledgement of Country: Bellinda Henderson R1: Kay Walker R2: Charlotte Tuballa POF: Marianne Castor

Sacramental news

First Holy Communion Enrolments

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

Hospitality News: We are in **urgent** 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.

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 **this weekend 18/19 May Thank you**

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.

Caring for our common home: A collection box for your **clean dry & empty dental hygiene items** and **used blister packs** will be outside the main doors of the church at all Masses on the **FIRST** weekend of each month. Dental is taken to Bupa in the Plaza, blister packs to Blooms in High St. Jim (0421 125 722).

Think Tank Sessions: Following the Diocesan Synod, a Draft Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church has been developed. The draft of this plan will guide 'Think Tank Sessions' where we have an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the implementation strategies. If you would like to be involved, a Think Tank Session will be held **on 29 May at St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith, from 6.30-9.00pm.** Please see the Parish Noticeboard for more details. You can register at parracatholic.org/thinktanks. **Information on the Synod Resolutions is also available in the church foyer.**

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:

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 2nd June 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is **Fr Jeff Miller SDB** who will talk about and lead discussion on **The Holy Trinity**. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477004678.

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 by 15 June 2024.

MET Natural Fertility Sympto-Thermal Method Introduction Session: 28 May MET Natural Fertility is hosting an initial instruction session on the Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) of Natural Family Planning on Tuesday 28 May from 7.15pm to 8.15p via Zoom. The Sympto-Thermal Method includes measuring your basal body temperature, which confirms ovulation! This method is 99.6% effective in postponing pregnancy and helps couples identify the best time to achieve pregnancy! To book your place or for further information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024 Getting married in 2024? Visit www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email marriage@parracatholic.org or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Saints of the week:

May 20th – Mary, Mother of the Church
May 21st – St Christopher Magallanes & companions, martyrs
May 22nd – St. Rita of Cascia
May 23rd – St. Julia
May 24th – Our Lady, help of Christians
May 25th – St. Gregory VII, pope

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