

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, 28th July 2024. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.”’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick.



Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come

and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Communion Antiphon. Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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Jubilee Garden: A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the students of Cath West for making the beautiful benches and cross that now reside in our Jubilee garden. The benches have been positioned so that wherever you sit you can view Mary. They complement Mary who has been restored to her original colour in remembrance of her origin.



Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, Anne Ledger and Bob Ryan; and for Yvonne (Bonnie) Caws and Belinda 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 Brown, 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:

Sacramental news:

Confirmation Program – The Program for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Wednesday 7th 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.

Baptisms – We warmly welcome *Luca Iaria* into our Faith Community. May God bless Luca and his family always.

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.

Parish Golden Jubilee Celebration Photos:

For those who ordered photos, they are now available for collection in the church foyer.

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
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 Denise Robens (Visit only) JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
3 /4 August	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Sue Mouthaan	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright

Scripture News: We are currently in need of more Catechists to teach in our 3 local public schools. For many years, we have had a wonderful group of ladies and men teaching. However, it has come that time, for one reason or another, we are now short. Please if you are able to help, **WE NEED YOU!** Training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041. Alternatively, please speak with coordinator Mary Marsh after the 8am Mass, or call 0408 212 437.

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.

Bishop Kevin Manning Funeral Details:

The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, will be held on Friday 2 August at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will also be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel. Bishop Manning will then be interred on Monday 5 August in Coolah, NSW. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. To register your attendance, visit parracatholic.org/bishopmanning.

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. **This weekend we welcome to our parish Kylie Cullen, an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.**



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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:

Position Vacant: Recruitment Coordinator – 1dpw. **Palms Australia** seeks a passionate and committed Recruitment. Coordinator to join the friendly team at our office in Petersham. The successful candidate will drive the implementation of strategies to recruit Palms participants for overseas mission and extend the legacy of Palms Australia built over six decades. Strong interpersonal and organisational skills are required with ideally lived experience of an international placement to proclaim the benefits of mission. Initially one day per week, \$64,731 p.a. pro rata. For the full Job Description, contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

#Active4Vocations at the City2Surf: 11 August Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. Thank you.

Winbourne Being Peaceful Change Reflection Day: 17 August

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'Being Peaceful Change' on Saturday 17 August from 9.30am to 12.30pm. "Before you speak of peace, you must first have it in your heart" (St Francis of Assisi). How might we achieve this unity and carry it forward? Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Glenbrook Parish Universal Sisterhood Women's Retreat: 17 August

Universal Sisterhood is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday 17 August from 8.45am to 5.15pm at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like-minded women. Registration is \$100. All enquiries, call 0403 962 181. To register, please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1171377>.

hhSaints of the week:

July 29th - Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

July 30th - St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor

July 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Aug 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Aug 2nd - St Peter Julian Eymard,
Our Lady of the Angels

Aug 3rd - St. Dominic

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