

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, 14th July 2024. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation [Ephesians 1:17-18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Gospel [Mark 6:7-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

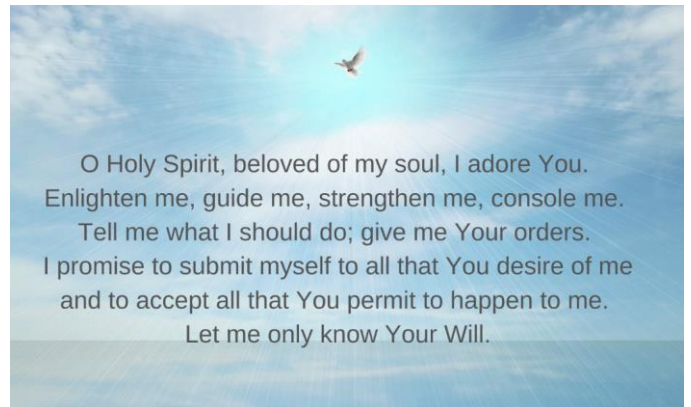
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Communion Antiphon. [Cf Psalm 83:4-5](#)

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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Prayer of Cardinal Mercier:



O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.
Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders.
I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me
and to accept all that You permit to happen to me.
Let me only know Your Will.

Parish Carpark and Street Parking: Please be advised that the carpark will **not be accessible** on the 18th & 19th July due to maintenance work being carried out.

Please also be aware of the recent changes to parking on Troy St. There is **strictly no parking** at any time between the ‘No Stopping’ signs on either side of the Zebra Crossing (this area is also marked by a yellow line on the road).

Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Anne Ledger, Regina Nyavor and Brytan De Mattia; and for Alice Massey and Don Cameron 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, Peter McInnes, Joseph Lennon (Ireland), Trevor Ledger, Jeffrey Meads, Julie Laws, Cheryl Morgan, Nerida Fabri, Greg Pigott, Michelle Gardam, Bradley 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:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Ledger, and for her family. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 19th July at 10.30am.

(Please note that the carpark will be closed- see carpark bulletin notice on previous page).

New Tap 'n' Go Terminal: Our new terminal has arrived! You can choose to donate \$5, \$10, \$20 or 'Other amount'. To make a donation, simply tap, insert or swipe your card. Money donated via the Tap 'n' Go is divided between the Parish and supporting the priests in the Parramatta Diocese. The stand for the terminal will be arriving shortly. Thank you for your patience over the past few months. Many thanks to Sarah Tuballa and Mary Marsh who have assisted with the Tap 'n' Go at weekend Masses.

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)

Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration Photos:

This is the last weekend to place an order for the Golden Jubilee photos, on display in the church foyer. To order, simply write your name, phone no./email, and how many of each photo you would like on the order form provided. All photos will be size 6 x 4. Suggested donation is \$2. To view the many other photos taken on the day, please visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/parracatholic/albums/72177720317336253/>. These can be downloaded and printed for your personal use.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
13/14 July	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
20/21 July	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kaye Walker	Hartley Dhyon Noeline Bangel Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

SAVE THE DATE: Family Concert August 24 – 7pm for a 7:30pm start. A Golden Jubilee event that promises to be lots of fun!

Please call Debra Gleeson for any enquiries – ph. 0418 259 757.

OLOW Maths tuition fundraiser: July School holidays.

Maths on Mission tutoring (www.mathsonmission.com) is offering a discounted one-hour individual lesson online for university, high school or upper primary students. A \$50 donation should be made to OLOW Jubilee project. The person makes the donation directly to OLOW, according to bank details in bulletin, with 'donation from math tutoring' as a reference. Contact Louise Goderie (0434434385).



Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive. Catholic Care thank you for your continuing generosity. Your donations of pantry food to help those in need are greatly appreciated. Please place goods such as canned fish, canned vegetables and pasta at the rear of the church **next weekend 21/22 July.** Thank you.

Life Ascending Meeting: Next meeting will be at 10am, 17 July at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 yrs age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 0247337481.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANT



Late last year, submissions were called as part of the Community Building Partnerships Program. We lodged two submissions - one for renovating the church sound system and another for the renovation of the

kitchen in the hall.

We are pleased to inform you **that we were successful** in gaining a grant for the **renovation of the hall kitchen.**



It is also hoped that we will reapply for a grant for the sound system update in the next cycle of applications. We would like to thank those who helped with the submissions. Without you, we would not have been successful. Thank you so much and we hope to see a new kitchen in the hall in the new year.

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:

Importance of Copyright Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish community who create slides and booklets for our Masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT. Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, on 1 August at 7pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org.

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.

Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Parenting Course: Begins 13 August Parenting after separation can be difficult for you and your child. This Catholic Care course over five weeks is designed to assist you in supporting your child following family separation. The sessions are held every Tuesday online from 13 August to 10 September from 10am – 12.30pm. Cost is \$150 or \$50 for concession card holders. A certificate of attendance is issued on completion of the course. To book, call (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@catholiccarewbsbm.org.au

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". Please visit the following site for ideas and information on completing the artwork: <https://paracatholic.org/safeguarding/kids-voices-art-competition> . Entries close on Friday 26 July. To enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition .

Saints of the week:

July 15th – St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
July 16th – Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 17th – St. Marcellina
July 18th – St. Simon of Lipnica
July 19th – St. John Plessington
July 20th – St. Apollinaris of Ravenna

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