

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, 23rd June 2024. Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.



First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord
gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed
doors when it leapt tumultuous out of
the womb, when I wrapped it in a
robe of mist and made black clouds
its swaddling bands; when I marked
the bounds it was not to cross and
made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm. Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if
one man has died for all, then all men
should be dead; and the reason he died for
all was so that living men should live no
longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not
judge anyone by the standards of the flesh.
Even if we did once know Christ in the
flesh, that is not how we know him now.
And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a
new creation; the old creation has gone,
and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 4:35-41](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Communion Antiphon. [Psalm 144:15](#)

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

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Photos from our Golden Jubilee- 26/05/2024



World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. This is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Let us pray, and remember them.

Let us pray: We pray for those deceased James Walker; and for Jean McInnes, and Roger and Jessie Borg, 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:

Baptisms: This weekend, we warmly welcome Fletcher and Parker Bayley, Mason Leavey, Elisa Psaila, and Olive and Rosie Wainwright into our Faith Community. May God bless these children and their families always.

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Last weekend, Vinnies launched their annual Winter Appeal. If you would like to donate, please do so via the Vinnies Poor Box. Alternatively, Vinnies appeal envelopes can be placed in with the collection. Thank you for supporting those who are struggling this winter.

Safeguarding: Following on from Safe Parishes Week, we recommend that children going to the bathroom during Mass be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



Thank You for Supporting our Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth: Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care thank you for your generous support of mothers during tough times. At our Parish, we raised over \$450.00. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code.

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 30th July.** 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
22/23 June	John Cowen Michael Manton JS: Stevenie Harman C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Gabe Manouk	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyon Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
29/30 June	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Kay Walker	Lara Roser Noelene Bangel David Green Denise Robens (Visit only) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

Our Lady of the Way Jubilee Garden 2024

In the original parish vision, Our Lady of the Way was meant to become a symbolic 'resting place' for those of us along the way of our faith journey. With this in mind, our Golden Jubilee year is the perfect time to honour this vision, and to turn the gardens around our Mary statue into a contemplative area for parishioners to spend a little time when they feel the need to 'rest along the way'. We are adding a path and seats, and a new garden will be planted to create a peaceful space. If you wish to be part of this project by contributing toward the cost or by providing Bunnings vouchers for purchase of plants, soil, concrete etc., or if you are interested in helping with weeding, clearing or landscaping the area we welcome your assistance. Any donations can be put on the plate at mass in an envelope marked 'parish gardens' or dropped in to the parish office over the next two weeks. Please feel free to contact Carol Burke ph. 0432982773 if you have any questions.

WANTED - USED PINE DECKING FOR GARDEN

We are in need of used pine decking or any suitable materials to be used as formwork for the path in the new parish garden. If you are able to provide any suitable formwork you can contact Carol Burke on 0432982773 or notify the parish office. Many thanks.

Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration Photos: Next weekend, we will have a selection of photos on display from our Golden Jubilee Celebration. These photos, taken by Alphonsus Fok from the Diocese of Parramatta, will be available to order for a donation of \$2.

SAVE THE DATE: Family Concert August 24 – 7pm for a 7:30pm start. A Golden Jubilee event that promises to be lots of fun! Tickets \$5 each or \$10 per family. Delicious food will also be available to purchase. If you are interested in performing in the concert, there's still a couple of spots available. Please call Debra Gleeson for any enquiries – ph. 0418 259 757.



Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.
Amen

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:

Central Europe Pilgrimage with Fr Joseph Lam OSA: May 2025 : Cosmos Tour Operators are organising a Central Europe tour for 15 days from 11 to 25 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 \$5,290 per person, excluding flights. For more information or to register your interest contact Ruby Travels Worldwide on 0401 895 998, email june.rubytravels@gmail.com or visit rubytravelsworldwide.com

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Chris del Rosario: October 2024 : Join Fr Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen our faith and explore the rich tapestry of culture, art and history that Italy has to offer. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details visit www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/.

CYP LIFTED Retreats: Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups!

- 5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.
- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

Upper Blue Mountains Parish Carlo Acutis First-Class Relic visit: 5 – 7 July

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains, will host a First Class Relic and the International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Blessed Carlo Acutis from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 July at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. The exhibition is free, but a donation can be made to help with the upkeep of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open from 1pm – 3pm on Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or email bluemountains@parracatholic.org

Saints of the week:

June 24th – The Nativity of St John the Baptist

June 25th – St. Maximus of Turin

June 26th – St. Josemaria Escriva

June 27th – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

June 28th – Ukrainian Redemptorist Martyrs

June 29th – Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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