

# 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, 16th February, 2025. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

## **Entrance Antiphon** [Cf Psalm 30:3-4](#)

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## **First Reading** [Jeremiah 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this: ‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. ‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

## **Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5](#)

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

## **Second Reading** [1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20](#)

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

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

## **Gospel Acclamation** [Luke 6:23](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**



## **Gospel** [Luke 6:17, 20-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

## **Communion Antiphon** Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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**Let us pray:** We pray recently deceased Craig Walsh, and for Catherine Allabyrne and Rodney Wilson whose death anniversaries occur 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, 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), 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 Batcheldor, Pat Kennedy, Olga Vieyra, Franco Palma, Annie-May Booth, Daniel Rowlands and Trish Devoy. 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:

No Tuesday 6pm Mass until 4th March, 2025.

**9am Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

**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.

**Communion for the Sick** If you, a family member or anyone you know is sick or is no longer able to attend Mass and would like communion in the home, please call the office on 4735 1041. We will arrange for one of our ministers of Communion to make a home visit after Mass on Sunday.

**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 meets fortnightly in the Parish hall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. All welcome. For more information please contact the parish office.

**Lenten Program:** Deacon Batsirai will be running a Lenten reflection group commencing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March (time to be advised). Please register your interest by calling the Parish Office on 4735 1041 or emailing [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org).

**Collections:** Why do we have two collections?

**First collection-** is to support the clergy in the diocese, for clergy stipends as well as the retired priests and their living expenses. This collection is sent to the Diocese of Parramatta.

**Second collection** is used for the running of the Parish, eg utilities (including presbytery utilities), wages, superannuation, church and altar requirements, priest's vehicle, maintenance, office supplies and the sacramental program. This collection remains in the Parish.

### Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Feb 15/16	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Alex Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Mary Balam R: Victor Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai Mary Marsh JS: N/A C: Sue Mouthaan R: Paul Devlin	Lara Roser <b>Kay Walker (Visit)</b> David Green JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Brett Wright R: Don Robens
Feb 22/23	Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Gabe Manouk R: Paul Ryan	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen <b>Denise Robens (Visit)</b> JS: Hugo Watson & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

**Children's Liturgy will commence on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (next weekend) at the 9.30am Mass.**

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** The 2025/2026 envelopes are now available for collection. Please note that due to a reduction in the number of Parishioners using the envelopes, you may be allocated a new number. *When collecting, please check on your name, not necessarily the number.* For those affected, your record remains intact. If you would like to donate using the envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

**Gardening Group:** Thank you to those who attended the parish gardening group last Saturday. We managed to do an enormous amount of weeding and trimming. We are next meeting on Saturday, 8 March at 9.30am. All welcome. All you need is a hat, sunscreen and water.

**Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive.** Please place goods such as canned meat and fish, canned vegetables, baked beans, pasta and toilet paper at rear of the church **this weekend 15/16 February**. Your generous donation of basic foods and groceries is greatly appreciated Thank you

**Scripture News:** We will soon be commencing our classes for 2025 at Emu Heights, Leonay and Emu Plains public schools. We are delighted to share that our Angel Christmas Tree initiative has successfully raised \$669.15 towards workbooks and resources for the students. This is a testament to what can be achieved when we work together towards a common goal. Thank you to OLOW community for your support. *Blessings, Mary and SRE Ministry.*

### Our Lady of the Way School Enrolments:

There will be two enrolment information sessions for families interested in enrolling their child in kindergarten 2026. Tuesday 4 March from 9.30am – 10.30am or Thursday 6 March from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Come and see all the exciting things happening at Our Lady of the Way. Please email the school office on [olow@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow@parra.catholic.edu.au) or phone 4777 2700 further information regarding enrolments.



Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings on all the children and families who are taking part in the sacramental program. We pray for the Holy Spirit to touch each one of them so they may experience your great love, presence and mercy in their life.  
Amen



## 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:

### **Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita: 16 February**

All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Sunday 16 February at 2pm. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Australia and worldwide and thank God for the gifts that the South Sudanese and Sudanese communities contribute to our society.

### **Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 22 February**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 22 February at Holy Family Emerton for Cycle 1 (Module 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**LIFTED Launch: 27 February** Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, February 27th, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. Register now: [parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/](https://parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/)

### **MET Natural Fertility Instruction Sessions:**

MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

- Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February at 7:15pm
- Billings Ovulation Method®: 18 March at 7:30pm

To book your place or for further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## Saints of the week:

Feb 17th– The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Feb 18th – Bl. Fra Angelico

Feb 19th – St. Belina

Feb 20th – Ss. Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Feb 21st – St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor

Feb 22nd – The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

## Parish bank details:

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Name: Emu Plains Catholic church

BSB: 067 950

Account Number: 00000289