

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, 6th October 2024. Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading [Hebrews 2:9-11](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation [cf 1 John 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 10:2-16](#)

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

Let us pray: We pray recently deceased Margaret Borkowski and Dr Bill Gayed, and for Kaye Simpson and Paul Joseph Reeves 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, 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.

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Communion Antiphon. [Lam 3:25](#)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE

50th Anniversary Cocktail Event

Date
Saturday 19 October 2024 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Location
Pullman Hotel Penrith
81 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith NSW 2750

1974 - 2024

Celebrating our past, empowering our future



Parish Notices:

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: **PLEASE NOTE- NO CUPPA AFTER THE 6PM MASS THIS WEEKEND**

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 in need of 2 people or a family to run the hospitality on the 1st Saturday of the month after the 6pm Mass. If you are feel this is a ministry that you can be involved in, please call the Parish Office. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

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.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
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
12/13 October	Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Josie Henderson C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Hugo Watson C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

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 Gardens THANK YOU: Just a note to thank you all so much for your generous contributions to the bucket collections these last two weekends. We have raised over \$1000 which we will put toward flowers, plants, top soil, mulch and other improvements. We appreciate and value all of these donations. Also, a special thank you to BUNNINGS Penrith who kindly donated native plants for the garden, we have planted these along the fences of the gardens.

HSC and IB Prayer: We invite you to pray for those students preparing to sit their HSC and IB exams

*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.*
Diocese of Parramatta/Catholic Youth Parramatta



Mission: Transform Lives

- theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

02 9560 5333
palms@palms.org.au



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:
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:

CYP LIFTED GO: 17 October

“LIFTED Go” is an exciting new initiative in Catholic Youth Parramatta’s LIFTED series, co-created with the Peace, Justice, Ecology team. You can expect an uplifting, energising and prayerful night in true LIFTED style, that will encourage us all to GO out into the deep as missionary disciples & peacemakers: 17 October 2024, 7-9pm, WestHQ. Find out more and register at parracatholic.org/liftedgo

Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 October. Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Aidan’s Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday 18 October from 6pm to 7pm with Fr Galbert Albino. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org

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 Oct, please contact Hannah on 0488 000 211 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

“Girls Day Out At The Shrine”: Wed. 9th Oct. (15-18 years) OR Thurs.10th Oct. (11-14 years). Both days will run from 9.30am-5.00pm at the “Home of Light” at Mount Schoenstatt and costs \$22. There is the opportunity for leaders (15+ years) to stay overnight for \$55. Contact Sr. M. Rita to register: 0493 026 628, srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

Schoenstatt’s Foundation Day Celebrations on Sunday October 20th. The day will begin at 10.15am with a pre-program and holy mass at 11am. This will be followed by a procession to the shrine with BBQ lunch, facepainting, jumping castle, popcorn, and other fun activities. The day will conclude around 3pm with benediction, recrowning of the blessed Mother and afternoon tea.

Saints of the week:

Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 8th – St. Pelagia the Penitent

Oct 9th – St John Henry Newman

Oct 10th – St. Patrician, Bishop

Oct 11th – The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Oct 12th – Bl. Carlo Acutis

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