

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, 15th Sept 2024. Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading [Isaiah 50:5-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading

[James 2:14-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation [Galatians 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 8:27-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Communion Antiphon. [Cf Psalm 35:8](#)

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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Loving your Neighbour in the Sick and the Dying

What does it mean to care for the Sick and the Dying in today's world?

This formation session will focus on High School students pursuing studies in Healthcare at University. However, all interested are invited to attend, including those working in Aged Care, Healthcare Professionals, Parents and Carers, as well as those supporting their children in making decisions about career pathways and members of parishes interested in caring for the Sick and the Dying.

21st September 2024
St Thomas Aquinas Parish,
Springwood
11:00am to 1:00pm
Followed by lunch

RSVP by 9th September 2024
met@parracatholic.org
Enquiries to Deacon (Dr) Michael Tan
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**The Diocese of Parramatta Healthcare Ministries
Foundation Community**

Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased; and for Jennifer Rist and Pat Magee 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), 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, Lucy Mikosic, Bernadette Hoolahan, Margaret Houlihan, Henry O'Malley, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, Lola Kammel, Robyn Bell, Doris Shaw, Grace Batcheldor, Pat Kennedy and 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.



Congratulations to Noah Pincevic who was recently awarded the Bishop's Award for Student Excellence at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. This award is given to a student who is a strong witness to the Catholic faith, and who has contributed to their school community in an outstanding way. Well done Noah!

Cuppa and a Chat: 1st Saturday after the 6.00pm Mass, 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 Saturday of the month after the 6pm Mass. Connie will be available to help for a couple of months until you feel comfortable with it. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

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 24th September**. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

Limited copies of the **Parish Pastoral Plan and 24-25 Social Justice Statement** are now available in the church foyer. Please also be sure to pick up your copy of the **Catholic Outlook**.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
14/15 September	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Jessica Topp	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
21/22 September	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Geraldine Waters	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton

Lost Property: We have several items of lost property in the church foyer. We would be most grateful if you could collect any item(s) that might be yours. Any remaining items after this weekend will be donated to a local charity.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive: Thank you for your continuing generosity. So far this year we have donated over 22 bags of food to those in need. 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 next weekend (21/22nd Sept).

Life Ascending Meeting: Next meeting will be at 10am, 18 Sept at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 yrs age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 0247337481

Farewell to Beryl McAlary A fond farewell to one of our foundational parishioners, Beryl McAlary. Beryl and her late husband Geoff first came to Emu Plains nearly 60 years ago. They attended mass at St Nicholas of Myra and then became foundational parishioners of Our Lady of the Way, where they contributed to the building up of our community and remained faithful parishioners. They were also active in the general community. Beryl has been receiving communion in her home for the past few years and maintained a strong relation with the parish. We wish her well in her new residence just across the river and thank her for her faith and loyalty.

Parish Golden Jubilee Garden: This year, we have taken on the project of restoring the garden near the church, with the aim of creating a contemplative space where people can rest and reflect. The garden is certainly taking shape, however, more resources are needed. Next weekend, 21st/22nd September, and the following weekend, 28th/29th September, we will be having a bucket collection to raise funds for the completion of the garden. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Eftpos facilities will also be available over the two weekends. Thank you for your support of this project in our Golden Jubilee year.

Cleaner needed- URGENT: We are in need of a volunteer to assist with church cleaning-every second Friday, 9:30-11am. Please note that this will involve heavy vacuuming. If you can help, please call the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. (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:

Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 September Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields on Friday 20 September 7pm to 8pm. Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Join us afterwards for refreshments. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9626 3326 or email parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

Winbourne The Aramaic Lord's Prayer Reflection Day: 28 September The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on 'The Aramaic Lord's Prayer' on Saturday 28 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Returning to what Jesus actually said is a truly enlightening and prayerful experience. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Calling all Year 12 Students! The annual HSC exams are just around the corner! We invite you to attend your local HSC Mass, where you'll join countless other students from across the Diocese in prayer for those undertaking their final exams. Masses will be held during the weekend of 5-6 October 2024. During the Mass, you will receive a blessing along with a small gift. Keep an eye on your parish bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.



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Saints of the week:

Sept 16th – St. Cornelius, pope
Sept 17th – St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor
Sept 18th – St. Joseph Cupertino
Sept 19th – Our Lady of La Salette
Sept 20th – Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon and companions
Sept 21st – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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