

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, 1st Sept 2024. Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation [James 1:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the marketplace they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It

was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Communion Antiphon. [Psalm 30:20](#)

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased Dr Peter Chang and Simon Brodie, and for Brian Maher whose death anniversary occurs 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, Lola Kammel, Robyn Bell, Doris Shaw, Grace Batcheldor, Pat Kennedy, Olga Vieyra. 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. Blessings, Cate.

HOOR OF POWER

On **Friday 13th September**, all parishioners of OLOW are invited to come together as a community and pray for the families and children who are about to receive their Confirmation. This time of adoration will be between **7pm-8pm**, however you don't have to stay for the whole hour if you are unable. Even 5 mins of prayer for these children is powerful! Enjoy some personal prayer time with Jesus while offering it for this intention



Cuppa and a Chat: 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 8.00am Mass.

We are currently in need of 2 people to run the hospitality on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 6pm Mass. If you are able to assist, please call the Parish Office 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)

Playgroup: Playgroup runs fortnightly at 10am Tuesday in the Parish Hall. The next playgroup will be **Tuesday 10th September**. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
31 August/ 1 September	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Geraldine Waters:	Hartley Dhyon David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Jonah Ellis & Matthew Hamilton C: Brett Wright R: Don Robens
7/8 September	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury Mary Marsh JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kaye Walker	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

A very Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Grandfathers and Father Figures in our Parish. We give thanks to God for all that you are and for all that you do. We especially remember and pray for our fathers who are no longer with us. May the love and peace of Jesus be with you today and always.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests



This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your

compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Alternatively, envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be returned via the collection basket, or the Parish Office. Thank you.

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.

New Tap 'n' Go Terminal: This terminal operates differently from our previous Tap 'n' Go terminal. To make a donation, choose the amount you would like to donate - either \$5, \$10, \$20 or 'Other amount'. Then, simply tap your card. Money donated via the Tap 'n' Go is divided between the Parish and supporting the priests in the Diocese.

Shape our future with our new Pastoral Plan for 2024 – 2028: The Diocese of Parramatta has recently launched our Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024-2028: *'Behold, I am with you'*. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. Together, we can use this plan to revitalise our local community and shape the future of our Diocese. **To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.**

Caring for our common home: Recycling at our Parish: A collection box for your **clean dry & empty** dental hygiene items, and used blister packs will be outside the main doors of the church at all Masses THIS weekend.

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: 12 noon

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:

Vote now for People's Choice in our 2024 Kids' Voices art competition! The [2024 Kids' Voices art competition](#) underpins our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person. The competition aims to engage children and young people in our community about safeguarding by giving them a voice. Hurry, voting closes Sunday 1 September. Find out more at www.parracatholic.org/peoples-choice

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for the parochial feast of St Padre Pio. The parish will be celebrating a three day Triduum:

- Thursday 19 September – 7.00pm Novena to *St Padre Pio* and Mass
- Friday 20 September – 7.00pm Novena to *St Padre Pio* and Mass
- Saturday 21 September – 5.30pm Novena to *St Padre Pio* and Vigil Mass

With the feast day celebrations on Sunday 22 September from 10am with a solemn procession with the relic, Mass, veneration and blessing by the relic. For enquiries, contact the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

Catholic Care Mamre Supported Playgroup. Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup which operates on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.

Saints of the week:

Sept 2nd – St. Ingrid of Sweden

Sept 3rd – St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor

Sept 4th – St. Boniface I, pope

Sept 5th – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Sept 6th – St Donatian

Sept 7th – St. Regina

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