

# 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. Third Sunday of Easter, Year C.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

## **Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## **First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. ‘We gave you a formal warning,’ he said ‘not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.’ In reply Peter and the apostles said, ‘Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’ They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment;  
his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

## **Second Reading** Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, ‘The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.’ Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, ‘To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all

praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel.** [John 21:1-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and

a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words, he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

### **Communion Antiphon** [Luke 24:35](#)

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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**Let us pray:** We pray recently deceased Hazel Wood, Ronald Sargeant, Sean Fahey and Orfeo Marchetti; and for Daniel Beck, Harry Sloman, Patrick McVeigh and Maura McGill 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, Peter Joseph Apap, Ashleigh Paige, Karen Allen, Vengie Pangilinan, Shane Muller, June Davidson, Jo Von Schomburg, 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, Maddie Millard 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:**

**OLOW Patron Saint's Day:** On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating our Patron Saint's day. Mass will be at 9am followed by a gathering in the hall. Please note that there will **only be one Mass** on the 25<sup>th</sup> May. We kindly ask that those attending please bring a plate to share. Please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041 for more information.

**Children's Liturgy:** The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the **9am Mass** (see above).

**Cuppa and a Chat:** Please join us for light refreshments and a friendly chat next **Sunday (11/05) after the 9.30am Mass**. Please note that there will be no gathering after the 6pm Mass until Sept/Oct.

**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 every second Tuesday at 10am in the parish hall. The next playgroup will be on May 13. All welcome!

### **Readers/ Commentators roster:**

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
May 3/4	Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS: Alex Tuballa & Felicity Tuballa C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam	Mark Norbury Barbara Ryan JS: Evie Milroy C: Maria Sirotti R: Jessica Topp	Hartley Dhyon Connie Reid Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Matthew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens
May 10/11 (Mother's Day)	Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson & Rocco Stillisano C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy C: Paul Ryan R: Kay Walker	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Jonah Ellis & Hugo Watson C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Joanne Hamilton

### **Sacramental news**

**First Holy Communion** - The First Holy Communion program begins this Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, for children who have already made their reconciliation. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please contact the parish office on 47351041 or [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

### **Safeguarding and Working With Children:**

We kindly request, for privacy reasons, that any enquiries, safeguarding certificates and WWC documentation (eg. WWC numbers and expiry dates, notification forms) be emailed to [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org). Alternatively, please visit the Parish Office during office hours.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We are in the process of updating the prayer list in the bulletin. Please go through the list above, and contact the Parish Office on 47351041, or email [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org), if you would like someone to remain on this list.

**Training for Senior Servers, Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist** for our Parish will commence soon. If you are interested, please register by phoning the Parish Office on 47351041 or emailing [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org). Our first meeting will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm.

**Nominations open for the 2025 Papal & Diocesan Awards** Nominations are now open for the 2025 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals—both religious and lay—who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 31 May 2025. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit [parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/](http://parracatholic.org/contribute/papal-diocesan-awards/)

## 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:

**Diocesan Retreat Opportunities** The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

**May 24:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-24-may/>

**August 16:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

**November 15:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

**FaithLIFE Theology Short Course: Wednesdays in May** Considering learning about theology?

Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7 + 14 + 21 May, 6.30-8.30pm: [parracatholic.org/faithlife](https://parracatholic.org/faithlife)

**Webinar 10 Years Since Laudato Si' – A Time for Hope or Despair?:** MET Parramatta and the Aust. Cardijn Institute invite you to a webinar with Sebastian Salaske-Lentern and Sue Martin, who will reflect on the ecological journey that Pope Francis has taken us on in the past ten years, since his encyclical Laudato Si'. Have we made enough progress, and what can give us hope for the path ahead in this Jubilee Year? Please register to receive a zoom link for **Thurs 8 May**, 7-8pm: [tinyurl.com/10-years-LS](https://tinyurl.com/10-years-LS)

**Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage** Young people (18-35 yrs) from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to join an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from July 19 – August 5, 2025, including a visit to Greece to trace the footsteps of Saint Paul and a celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. Please secure your place by booking before May 10, with a deposit of \$800, at [parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/](https://parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/).

**Low Cost Counselling Services** Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.

## Feast days of the week:

May 5th – St. Angelo of Jerusalem

May 6th – St. Dominic Savio

May 7th – St. Augustine Roscetti

May 8th – St. Boniface IV, Pope

May 9th – St. George Preca

May 10th – St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

## 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