

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, 29th Sept 2024. Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42](#)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading [Numbers 11:25-29](#)

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, ‘Look’, he said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, ‘My Lord Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

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

A reading from the letter of St James
Your wealth is rotting.



An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation [See John 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

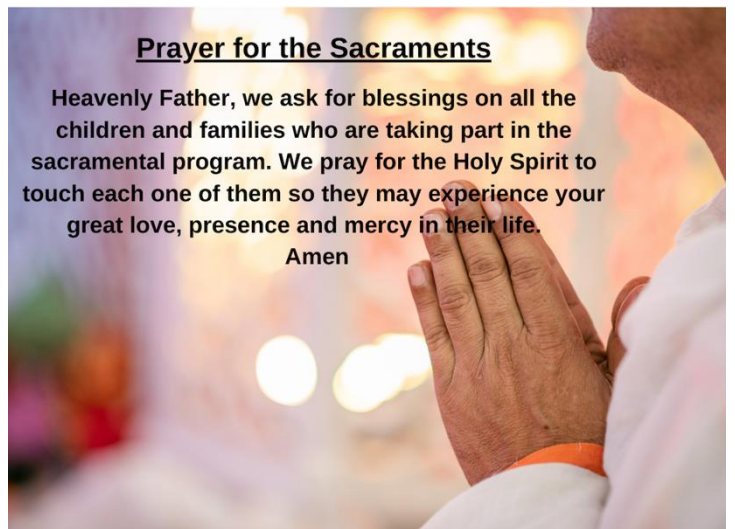
'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Communion Antiphon. [Cf Psalm 118:49-50](#)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Dr Bill Gayed, and for Gaetano Vella and Patricia Sheather whose death anniversaries occur 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, Sr Patricia Holligan, 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 Gayed, 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:

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

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive

APOLOGY: The number of food bags collected for Catholic Care from Jan – Aug is 222 (not 22!) A great effort and always thankfully received by Catholic Care.

Parish Office Changes: Please be advised that due to the school holidays, Joanne will **not** be in the office on Wednesday 2nd & 9th Oct, and Friday 4th & 11 Oct. Thank you for your understanding.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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 Batsirai John Cowen Noeline Bangel Heather Barlow (Visit only) JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
5/6 October	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: N/A C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mary Marsh Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kay Walker	John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) David Green JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Sacramental news:

On Wednesday 18th September 39 children, including 7 Penola students were confirmed here at OLOW. Thank you to all the parishioners for your prayerful support for these children. This program would not have been possible without the help from many people, so I would like to especially thank Marcia, Belinda, Kristina, Sarah, Jo, Maria, Margaret, Krystyna, Wolfgang, the Snedden family, Les, Jan, Helen, Mary, Nicholas, Felicity, Chris, Thea, Lynne, Courtney, John and Stevenie. A special thanks to Sue for her tireless efforts throughout the program.

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

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, (28th/29th Sept), will be the second weekend of our bucket collection to raise funds for the completion of the garden. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Eftpos facilities will also be available. 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 6th 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.

Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Shirley and Eric Harman (Stevenie's parents) who just celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. They were married in Kingston upon Hull in Yorkshire on 24th September 1955. They emigrated to Australia in 1968. May God bless your marriage and fill your hearts and home with His love, peace and joy.

(Note: if you know someone celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary and they are ok with us sharing it in this bulletin, feel free to email louise.goderie@gmail.com or text 0434434385.)

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:

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

- Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**
- Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – Diocese of Parramatta – **App. close 12 Oct.**
- Finance Administrator – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 18 October.**

World Day of Migrants & Refugees: 29 September This Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrate the annual World Day of Migrants & Refugees (WDMR). The theme chosen by Pope Francis this year is “God Walks with His People”. The Church throughout the world walks with the most vulnerable, with those in whom she encounters the Risen One. You can access inspiring resources coming from the Vatican and the “Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office” at linktr.ee/met.pje

Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund Would you like your child to receive a Catholic education but are worried that your family cannot afford it? Please consider applying for a bursary that will cover the school fees, the cost of uniforms and equipment for primary or secondary school students for up to four years of enrolment. The fund, is a Diocesan charity that seeks to ensure all families who want a Catholic education for their child can receive one. **Applications close 18 October.** Please visit <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 11am 27 October at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Family and friends are welcome. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October.

Missionaries of God’s Love Springtime Creative Retreat: 11 – 13 October The Missionaries of God’s Love are organising a weekend retreat for men and women from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October at Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville. Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God. For enquiries, contact Judy - mqlsisters.sydney@gmail.com

Saints of the week:

Sept 30th – St. Jerome, doctor

Oct 1st – St Terese of the Child Jesus ,Doctor

Oct 2nd – The Holy Guardian Angels

Oct 3rd – Bl. Aloysius Stepinac

Oct 4th – St. Francis of Assisi

Oct 5th – St. Faustina Kowalska

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