

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, 27th October 2024. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 104:3-4](#)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading [Hebrews 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation [2 Timothy 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 10:46-52](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased, and for Brian O'Hara, Reg Leving and Clive McInnes 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, Dion Detterer, 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, 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.

Communion Antiphon. Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith Rosary Triduum

Join us on Tuesday 29 October, Wednesday 30 October, and Thursday 31 October commencing at 7.00pm with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Grotto at the side of the Church. Please bring a chair.

Entertainment: Just a reminder that Phillip Youngman will be playing in the GRB Band on **Sunday night 3rd November** at the Penrith RSL's Castle Lounge starting at 7pm. Come along and listen to a couple of hours of 60's and 70's music for free



Parish Notices:

MASS TIMES for Feast days this week:

All Saints Day: 9am, Friday 1st November

All Souls Day Vigil: 6pm Friday 1st November, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Jubilee Cake Stall: We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a cake stall on **Saturday 16th November and Sunday 17th November**, after Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and support our church while also enjoying delicious homemade treats.

We need donations of baked goods- cakes, cookies, pastries, slices and also gluten-free options. If you are able to assist with baking or helping out on the day, please add your name to the sheet at the rear of the church.

For enquiries, contact Sarah Tuballa (0439 467 797), Mary Marsh (0408 212 437) or the Parish Office (4735 1041). Thank you for your support.

PowerPoint Operators Needed: We are currently in need of PowerPoint operators to help with the slides during weekend Masses. We would like to have enough volunteers for a monthly roster. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 or email emuplains@parracatholic.org.

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 29th October**. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

| Dates: | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 9.30am |
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| 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 |
| 2/3 November | Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Felicity Tuballa & Alex Tuballa C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson | Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kaye Walker | John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) David Green JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton |

Sacramental news

Please keep in your prayers the primary school children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism on **16th November at 2pm**. The children are: Ryder, Asa, Quinlan, Ariana, Alexia, Hayden, Cohen, Avery, Saxon, Iluka and Raphael. Thanks, and blessings, Cate



Also, this weekend, Michael, Hayden, Mateo, Brodie, Elijah and Caleb will be baptised. We joyfully welcome these children into our Faith Community! May God bless them always.

All Souls' Day and November Masses

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.

Volunteering with Vinnies: Volunteers are needed to work in the Vinnies retail store in Penrith. An opportunity to give back to the community, share your skills and make new friends. For more information, phone 4722 0309, or email retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au or scan the QR code.



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:

- 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/

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3rd November 2024 at The Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury) at 7pm. The speaker is Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz who will talk about and lead discussion on The Holy Souls and Purgatory. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come and enjoy some faith formation, pizza, and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call Mark on 0477 004 678.

Medjugorje pilgrimage: Join David and Angeline Wilkes from St Aiden's Parish on a spiritual journey to Medjugorje from April 1st to 9th, 2025. This is their third pilgrimage, and the group will be staying with visionary Mirjana Soldo, guided by her long-time English interpreter, Miki Musa. Fr Neil Bulathsinhala will also be accompanying the group as the Chaplain. Places are limited, so if you feel called to experience the peace and grace of Medjugorje, please contact Angeline Wilkes at 0410 665 306 or visit saintlytravel.com.au for more details.

St Nicholas of Myra Penrith Pavillion of Fellowship Raffle St Nicholas of Myra Parish is holding a fundraising raffle to help construct our Pavilion of Fellowship. The prize is a 7-day holiday in a Bali Villa for 6 people (flights not included). For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.raffletix.com.au/pavilionoffellowship>

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 28th – Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Oct 29th – St. Gaetano Errico

Oct 30th – St Dorothy of Montau

Oct 31st – St. Quentin

Nov 1st – ALL SAINTS

Nov 2nd – ALL SOULS

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