

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, 9th February, 2025. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 94:6-7](#)

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely

that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation [Matthew 4:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my
people.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 5:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake
of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing
round him listening to the word of God,

when he caught sight of two boats close to
the bank. The fishermen had gone out of
them and were washing their nets. He got
into one of the boats – it was Simon's –
and asked him to put out a little from the
shore. Then he sat down and taught the
crowds from the boat. When he had
finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put
out into deep water and pay out your nets
for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we
worked hard all night long and caught
nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the
nets.' And when they had done this they
netted such a huge number of fish that
their nets began to tear, so they signalled
to their companions in the other boat to
come and help them; when these came,
they filled the two boats to sinking point.
When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the
knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I
am a sinful man.' For he and all his
companions were completely overcome by
the catch they had made; so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who
were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to
Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is
men you will catch.' Then, bringing their
boats back to land, they left everything
and followed him.

Communion Antiphon [Cf Psalm 106:8-9](#)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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Let us pray: We pray for our recently deceased, and for Catherine Allabyrne 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, 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.
Communion Service and Adoration on Thursday 13th February. Mass on Wednesday & Friday as normal.

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 resumes fortnightly, in the Parish hall, on the **11th Feb**. All welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Sacramental news: **Reconciliation program**

The Reconciliation program starts on **Wednesday 12th February**. If your child is in year 4 or above and you would like them to receive this sacrament, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Feb 8/9	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Felicity Tuballa & Alex Tuballa C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Geraldine Waters	Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Matthew Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Courtney Hamilton
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 Kay Walker (Visit) David Green JS: Hugo Watson & Nicholas Hamilton C: Brett Wright R: Don Robens

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 **next weekend 15/16 February**. Your generous donation of basic foods and groceries is greatly appreciated Thank you

Scripture News: In a couple of weeks, we commence our classes for 2025 at Emu Heights, Leonay and Emu Plains public schools. The foundation laid during these preparatory weeks by our SRE's will serve as a springboard for spiritual success and personal growth. 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 unending support.
Blessings, Mary and SRE Ministry.

Planned Giving Envelopes: The 2025/2026 envelopes will be available for collection **next weekend**. 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.

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

Children's Liturgy will commence on Sunday 23rd February at the 9.30am Mass.

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:

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

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.

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Saints of the week:

Feb 10th– St. Scholastica

Feb 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

Feb 12th – St. Damian

Feb 13th – St. Julian of Lyons

Feb 14th – St. Valentine

Feb 15th – Bl. Michael Sopocho

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