

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, 30th June 2024. Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 46:2](#)

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading [Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2](#)

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15](#)

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation [2 Timothy 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 5:21-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because

she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon. [Cf Psalm 102:1](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased; and for John Dent, Jean McInnes and Margaret Ester Rogers, 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 and Anne 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:

Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration Photos:

For the next 2 weeks, 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. To order, simply write your name and phone number/email, and how many of each photo you would like on the order form provided. There were many other photos taken on the day. To view these images, please visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/albums/72177720317336253/>. These can be downloaded and printed for your personal use. Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office for enquiries and assistance (ph.4735 1041).

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.

Cuppa and a Chat: 1st Sat after 6pm Mass, 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 8.00am Mass. **Please note that during winter there will be no cuppa after 6pm 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
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
6/7 July	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen JS: Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Mark Norbury Kay Walker JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid David Green Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright

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.

Sacramental news: Congratulations to the 49 children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend – both Masses were beautiful and blessed! Thank you to the community of OLOW who supported them especially through your prayerfulness. I am very grateful to the those who were able to assist with the practical running of the program – Deacon Batsirai, Wolfgang, Jo, Heather, Jan, Krystyna, Maria, Margaret, Mary and to Chris and Thea, Lynne, James, Stevenie, John, Alex, Nicholas and Les. A special thanks to Sue, who works very tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of this program. Blessings, Cate

Vinnies Winter Appeal: Thank you for your generous donations in support of this appeal. Your contributions will enable us to help those in our community who are struggling this winter.

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

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults: The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

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:

Catholic Care Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Group: Begins 3 September

Parents and caregivers are welcome to join a parenting group designed by the Australian Childhood Foundation run over four sessions at Catholic Care's Mamre House, Orchard Hills, from Thursday 3 September from 10am to 1pm. The course is supported by the free Mamre Creche. Numbers are limited, so express your interest by contacting (02) 8843 2500 or 0439 97 129 by 15 August.

Winbourne Key Learnings from Mark's Gospel Reflection Day: 27 July

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on key learnings from the Gospel of Mark on Saturday 27 July from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The messages in the Gospel are still appropriate in our times and uncovering it could be vital for your spiritual growth. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. 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.

Safeguarding Kids Art Competition As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens: 5 August

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday 5 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmiriam

Saints of the week:

July 1st – St Junipero Serra
July 2nd – St. Bernadino Realino
July 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle
July 4th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal
July 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria
July 6th – St. Maria Goretti, Martyr

Parish bank details:

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