

# 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, 9th June 2024. Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 26:1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When  
those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.



### **First Reading** [Genesis 3:9-15](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring  
and her offspring.*

The Lord God called to the man after he  
had eaten of the tree. ‘Where are you?’  
he asked. ‘I heard the sound of you in  
the garden;’ he replied ‘I was afraid  
because I was naked, so I hid.’ ‘Who  
told you that you were naked?’ he  
asked. ‘Have you been eating of the  
tree I forbade you to eat?’ The man  
replied, ‘It was the woman you put with  
me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.’  
Then the Lord God asked the woman,  
‘What is this you have done?’ The  
woman replied, ‘The serpent tempted  
me and I ate.’

Then the Lord God said to the serpent,  
‘Because you have done this,

‘Be accursed beyond all cattle,  
all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your  
belly and eat dust every day of your  
life. I will make you enemies of each  
other: you and the woman, your  
offspring and her offspring. It will crush  
your head and you will strike its heel.’

### **Responsorial Psalm.** [Ps 129. R. v.7](#)

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians. *We believe, and therefore we speak.*

As we have the same spirit of faith that is  
mentioned in scripture – I believed,  
therefore I spoke - we too believe and  
therefore we too speak, knowing that he  
who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise  
us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his  
side and you with us. You see, all this is  
for your benefit, so that the more grace is  
multiplied among people, the more  
thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of  
God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

**Gospel Acclamation** [John 12:31.32](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 3:20-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*It is the end of Satan.*

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.'

So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

**Communion Antiphon.** [Psalm 17:3](#)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased James Walker, and for those whose death anniversary occurs 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:

### **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth:**

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. 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.

**Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive:** Your donations of pantry food to help those in need are greatly appreciated. Please place goods at rear of the church **next weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June**. The need is particularly great as we commence the colder wintertime, so please reach out to those in need in our local community. **Thank you**

**Vinnies Winter Appeal: Next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June**, envelopes will be available on the church pews for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in our community who are struggling this winter.

**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 18<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
8/9 June	John Cowen Debra Gleeson JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: N/A C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser <b>Rebecca Carberry (Visit)</b> JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
15/16 June	Stevanie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Helen Larsen	John Cowen Connie Reid Kay Walker <b>Heather Barlow (Visit only)</b> JS: Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Don Robens

### **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



**Hour Of Power:** On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, all parishioners of OLOW are invited to come together as a community and pray for the families and children who will receive their First Holy Communion on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June. This time of adoration will be between 7pm-8pm, however you don't have to stay for the whole hour if you are unable. Even 5 mins of prayer for these children is powerful! Enjoy some personal prayer time with Jesus while offering it for this intention.

**Diocesan Synod:** Last week 5 of our parishioners attended St Nicholas of Myra to participate in one of the think tank sessions held in the diocese, on draft resolutions passed at the recent Synod Assembly. Our discussions centred on **Theme 5 'A church that reaches to the margins'**. Each group offered their contributions as to how we may achieve this. They will be considered along with suggestions from other parish groups and contribute towards the final pastoral plan for the diocese which is due for release in September. Our thanks to those parishioners who joined this worthwhile event. For more information and updates check the diocesan website: <https://parracatholic.org/>

**Charismatic Healing Mass.** Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 2:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

**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.

## 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.

## Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

### ***Loving Father God,***

We come to you in the knowledge that you hold all your children in unconditional love.

We lift to you those who are vulnerable and in need of protection. Give them your safety, comfort and peace.

We cry to you for those who are hurting and whose trust has been broken. Give them your healing, restoration and justice.

We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt them. Give them your strength, courage and hope.

For those who have caused your children to stumble, lead them to seek your forgiveness and to enter into true repentance.

Thank you for all who give their time, knowledge, and skills to make our communities safer. Give them your wisdom, guidance and grace.

For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them; to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all your people.

In the name of Jesus we pray,

**Amen**

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

### **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](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by 15 June 2024.

## Saints of the week:

June 10th – St. Timothy, Bishop and martyr

June 11th – St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 12th – St. Christian

June 13th – St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor

June 14th – St. Anastasius XVII

June 15th – St. Germaine Cousin

## 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