

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, 13th October 2024. Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 129:3-4](#)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading [Wisdom 7:7-11](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14](#)

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)

3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading [Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation [Matthew 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 10:17-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.
Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My

children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon. Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Bob Mitchell and Margaret Borkowski, and for Geoffrey Gathuku whose death anniversary is 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, Sr Patricia Holligan, 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:

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.

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 15th October**. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

Life Ascending Meeting: Next meeting will be at **10am, 16th Oct** 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.

Sisters through Faith
Peace
Mt Schoenstatt Mulgoa
26th October
9:00am - 4:00pm
Cost: \$20

Guest Speakers: Madeleine Carrington,
Jessica Doherty and Fr Pawel

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WOMAN'S RETREAT
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
12/13 October	Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Debra Gleeson	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria <u>Sirotti</u> R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
19/20 October	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Felicity Tuballa & Alex Tuballa C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: N/A C: Paul Ryan R: Geraldine Waters	Hartley Dhyon Heather Barlow (Visit only) Connie Reid David Green JS: Matthew Hamilton & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa <u>Samojlowicz</u> R: Courtney Hamilton

Baptism for Primary Children:

At the start of term 4, we will be running a baptism program for primary school children. If you know anyone who would like to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office on 47351041

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Your donations of pantry food and basic toiletries to help those in need are greatly appreciated. Please place goods such as canned fish, canned vegetables, pasta and toilet paper at rear of the church next weekend 19/20 Oct Thank you.

HSC and IB Prayer: We invite you to pray for those students preparing to sit their HSC and IB exams. If you have a family member or friend sitting these exams, we have some Care Packs still available. Please see one of the Church Wardens if you would like one.

Prayer cards are also available in the church foyer.

*Heavenly Father,
We bring before You our HSC and IB students.
Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage.
Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams.
May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that You are with them.
We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability.
May they feel Your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.*

Entertainment: For those of you who like music from the 60's and 70's I will be playing guitar in a band at the **Castle Lounge in the Penrith R.S.L. Club on Sunday 3rd November**, starting at 7pm. The group is the GRB (the Gaming Room Band), and we are retirees who meet once a week to play. We have all sorts of instruments - drums, guitars, tambourines, organs etc.

Come along and have some fun and listen to the music and singers. You can tap your feet, dance or sing along.

I hope we see you there. Phillip Youngman

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:
12pm

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:

Positions Vacant:

- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 12 October**
- It Support Engineer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 16 October**
- Finance Administrator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October**
- Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 30 October**
- Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 October.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

“The Holy Spirit guides the Church on its synodal journey, ensuring it stays true to the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus. The People of God listen together to the Word of God in Scripture, the living Tradition of the Church and then to each other, to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit which guides our human efforts...” (Pg. 10, Pastoral Plan). Learn about how our diocese is embracing synodality with our new pastoral plan: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

Catholic Care Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day commemoration: 15 October To commemorate Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Day, Catholic Care and White Lady Funerals are holding a memorial service on Tuesday 15 October from 11am at Mamre House, Orchard Hills. There will be an opportunity to place a plant in memory of your loved one in the Garden of Remembrance. Please RSVP to Lisa on 0439 917 129 or Christy at White Lady Funerals 02 4731 4385.

MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: 19 October Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 19 October from 9.30am - 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October, please contact: hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

Saints of the week:

Oct 14th – St Callistus I, Pope and martyr

Oct 15th – St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor

Oct 16th – St Gerard Majella

Oct 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Oct 18th – St Luke, Evangelist

Oct 19th – St. Paul of the Cross

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