

# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from  
the rock.



### **First Reading** Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has  
made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the  
commands of the Lord and all the  
ordinances. In answer, all the people said  
with one voice, ‘We will observe all the  
commands that the Lord has decreed.’  
Moses put all the commands of the Lord  
into writing, and early next morning he  
built an altar at the foot of the mountain,  
with twelve standing-stones for the  
twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed  
certain young Israelites to offer  
holocausts and to immolate bullocks to  
the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of  
the blood Moses took up and put into  
basins, the other half he cast on the altar.  
And taking the Book of the Covenant he  
read it to the listening people, and they  
said, ‘We will observe all that the Lord  
has decreed; we will obey.’ Then Moses  
took the blood and cast it towards the  
people. ‘This’ he said ‘is the blood of  
the Covenant that the Lord has made  
with you, containing all these rules.’

### **Responsorial Psalm.** Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

**(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord’s name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord’s name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest  
of all the blessings which were to come.  
He has passed through the greater, the  
more perfect tent, which is better than  
one made by men’s hands because it is  
not of this created order; and he has  
entered the sanctuary once and for all,  
taking with him not the blood of goats and  
bull calves, but his own blood, having  
won an eternal redemption for us. The  
blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of  
a heifer are sprinkled on those who have  
incurred defilement and they restore the  
holiness of their outward lives; how much

more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation** [John 6:51-52](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a

pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, 'The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**Communion Antiphon.** [John 6:57](#)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Jackie Powell and Paul Kevin Lynch; and for Marie Kershaw, Frances Grove and Graham Skinner whose death anniversaries occur 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:

Thank you to **Les Chmiel** for restoring the statue of Mary in the church grounds. The surrounding garden is also in the process of being restored. Thank you to Carol Burke, the grounds team and CathWest Innovation College for their wonderful work so far.



**Project Compassion receipts** are now available for collection in the church foyer.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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 <u>Sirotti</u> R: Kay Walker	Hartley <u>Dhyan</u> David Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa <u>Samojlowicz</u> R: Brett Wright
8/9 June	John Cowen Debra Gleeson JS: Alex <u>Tuballa</u> & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor <u>Tuballa</u>	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: N/A C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser <b>Rebecca Carberry</b> (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

## Sacramental news

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



**Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June:** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal). Alternatively, envelopes are available in the church foyer.

## Golden Jubilee Celebration – 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

Our Lady of the Way, Golden Jubilee Celebration last Sunday was a wonderful day in the history of our parish.

We gathered as one with Bishop Vincent Long to celebrate Eucharist and following Mass, gathered in our Parish Hall to share food, memories and our hopes for the future.

We want to acknowledge and thank the wonderful, hard work of so many.

We were so grateful that Bishop Vincent was able to be with us, along with Father Bob Anderson and appreciated the apologies of those key past-personnel not able to join us and our honoured guests who came. Father Michael and Deacon Batsirai, of course, joined in leading our Assembly. In his homily, Bishop Vincent urged us, on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, to 'become a community that reflects the God of love among all peoples and the God of relational unity with all that exists'.

Our thanks to acolytes, John Cowen and David Clements; senior servers and servers, Stevenie Harman, Mary Marsh, Lara Roser, Josie Henderson and Matthew and Nicholas Hamilton; readers, Kay Walker, Charlotte Tuballa and Marianne Castor; and Gospel Procession participants, Noah and Anastazia Pincevic.

The Jubilee Committee were the guiding and hardworking hands that were chiefly responsible for things going so well: John Cowen (chair), Sarah Tuballa (sec), Father Michael, Kristina Pincevic, Debra Gleeson, Stevenie Harman, Mary Marsh, Mark Norbury, Chris Welch. The Committee and many others had also worked so hard at the previous Garage Sale, which was a fund-raising venture for the Jubilee. Sarah, as secretary, really took responsibility for meeting agendas and minutes, and for the action that had to be done.

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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.

## ***Golden Jubilee Celebration – continued***

Behind the scenes as always, Joanne Hamilton liaised with, picked up loose ends, made the phone call, and attended to organisers questions and requests.

Kristina Pincevic arranged and designed the standalone Jubilee banner in the church foyer and the exquisite Jubilee bookmarks. Stevenie Harman organised the Liturgy and the beautiful Mass booklet that we will keep in memory of the day, along with Grace Funeral's sponsorship of it. Stevenie also led arrangements for the design, purchase and supply of the Jubilee polo shirts.

Patrick and Debra Gleeson met people at the church entrance with a welcoming smile and a copy of the Mass booklet. Claire and Jacinta Roser and Kat Thompson made sure sound, and projection of the PowerPoint for the liturgy were done well.

Wendy Thompson and Richard Caws wrote music, organised, practised for and led the music for the Mass and were joined by twelve more musicians. The music was so beautiful and uplifting.

At Carol Burke's suggestion, Les Chmiel restored the statue of Mary in the church grounds, painting it and beautifying the base with a small rectangle of white pebbles, and Stevenie Harman is liaising with Cath West Innovation College to make seats a little later in the year, where we can sit a while in prayer and reflection in company with a beautifully restored sculpture and symbol of Our Lady of the Way and child, Jesus.

Kristina Pincevic with children Anastazia, Antony, Noah and Rafael transformed our Parish Hall, (itself a monument to our foundation parishioners) into the most welcoming and celebratory venue to gather and share food, which the Jubilee Committee arranged. Too many people to name, served food and drinks to others, and attended to others' needs.

The most beautiful Jubilee Cake was provided by Emily Sciberras.

Marianne Castor arranged the audiovisual presentation of archival and present-day images and videos on running display and Wolfgang Betker set up the projection.

John Cowen was MC for the occasion, as he, Leo Bahlmann, Kay Walker, Mark Norbury (PPC Chair), Father Michael and Bishop Vincent spoke to us. We listened to many wonderful stories from the past and then turned to look to what our present and future holds as a parish community, in a time of increasing challenge.

It was a wonderful day, a day to treasure, and to the parishioners who worked so hard to make it so, we give our heartfelt thanks. We thank you all for your contributions to the day. Many of you played a major part- your names could not fit on this sheet if we were to write them all!

## **Saints of the week:**

June 3rd – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs

June 4th – St. Filippo Saldone

June 5th – St. Boniface of Mainz, Bishop and Martyr

June 6th – St. Marcellin Champagnat

June 7th – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 8th – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

## **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

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