

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, 26th May 2024. Most Holy Trinity, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.



First Reading [Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?’

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12](#)

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 8:14-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God’s own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation [See Revelation 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon. [Galatians 4:6](#)

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his
Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Golden Jubilee Message

Today, 50 years back in 1974, an idea was conceived to establish a faith community in Emu Plains. This community was meant to gather people brightened by the Gospel Spirit, whose main aim was to witness the good news. Since its inception the community wanted to be a welcoming place for all, a place that mirrors the face of God to all people, where everyone can feel at home.

Today as we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, I would like to honor all who established this community, led by Fr Kevin Hannan. and priests and deacons who have worked in this Parish. I acknowledge the priests and deacons who have worked in this Parish, the Christian faithful who have joined the Parish, and our benefactors – thank you all for your enormous contribution.

We remember those who have gone before us, may they rest in the eternal peace of God.

Thank you all once again for your contributions - let us pray to the Lord to take us to the next level of the future of our Parish.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:
Fr Michael Gitau Gathuku PP**

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Jackie Powell and Paul Kevin Lynch; and for Graham Skinner, John Mulock and Helen Dimeh 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, 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:

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.

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.

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.

Playgroup: Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. **Next playgroup: Tuesday 4th June.** 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)

Caring for our common home: Recycling at our Parish: 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 NEXT weekend. See sides of box for details. Jim (0421 125 722).

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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
1 /2 June	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirrotti R: Kay Walker	Hartley Dhyon David Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Brett Wright

Sacramental news

Please join me in praying for the children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thanks, and blessings, Cate



Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**
- Monday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event

at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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.

OLOW GOLDEN JUBILEE: 1974 to 2024

Father Kevin Hannan established the faith community of Our Lady of the Way in 1974 and served the parish until 1997. He planned and supervised the building of our first church hall, our primary school, the purchase of land and the planning for our high school and the planning and building of the beautiful church in which we give thanks to God today.

Do you know the priests and deacons who have worked in our Parish to date?

Rev Kevin Hannan 1974-1997 R.I.P.**

Rev Zvonimir Gavranovic (Administrator) 1989-1990

Rev Paul Roberts (Administrator) 1997

Rev Geoff Dickinson 1997-2003 R.I.P.**

Rev Christopher Sarah (Administrator) 2003

Rev Robert Anderson 2004-2014

Rev John McSweeney, Rev Wim Hoekstra and Rev Poriarthur Joy (Administrators) 2014

Rev Mick O'Callaghan 2015-2018 R.I.P.**

Rev Reginaldo Lavilla MSP (Administrator) 2018

Fr Paul Roberts 2019-2020

Fr Michael Gathuku 2021 to present day

Deacon George Bryan

Deacon Batsirai Maringehosi

Saints of the week:

May 27th – St Augustie of Canterbury

May 28th – Bl. Stefan Wyszynski

May 29th – St. Paul VI, Pope

May 30th – St. Joan of Arc

May 31st – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 1st – St. Justin, 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