

# 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, 21st July 2024. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 53:6,8*

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### **First Reading** *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22. R. v.2*

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### **Second Reading** *Ephesians 2:13-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the

two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation** [John 10:27](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 6:30-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and

he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Communion Antiphon.** [Psalm 110:4-5](#)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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**11 AUGUST 2024**

**11.30 am**

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Bishop Kevin Manning, Anne Ledger, Bob Ryan, Regina Nyavor and Richard Gliva; and for those 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.



## Parish Notices:

**Parking:** Please 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.

**Maintenance:** The internal and external main entry doors have recently undergone maintenance. Please open and close these doors with care, and we kindly ask that you do not allow the doors to swing.

**Music Ministry at OLOW** needs your help! Some of our musicians are taking a break from this ministry and we are in need of new volunteers. If you are able to accompany or lead the music at Mass, or you know someone who is able to do this, please contact Chris Welch on 0414 855839.

**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 **this weekend 21/22 July.**

**Cuppa and a Chat:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat after 6pm Mass, 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 winter there will be no cuppa after 6pm mass.**

**Playgroup:** Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. **Next playgroup: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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
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 <b>Denise Robens (Visit)</b> JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
27/28 July	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury Mary Marsh JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen David Green <b>Denise Robens (Visit only)</b> JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

## **Sacramental news:**

**Confirmation Program –** The Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August for children who are in year 6 or above and have received their other sacraments. The dates for the program can be found on the notice board in the church foyer. For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the parish office on 47351041.

**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.

**Liturgical ministry: Are you interested in joining one of our liturgical ministries? Are you being called to share your gifts with others?** If so, we invite you to consider being a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, or Minister at the Altar. The Office for Worship will be running the Liturgical Ministry Formation Course, commencing on September 9, at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Sessions will run on Mondays at 7:00pm. For more information, or to pick up an application form, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

## **Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration Photos:**

For those who ordered photos, they will be available for collection this weekend.

**Vale Bishop Kevin Manning (2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024)** The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, who died peacefully on Monday 15 July in Bathurst, NSW, at the age of 90. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. The details for Bishop Kevin Manning's funeral at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta will be announced soon. Read more about Bishop Manning on *Catholic Outlook* ([catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org)).

### **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.

### **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.

**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@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)

**MET Natural Fertility Billings Ovulation Method Instruction Session: 23 July** The next session in our Natural Family Planning series is the Billings Ovulation Method®. Meet Margaret Coakley, accredited Billings teacher. Following this instruction, you'll be set up to chart immediately to help you reach your family planning goals. The session will be held on Tuesday 23 July from 7.15pm to 8.15pm via Zoom. To book your place or for further information, please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

**Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024** Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### **Saints of the week:**

July 22nd – St Mary Magdalene  
July 23rd – St Bridget of Sweden  
July 24th – St. Charbel Makhlouf  
July 25th – St. James, Apostle  
July 26th – Ss. Joachim and Anne  
July 27th – Ss. Natalie and Aurelius

### **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