

# 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** [Psalm 37:22-23](#)

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### **First Reading** [Deuteronomy 6:2-6](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

### **Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2](#)

**(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading** [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*



There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation** [John 14:23](#)

### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.

### **Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** [Mark 12:28-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*This is the first commandment, and the second is  
similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus  
and put a question to him, 'Which is the  
first of all the commandments?' Jesus  
replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel,  
the Lord our God is the one Lord, and  
you must love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, with all your soul, with all  
your mind, and with all your strength.  
The second is this: You must love your  
neighbour as yourself. There is no  
commandment greater than these.' The  
scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master;  
what you have said is true: that he is  
one and there is no other. To love him  
with all your heart, with all your  
understanding and strength, and to love  
your neighbour as yourself, this is far  
more important than any holocaust or  
sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he  
had spoken, said, 'You are not far from  
the kingdom of God.' And after that no  
one dared to question him any more.

**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Margaret Magee (funeral at OLOW 05.11.24), and for Francis Lindsay, Nicholas Mifsud, Brian O'Hara and Reg Leving 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, Karen Goderie, Hayley Green, Peter Brown, Kevin Lindsay, 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 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.

## **Communion Antiphon.** [Cf Psalm 15:11](#)

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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**YOUNG ADULTS  
FAITH FORMATION**

Join Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz to discuss  
**The Holy Souls  
and Purgatory**  
followed by fun, fellowship and pizza

 For adults 18-35 **SUN 3rd  
NOVEMBER  
7:00-8:30**  
The Hustle  
Unit 4  
4-6 Purdy St  
Minchinbury **Suggested  
donation: \$5**

**Entertainment:** Just a reminder that Phillip Youngman will be playing in the GRB Band this Sunday night, 3rd November, at Penrith RSL's Castle Lounge starting at 7pm. Come along and listen to a couple of hours of 60's and 70's music for free.

**Volunteering with Vinnies:** Volunteers are needed to work in the Vinnies retail store in Penrith. An opportunity to give back to the community, share your skills and make new friends. For more information, phone 4722 0309, or email [retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au](mailto:retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au)



## **Parish Notices:**

**Jubilee Cake Stall:** We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a cake stall **on 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 for your support.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> November**. All welcome! Please contact the Parish Office for more info on 4735 1041.

**PowerPoint Operators Needed:** We are currently in need of PowerPoint operators to help with the slides during weekend Masses. We would like to have enough volunteers for a monthly roster. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 or email [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org) .

## **Readers/ Commentators roster:**

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
2/3 November	Deacon Batsirai Stevie Harman JS: Felicity Tuballa & Alex Tuballa C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Kaye Walker	John Cowen <b>Denise Robens (Visit)</b> David Green JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton
9/10 November	Stevie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Josie Henderson & Felicity Tuballa C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Mary Marsh Noeline Bangel JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Jessica Topp	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen <b>Heather Barlow (Visit only)</b> Connie Reid JS: Matthew Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens

## **Sacramental news**

Please keep in your prayers the primary school children and their families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism on **16<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**. The children are: Ryder, Quinlan, Ariana, Alexia, Hayden, Cohen, Avery, Saxon, Iluka and Raphael  
Thanks, and blessings, Cate



## **Prayer Night**

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** In November we remember the Faithful Departed – those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. *“And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with Godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” 2 Maccabees 12:45-46.*

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.



<p><b><u>Parish Information</u></b></p> <p><b>Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 3pm. (ph: 4735 1041)</b>          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.</p>	<p><b>Weekend Mass times:</b>          Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am          Filipino Mass, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:          12pm</p> <p><b>Weekday Masses:</b>          Tuesday 6pm;          Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am.</p> <p>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am          Thursday before Mass. Benediction last          Thursday of the month.          First Fridays of the month – healing Mass.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation:</b> Saturday 5pm.</p> <p><b>Sacraments:</b> baptisms and weddings by          appointment. Please contact the parish office          (<a href="mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org">emuplains@parracatholic.org</a>) for information          on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.</p>
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**Diocese of Parramatta Notices:**

**Positions Vacant:**

- Facilitator, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) – **Applications close 11 November**
- Accountant – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: [parracatholic.org/about/jobs/](http://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/)

**From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always**  
 “We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.” – Pope Francis. What needs are invisible to us in our community? How do we respond to the realities and needs of those around us? (Pg. 47-48, Pastoral Plan). Explore how the Pastoral Plan calls us to action: [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

**PJE Sharing meets Mercy Futures Gathering: 6 November** The next quarterly *Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing* coincides with a *Mercy Futures Gathering*. Anyone interested in attending either of the two series is warmly invited to learn more about the *Social Justice Statement 2024-25 “Truth & Peace”*, presented by Diocesan PJE Coordinator Sebastian Salaske-Lentern: 6 November 2024, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Find out more and register at [tinyurl.com/pjesharing-nov24](http://tinyurl.com/pjesharing-nov24)

**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](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)

**Calix Society: 12 Step Recovery and Catholic Spirituality** Are you or a loved one troubled by addiction or alcoholism? The Calix Society is a way to recovery that incorporates 12 Step recovery and Catholic Spirituality. Sydney Unit meets Monthly at St Joseph, Enfield. Mass (5:30pm) and “About Calix” talk (6:30 - 7:30pm). We also meet weekly via zoom and have an annual retreat. Contact: Tim 0401 600 422 or Kevin 0435 668 382 or [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com). See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

<p><b><u>Saints of the week:</u></b></p> <p>Nov 4th – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop          Nov 5th – St. Sylvia          Nov 6th – St Leonard of Noblac          Nov 7th – St. Ernest          Nov 8th – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity          Nov 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</p>	<p><b><u>Parish bank details:</u></b></p> <p>If you would like to support our priest and church financially through <b>online banking:</b>          Name: Emu Plains Catholic church          BSB: 067 950          Account Number: 00000289</p>
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