

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, 20th October 2024. Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 16:6,8](#)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as
the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings
protect me.

First Reading [Isaiah 53:10-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs,
and have long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his
servant with suffering. If he offers his life
in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he
shall have a long life and through him
what the Lord wishes will be done. His
soul's anguish over he shall see the light
and be content. By his sufferings shall
my servant justify many, taking their
faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v.22](#)

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere
Him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have
the supreme high priest who has gone
through to the highest heaven, we must
never let go of the faith that we have
professed. For it is not as if we had a high
priest who was incapable of feeling our
weaknesses with us; but we have one who
has been tempted in every way that we
are, though he is without sin. Let us be
confident, then, in approaching the throne
of grace, that we shall have mercy from
him and find grace when we are in need of
help.

Gospel Acclamation [Mark 10:45](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!



Gospel [Mark 10:35-45](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.
James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

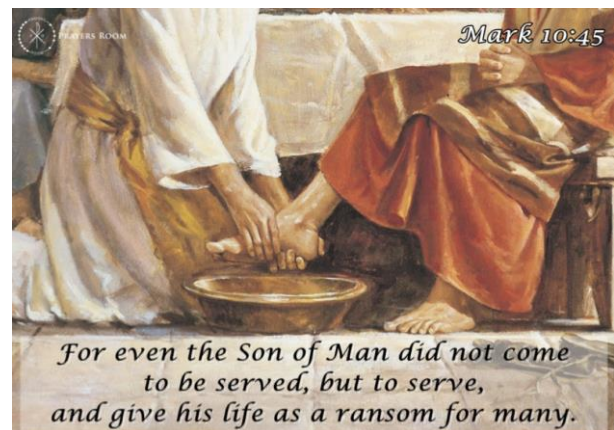
When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their

authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Communion Antiphon. Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased, and for Kaye Simpson and Geoffrey Gathuku 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, Jo Von Schomburg, 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:

All Saints Day

Friday, 1 November: Mass at 9am

All Souls Day' Vigil

Friday, 1 November: Mass at 6pm, followed by supper in the hall.

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.

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 **this weekend 19/20 Oct.**

Sacramental news

The Baptism program for primary children has begun! Please join me in praying for these children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism. Thanks, and blessings, Cate



Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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 Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
26/27 October	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Noeline Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Maria Sirotti	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Matthew Hamilton C: Brett Wright R: Don Robens

All Souls' Day and November Masses

The feast of All Souls is an ancient celebration in the church, it runs back many centuries to date. Whereas praying for the dead was focused on the need to pray for our departed one to be cleansed of sin which they carried into death and delayed their entry to heaven. There was a belief that the prayers of the living Christians help them to enter heaven.

"And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them, it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sin) (2 Maccabees 12:45-46)

In today's Church we place more stress on God's unconditional love for us all trusting that it will be more powerful than the sinfulness of those who die. We focus more on the gift their life has been and God's gift of life after death.

All Souls' Day is an occasion to pray with those we love who have died as well as to pray for them. It is a day to recognize that we belong to a Christian community in which those who have died are united with those who live.

May the souls of our faithful departed continue to inspire us with their love and memories. May they find eternal peace and happiness with our Creator.

We are all invited for Mass on the 1st Friday of November at 6pm in commemoration of our faithful departed. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

Please invite family and friends to join us in praying for and remembering our loved ones who have gone before us.

During November, we will have the Remembrance Book at the front of the church.

You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends into the box that will be provided, who will be remembered at the Masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed.

November Mass intention envelopes are available at the rear of the church. During November, the priest will say a Mass daily for a specific person which is a stipend Mass (stipend – meaning donation). The amount given as a stipend is up to you, although it has been suggested that \$20.00 would be an appropriate gift.

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:
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:

- Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 30 October**
- Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 October**
- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

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

Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day and Crowning Jubilee: 20 October Join us as we celebrate Mt Schoenstatt's Foundation Day and Crowning Golden Jubilee on Sunday 20 October. The family festival will begin at 10.15am, with Mass celebrated at 11am followed by a procession to the Shrine. There will be BBQ, food stalls, jumping castle, face painting and more activities for the whole family. For more information, follow the Shrine on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>

Mt Schoenstatt Pilgrims of Hope Retreat Weekend: 26-27 October Join our men's retreat at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, organised by Schoenstatt Men and led by their Moderator, Fr Pawel OP. The retreat draws inspiration from the Jubilee Year 2025 with a focus on the theme of hope. You can choose to stay overnight for the full retreat, attend one day, or participate on both days as a day visitor. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/4coasdO>

Night of Light: 31 October Children 12 and under are invited to celebrate All Hallows' Eve feast day at St Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall, Penrith from 4-6pm, Thursday 31st October. There will be games, activities, food, prizes and lollies. \$5 per child or \$15 per family. Come dressed as your favourite saint or bible hero.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 9-10 November

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 9-11 November, with future dates in February and May 2025. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

Saints of the week:

Oct 21st – St Gaspar of Bufalo

Oct 22nd – St. John Paul II

Oct 23rd – St John of Capistrano

Oct 24th – St. Anthony Mary Claret

Oct 25th – St John Roberts

Oct 26th – Bl. Bonaventura of Poternza

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