

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, 7th July 2024. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Cf Psalm 47:10-11](#)

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading [Ezekiel 2:2-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 122. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man’s disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

[See Luke 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Communion Antiphon. Psalm 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Paul Johnston and Brytan De Mattia; and for Helen McInnes, Jean McInnes and Sandra Levinge 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 and Anne Ledger, Jeffrey Meads, Julie Laws, Cheryl Morgan, Nerida Fabri, Greg Pigott, Bradley Gardam, 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.

YOUNG ADULTS FAITH FORMATION



Join Fr John Rizzo to discuss

THE EUCHARIST

followed by fun, fellowship and pizza



For adults 18-35

SUNDAY

7th JULY

7:00-8:30

The Hustle
Unit 4

4-6 Purdy St
Minchinbury

Suggested
donation: \$5

Come, Holy Spirit!

Fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be
created, and you shall renew the face of
the earth.
Amen.



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. We suggest 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. All photos will be size 6 x 4. 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
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
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 Lara Roser Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday:

July 7 2024: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia acknowledges and celebrates the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The theme for 2024 is, "Keep the Fire Burning": Strong in Faith". There are 2 events in our diocese:

- **Emerton Parish NAIDOC Week Celebration: 11 July**

To commemorate NAIDOC Week, which is celebrated from 7-14 July, you are warmly invited to a family-friendly NAIDOC celebration hosted by Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, Catholic Care, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and other partners on Thursday 11 July from 10am to 3pm at the Holy Family site, 252 Luxford Rd, Emerton. All are welcome to attend.

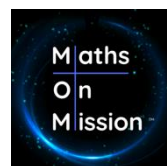
- **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July**

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at trybooking.com/ctcfo.

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. Contact Debra Gleeson– 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).



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.

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.

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultor 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/drmyriam

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. To enter, please visit parracatholic.org/artcompetition

CYP LIFTED Retreats: Looking for an opportunity to get away? Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups! The remaining retreats are:

- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

Saints of the week:

July 8th – St Priscilla

July 9th – St. Paulina

July 10th – St. Alexander

July 11th – St. Benedict

July 12th – Ss. Louis & Azelie-Marie Guerin Martin

July 13th – St. Henry

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

