

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, 18th Aug 2024. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 83:10-11](#)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading [Proverbs 9:1-6](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts,
prepared her wine, she has laid her
table. She has despatched her
maidservants and proclaimed from the
city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him
step this way.' To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine
I have prepared! Leave your folly and
you will live, walk in the ways of
perception.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 33:2-3. R. v.9](#)

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of
the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The
humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. **(R.)**

3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you
lead, like intelligent and not like senseless
people. This may be a wicked age, but
your lives should redeem it. And do not be
thoughtless but recognise what is the will
of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with
wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled
with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of
the psalms and hymns when you are
together, and go on singing and chanting
to the Lord in your hearts, so that always
and everywhere you are giving thanks to
God who is our Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation [John 6:56](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel [John 6:51-58](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Communion Antiphon. [Psalm 129:7](#)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRESENTS:
MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

SAT 24TH
AUGUST

Starts 7pm.
Tickets \$5 each. \$10 family

Our Lady of The Way Parish Hall,
19 Troy Street, Emu Plains 2750

RSVP TO olotwevents4u@gmail.com

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased James McNulty and Carmel Skillicorn; and for Frances Hendry and Pearl Leving 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, Kevin Lindsay, 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

Please join me in praying for the children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks, and blessings, Cate



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 27th August.** 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)

Season of Creation: The beginning of Spring also marks the *Season of Creation*, an ecumenical global movement to celebrate the environment and raise awareness for the plight of the world. Bishop Vincent Long will be launching this year's Season of Creation at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Blackheath, celebrating a Diocesan wide Mass - followed by morning tea, on **Sunday September 1st at 9:30am.** All are welcome at the Church on the hill -167 Wentworth St, Blackheath.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
17/18 August	Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Deacon Batsiraj Matthew Topp JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Kay Walker	Hartley Dhyon David Green Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
24/25 August	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury Noeline Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsiraj John Cowen Connie Reid Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA FAMILY CONCERT: August 24 at 7pm in OLOW Parish Hall. ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO! A Golden Jubilee event that promises to be lots of fun! Tickets, \$5 each or \$10 per family, purchased at the door on the night of the concert. Food will also be on sale. Volunteers needed on the night to serve tea/coffee. Also, if you are able to bake a cake/slice to bring along we would be most grateful. If you are able to assist, or for any other enquiries, please call Debra Gleeson on 0418 259 757.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive: Thank you for your continuing generosity. Catholic Care are delighted to receive your donations each month. 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 rear of the church **this weekend 17/18 Aug. Thank you.**

Life Ascending Meeting: Next meeting will be at 10am, 21 Aug at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 years age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 0247337481

Liturgical ministry: If you are considering being involved in a liturgical ministry (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 Sept 9, Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Funeral Notice: Carmel Skillicorn of Glenbrook, a past parishioner at Our Lady of the Way, died peacefully in her home at the age of 89 on the 7/8/24. The family welcome those who knew Carmel to attend her funeral at Our Lady of the Way Church on the 28th August at 10.30am.

Morning Mass at St Finbar's, Glenbrook: For those who attend Tuesday morning Mass at St Finbar's, please be aware of the following changes-

- No 9.15 morning Mass on August 19 and 26, and September 3 and 10 as Fr Joseph will be on annual leave.
- Tuesday morning Mass will resume on September 17.

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:

Job vacancy: The Catholic charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, is seeking applications for a full time, Benefactor Support Coordinator. The role is based at the national office in Penrith. Experience in customer service and/or the processing of donations is ideal. For information visit, www.aidtochurch.org/jobs. Applications close 23 August.

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: 20 August All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10am to 12pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Sisters of Faith Young Women's Retreat: 31 August To celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week, young women aged 18-35 are invited to a retreat day on Saturday 31 August from 10am to 3pm at the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth community, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong. Meet with sisters from nine different congregations for a day of inspiring talks, Q&A, Eucharist, Holy Hour and great food. To register, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0426 092 699.

Saints of the week:

Aug 19th – St John Eudes
Aug 20th – St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Aug 21st – St. Pius X, Pope
Aug 22nd – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug 23rd – St Rose of Lima
Aug 24th – St. Bartholomew, apostle

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