

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, 19th January, 2025. Second Sunday in Ordinary time, Year C.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 65:4](#)

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading [Isaiah 62:1-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation [See 2 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Alleluia!

Gospel [John 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold

twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Communion Antiphon [Psalm 22:5](#)

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased, and for Kaye Bahlmann, Margaret Osborne and Erena Piekларz 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, Trish Devoy, Daniel Rowlands, Karen Allen, Vengie Pangilinan, Shane Muller, June Davidson, Jo Von Schomburg, Dion Detterer, Maureen and Denis McNamara, Sr Patricia Holligan, Hayley Green, Peter Brown, Joseph Lennon (Ireland), Jeffrey Meads, Julie Laws, Cheryl Morgan, Nerida Fabri, Greg Pigott, Michelle Gardam, Bradley Gardam, Chris Hall, 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 Batchelder, 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:

Changes to weekday Mass times:

Tues 21st Jan-NO MASS

Wed 22nd Jan - 9am Mass

Thurs 23rd Jan - 9am Communion Service and Adoration

Friday 24th Jan - 9am Mass

Kitchen Refurbishment: During the past week, work commenced on the kitchen refurbishment as part of the NSW Govt Community Building Partnerships Grant. As the kitchen is not yet finished, we kindly ask that you do not enter this space for safety reasons. There will be an opportunity, once everything is completed, to come and visit.

Parish Gardening Club We are looking to form a group of volunteers to help maintain the parish gardens. This would involve approximately one and a half hours once a month to weed, trim and water the grounds (no heavy work involved). A suggested date is the 2nd Tuesday or 2nd Saturday of the month (this is flexible) from 9.30am -11am. If you would like to help, please phone or text Carol Burke on 0432982773.

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). *Next week's group will be meeting in the Parish Office.*

Playgroup: Resumes February 2025. Dates TBC.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Jan 18/19	Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: N/A C: Sue Mouthaan R: Paul Devlin	Hartley Dhyon Kay Walker (Visit) David Green JS: Jonah Ellis & Matthew Hamilton C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright
Jan 25/26	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Paul Ryan	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2025 The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org. Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive. Thank you for your continuing generosity. Last year OLOW parish donated around 400 bags of groceries to those in need and gave fantastic support to the Women's refuge at Katoomba over Christmas. 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 18th/19th January. Thank you*

First and Second Collections:

The **first collection** supports the clergy in the Diocese, for clergy stipends as well as the retired priests and their living expenses.

The **second collection** is used for the running of the Parish, eg insurance, utilities (including presbytery utilities), wages, superannuation, church and altar requirements, priest's vehicle, maintenance, office supplies and sacramental program. Planned giving envelopes can be placed in this collection.

Children's Liturgy: This year, we would like to recommence Children's Liturgy on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month. A big thankyou to those who have already volunteered their time to be a part of this ministry. **We are, however, still in need of volunteers.** If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Sacramental news - Reconciliation 2025:

Children who will be in year 4 in 2025, are invited to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. The preparation program will begin on 12th February 2025 and the dates of the program can be found at the rear of the church. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament or have any questions, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. (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:

Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025. 1.Streams of Mercy (May), 2. Italy & Poland (May),3. Marian Shrines (June), 4. Shrines of our Lady (August), 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

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. See: <https://www.calixsociety.org/>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 29 January at St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong for Cycle 1 (Module 1). More training opportunities will be available throughout January and February. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Sapientia Retreat Single adults, ages 18-30, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW, from 7-9 February 2025. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fun and fellowship. Fee: \$300 per person. Please complete the google form (<https://forms.gle/hHyBFDjN3A5pexXJA>) to register your intention. Registrations close 31 January.

Saints of the week:

Jan 20th – St. Fabian, Pope
Jan 21st – St. Agnes
Jan 22nd – St. Vincent Pallotti
Jan 23rd – St. Marianne Cope
Jan 24th – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor
Jan 25th – The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

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