

# 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, 17th November 2024. Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** [Jeremiah 29:11,12,14](#)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### **First Reading** [Daniel 12:1-3](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*



‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1](#)

**(R.) Keep me safe, O God:  
you are my hope.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [Hebrews 10:11-14, 18](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

### **Gospel Acclamation** [Luke 21:36](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** [Mark 13:24-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**Communion Antiphon.** [Psalm 72:28](#)

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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**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 in the box provided. They will be remembered at the Masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DENISE ROBENS**

Recently, Denise was one of 324 NSW teachers recognised in a ceremony at Parliament House for attaining the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) Accreditation.

Denise has been a teacher for more than 30 years and has taught at Regentville Public School for 12 years. Denise serves our community as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, both at the altar and by regularly taking Holy Communion to the housebound, a Minister of the Word and is a member of the Parish Finance Committee. Our Parish community warmly congratulates Denise as she is recognised in a special way for enhancing and improving outcomes in her work with children.

**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Karen Goderie, Peter McInnes, Kevin Lindsay and Anne Smyth 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, Vengie Pangilinan, Shane Muller, June Davidson, Jo Von Schomburg, Dion Detterer, June Davidson, Maureen and Denis McNamara, Sr Patricia Holligan, Hayley Green, Peter Brown, Joseph Lennon (Ireland), 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.



## Parish Notices:

**Jubilee Cake Stall is on THIS WEEKEND! Don't forget to come and grab a treat after Mass!**

**Fr Michael** will be on retreat from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. **Please note that there will be NO EVENING MASS ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

**Cuppa and a Chat:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat after 6pm Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 9.30am Mass and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> November.** All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

**2025 Columban Calendars** are now available to purchase for \$10 each at the rear of the church.

### **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 16/17 Nov. *Thank you*

**Life Ascending Meeting:** Next meeting will be at 10 am 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. This will be the final meeting for 2024 and will be followed by Christmas lunch at 12 noon. Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 yrs age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 0247337481.

### **Readers/ Commentators roster:**

| Dates:         | 6.00pm  | 8.00am  | 9.30am  |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| 16/17 November | Stevenie Harman<br>Michael Manton<br>JS: Alex Tuballa & Felicity Tuballa<br>C: Debra Gleeson<br>R: Marie McLennan | Deacon Batsirai<br>Mark Norbury<br>JS: N/A<br>C: Paul Ryan<br>R: Gabe Manouk              | Hartley Dhyon<br><b>Kay Walker (Visit)</b><br>David Green<br>JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton<br>C: Lisa Samojlowicz<br>R: Courtney Hamilton |
| 23/24 November | Stevenie Harman<br>Anne Deutscher<br>JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson<br>C: Louise Goderie<br>R: Victor Tuballa | Matthew Topp<br>Barbara Ryan<br>JS: Evie Milroy<br>C: Geraldine Waters<br>R: Sue Mouthaan | Deacon Batsirai<br>Hartley Dhyon<br><b>Rebeca Carberry (Visit)</b><br>JS: Hugo Watson & Matthew Hamilton<br>C: Don Robens<br>R: Brett Wright    |

**PARISH JUBILEE GARDEN BLESSING Sunday 24 November** after 9.30am mass followed by morning tea. This is an opportunity to gather and to thank all those who have been involved in the creation of this contemplative space. Everyone welcome.

**Limited copies of 2025 Daily Mass Books** are available to purchase for \$30 each. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like one.

### **Sacramental news:**

Please keep in your prayers the primary school children and their families who were baptised on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The children are: Ryder, Quinlan, Ariana, Alexia, Hayden, Cohen, Avery, Saxon, Iluka and Raphael. Blessings, Cate

**Diocesan Pastoral Council:** Bishop Vincent is requesting nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you would like to assist Bishop Vincent in his pastoral ministry by providing advice, promoting communication among different groups in the Diocese, and collaborating with other bodies on matters that concern the pastoral life of the Diocese, please register your interest by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/the-diocesan-pastoral-council/> . A letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv regarding the Diocesan Pastoral Council is available at the rear of the church.

**Volunteers Thank You Evening** will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, commencing with Mass at 6pm followed by dinner. We do apologise if you have not yet received an invitation. All volunteers are welcome! Please RSVP by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**A THANK YOU INVITATION**

*Please join us for*

MASS AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER FOLLOWED BY SUPPER AND DRINKS IN THE HALL

*This event is in appreciation of all that you do in support of our parish. Come along for a relaxed evening and a chat.*

RSVP-emuplains@parracatholic.org.au or message 0415729843

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

**Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy: 19 November** The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to the annual Diocesan 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. We encourage **each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish**, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

**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: Friday 22 November. Contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for more information.

**Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office** The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

**Free English and Citizenship Classes** Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school term. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

**Advent Reflection Morning** Saturday 30 November at “Winbourne” Edmund Rice Centre, Mulgoa. Please register attendance as early as possible to assist with catering/planning. For more information, please phone Denis on 0459 185 517.

## Saints of the week:

Nov 18th – The dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

Nov 19th – St. Crispin

Nov 20th – St Leo of Nonantula

Nov 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov 22nd – St. Cecilia, Martyr

Nov 23rd – St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr

## 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