

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, 24th November 2024. Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Revelation 5:12; 1:6](#)

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading [Daniel 7:13-14](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.



Responsorial Psalm [Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Revelation 1:5-8](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation [Mark 11:9, 10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel [John 18:33-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Communion Antiphon. [Psalm 28:10-11](#)

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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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.

Planned Giving/Parish Donations: Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running costs of the parish and also contributes towards pastoral programs in our parish community .

If you would like to **contribute directly**, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950

Acct No: 00000289

Acct Name: Emu Plains Catholic Church.

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (either your envelope number or surname).

If you would like to contribute through the **envelope or credit card system**, or if you would like to make an adjustment to the amount you currently give, please fill in one of the cards at the rear of the church, or contact Joanne in the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

If you would like to contribute through **Direct Debit**, or if you would like to make an adjustment to the amount you currently give through this method, please also contact Joanne in the Parish Office on 47351041.

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Peter McInnes, Karen Goderie and Kevin Lindsay, and for Noela Goodwin whose death anniversary is 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 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:

Scripture Ministry: We are reaching out to seek your generous support in aiding our scripture students at the public schools by providing them with workbooks used in their weekly scripture classes.

How can you help? For a contribution of \$5, you can buy an angel. Each angel comes with a notelet on which you can write a prayer intention. Place your prayer in the box provided and hang your angel on the tree. This box will be then taken up with the offertory at each Mass. **Angels will be available to purchase from 30th November for 3 weeks.** Many thanks for your support. Mary and the Catechist Team.

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 26th November.** All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

Choir practise for the Christmas Vigil 6pm Mass will commence this Tuesday, 26th November, at 7.30pm in the church. All welcome!

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.

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

Daily Mass Books are now available to purchase for \$30 each. Please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 if you would like one.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
23/24 November	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Geraldine Waters R: Sue Mouthaan	Deacon Batsirai Hartley Dhyon Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
Nov 30/Dec 1	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Paul Ryan	Hartley Dhyon Rebecca Carberry (Visit) David Green JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU will be on the 29th November, commencing with Mass at 6pm followed by dinner in the hall.. All volunteers are warmly welcome! Please RSVP by 24th November by emailing emuplains@parracatholic.org, or SMS 0415729843.

Jubilee Cake Stall: Thank you so much for making our cake stall such a wonderful success. With your generous donations we raised an amazing \$1105. Your participation, whether by baking, buying or simply spreading the word, played a crucial role in this success. We truly appreciate your incredible support and community spirit. Let's keep this positive energy going for our future fundraising!

Sacramental news

Last Saturday 9 primary school children were baptised here at OLOW. It was a very beautiful Mass and celebration and it's so encouraging that young people are responding to the promptings of the Lord to join His family. These children were carried by your prayerful support – thank you! I specially want to recognise the many people who contributed to the smooth running of this program – Sue, Wolfgang, Margaret, Marcia, Chris, Thea, Lynn, John and Anne.

This Tuesday evening at the 6pm Mass, we welcome Joshua and Jane Carusi who be celebrating the convalidation of their marriage. Jane will also be received into the Catholic Church, and their son will receive his First Holy Communion. We congratulate the Carusi family and pray that God blesses them abundantly.

Parish Grant Update: Progress of Parish Hall Kitchen Installation

We are really pleased to inform you that the Community Grant funds have been successfully received, and that installation of the new kitchen will occur during January 2025.

The new kitchen will be slightly different, it will still have a counter but there will be more cupboard and draw space along with two inbuilt sinks to allow for a more workable area.

We will still have to complete some cleaning and painting as these were not covered in the grant, but we are optimistic for a January completion. We hope to have a blessing of the new facility early next year (date TBC).

Thank you to those assisting in this project, and we look forward to the completion our new facility.



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:

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal, or by taking home an envelope and returning it next week. Thank you.

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

St Nicholas of Myra Parish Youth Group 15-20 years. First meeting: 23rd November, 24 at 4:30pm PMR1, St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Fun activities, snacks and time to share your faith journey. Ph: 4721 2500 for more info.

ADVENT FAMILY RETREAT DAY: THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE – Saturday 30 November, 9am-

3.30pm At: St. Padre Pio Parish, 34-38 William Howell Dr, Glenmore Park 9am: Mass & Novena,

10am: Session 1 + Q & A, 11am: Session 2 + Q & A, 12pm: Holy Rosary, 12.30pm: Shared lunch,

1.30pm: Session 3 + Q & A, 2.30pm: Holy Hour of Adoration, 3.30pm: Afternoon Tea.

All Sessions will be separated into primary-school aged and teens/adults. **It's a FREE event!**

Registration is essential for catering purposes!

To register, please use the link on the poster or email the parish office:

glenmorepark@parracatholic.org with number of adults/youth & children attending.

Saints of the week:

Nov 25th – St. Catherine of Alexandria

Nov 26th – St. John Berchmans

Nov 27th – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Nov 28th – St. Catherine Labouré

Nov 29th – Our Lady of the Golden Heart

Nov 30th – St. Andrew Apostle

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If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking:**

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