

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, 10th November 2024. Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 87:3](#)

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading [1 Kings 17:10-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said, ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives’, she replied, ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: “Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”’

The woman went and did as Elijah told

her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the

blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation [Matthew 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 12:38-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.* In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Communion Antiphon. Cf [Psalm 22:1-2](#)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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NOVEMBER MASSES: In November we remember the Faithful Departed – those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

We have the **Remembrance Book** at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends in the box provided. They will be remembered at the Masses throughout November. **November Mass intention envelopes** are also available at the front and rear of the church. The priest will say a Mass daily for a specific person when a stipend Mass is offered - suggested donation is \$20. These envelopes can be placed in the purple box at the front of the church, in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office

Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased Karen Goderie, Kevin Lindsay and Margaret Magee, and for those 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, 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 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, 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:

Jubilee Cake Stall: We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a cake stall next weekend- **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 .

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 19th November**. 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 next *weekend 16/17 Nov.* Thank you

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
9/10 November	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Josie Henderson & Felicity Tuballa C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Mary Marsh Noeline Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria <u>Sirotti</u> R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Heather Barlow (Visit only) Connie Reid JS: Matthew Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
16/17 November	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Alex Tuballa & Felicity Tuballa C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: N/A C: Paul Ryan R: Gabe Manouk	Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker (Visit) David Green JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Lisa <u>Samojlowicz</u> R: Courtney 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, Quinlan, Ariana, Alexia, Hayden, Cohen, Avery, Saxon, Iluka and Raphael. This weekend, we warmly welcome infants Michael and Vaiana into our Faith Community. Thanks, and blessings, Cate



Prayer Night: On **Friday 15th November**, all parishioners of OLOW are invited to come together as a community to pray for the children and their families who will be Baptised in our Church the next day. This time of adoration will be between **7pm-8pm**. Enjoy some personal prayer time with Jesus while offering it for this special intention.

2025 Columban Calendars are now available to purchase for \$10 each at the rear of the church. Please place money in the envelopes provided and then hand to one of the church wardens, or onto the collection plate.

Remembrance Day- 11th November:

The poet and war hero Siegfried Sassoon made the following observation during his convalescence as he prepared to return to the unmitigated hell of the battlefields of the Western Front during WW1.

"If our young folk must defend their homes at the cost of never returning to them, if some do not have homes worth missing, then those who think they rule have failed in the most awful way."

To honour those who never came home, we must strive to create a world where no others need to leave. Let us ask ourselves on this eve of Remembrance Day... how have we done? Let us make this day worthwhile for someone as we remember those who gave up their tomorrow's so we might have today. It is the least we can do. Lest we forget.

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:

Free Theology books: Clearing of Bishop Bede Heather Centre library

As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations, the library books are available for collection, free of charge. There are many books in all categories – biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and MORE. You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10 AM to 4 PM: Wednesday 6 November, Tuesday 12 November and Friday 22 November. Contact met@parracatholic.org for more information.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: 19 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Mass for our Deceased Clergy on Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in St Marys Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday 26 November 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via met@parracatholic.org

Catholic Care Mamre Supported Playgroup

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering a free supported playgroup: Thursdays from 10am to 12pm during school terms at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Supported Playgroup on (02) 8843 2506.

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

The annual Parramatta Street Feast is on again! Come and share a meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity with people on the margins: 13 November 2024, 10:30am – 1:00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would like to volunteer on the day (eg set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Saints of the week:

Nov 11th – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Nov 12th – St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Nov 13th – St Frances Xavier Cabrini

Nov 14th – St. Lawrence O'Toole

Nov 15th – St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor

Nov 16th – St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland

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