

# 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, 22nd Sept 2024. Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### **First Reading** [Wisdom 2:12, 17-20](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [James 3:16 – 4:3](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Gospel Acclamation** [See 2 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 9:30-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?'

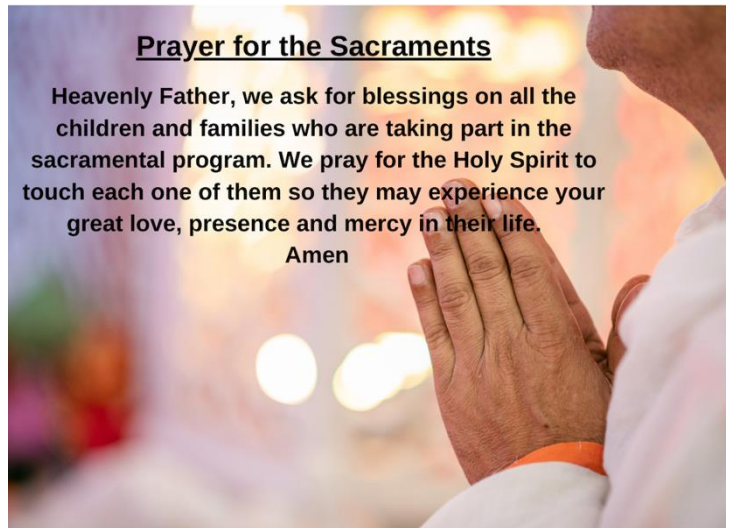
They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest.

So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**Communion Antiphon.** [Psalm 118:4-5](#)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for those recently deceased, and for Mary Cook, Lou Deutscher, Keith Goderie, and William and Daisy Hatch 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, Maureen and Denis McNamara, Hayley Green, 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, 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:

**Baptisms:** We warmly welcome Eleanora Dellunto, Daisy Keaton and Goldie Pearce into our Faith Community. May God bless them and their families always.

**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.

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday after the 6.00pm Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 8.00am Mass.

**We are currently in need of 2 people to run the hospitality on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
21/22 September	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Marie McLennan	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Geraldine Waters	Deacon Batsiraj Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
28/29 September	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Debra Gleeson R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Marianne Castor	Deacon Batsiraj John Cowen Noeline Bangel Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright

**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. This weekend, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September, and next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Calling all Year 12 Students!** The annual HSC exams are just around the corner! We invite you to come along to the **9:30am Mass on the 6<sup>th</sup> October** to join in prayer with the OLOW community and receive a blessing ahead of your final exams. We warmly welcome you to extend this invitation to family and friends.

**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 THIS weekend (21/22<sup>nd</sup> Sept).



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

at **St Patrick's Cathedral**  
**SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER at 11.00am**

Couples and their families invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

Please register attendance by 20 October at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone **8838 3460**.

Please include full names, years of marriage & number of family attending.

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

**Positions Vacant:** More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

- Development Manager – Property Services, Diocese of Parramatta.
- Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta – **App. close 25 Sept.**
- Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**
- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – **App. close 12 Oct.**

**From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: 'Behold, I Am With You Always'** "The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart, trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts 'Behold, I am with you always' – Matthew 28:20." (Pg. 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

**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](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

**MET Natural Fertility Sympto-Thermal Method Instruction Session: 24 September** The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) can be used by all couples to space their children. It is suitable for breastfeeding women returning to fertility and helps couples identify the best time to achieve pregnancy! To book your place in this FREE session on Tuesday 24 September at 7:15pm via Zoom, contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605. Contact Catherine for private and confidential instruction in other methods of NFP offered in the Diocese.

**Winbourne The Spirituality of *The Lord of the Rings* Reflection Day: Saturday 19 October** Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa: 9.30am to 3pm. JRR Tolkien's deep Catholic spirituality is evident throughout the trilogy, although neither God nor Church are mentioned. Cost is \$30 per person. BYO lunch. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

## Saints of the week:

Sept 23rd – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Sept 24th – Our Lady of Walsingham

Sept 25th – Bl. Herman 'the Cripple' of Reichenau

Sept 26th – Ss. Cosmas & Damian

Sept 27th – St. Vincent de Paul

Sept 28th – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

## 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