

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, 15th June, 2025. The Most Holy Trinity, Year C.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading [Proverbs 8:22-31](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs



Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2](#)

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **(R.)**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 5:1-5](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation [See Apocalypse 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [John 16:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Communion Antiphon [Galatians 4:6](#)

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his
Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Tom Barlow and Patricia Anne Knoke, and for Peter Bell, Jean McInnes, Roger Borg and Jesse Borg 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, Michelle Hadden, Cohen Hadden, Peter Joseph Apap, Vengie Pangilinan, Jo Von Schomburg, Sr Patricia Holligan, Greg Pigott, Chris Hall, Bob Scott, Trish Micallef, Deacon George Bryan, Kaye Bryan, Desley Mulock, Pauline Balkin, Mary Gayed, Shirley Harman, Dot Gray, Lucy Mikosic, Bernadette Hoolahan, Elisabeth Robens, Marion Betker, 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.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

*Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.*

*Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.*

Amen.

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CYP LIFTED Retreat (18-35s) (27-29 June) All young people from the Diocese of Parramatta are warmly invited to join us for this transformative experience. This 3-day retreat will be held at the Collaroy Centre, 22 Homestead Ave, Collaroy. Cost applies.
parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-june/

CYP LIFTED Retreat (Year 10-12s) (8 July) Catholic Youth Parramatta hosts an annual LIFTED Retreat, a spiritually enriching weekend designed to connect, support and nourish the young people of the Diocese of Parramatta. This retreat is open to Year 10–12 students (ages 16–17), and will be held on 8 July (10am-3pm) at Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre, 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys. Register:
parracatholic.org/events/cyp-lifted-retreat-8-july/



Parish Notices:

Children's liturgy: The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 22nd June at the 9.30am Mass.

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us for light refreshments after the **9.30am Mass next Sunday (June 22)**. Please note that, this week, due to First Holy Communion, there will be no refreshments after the 8am Mass. As a replacement, there will be refreshments after the 8am Mass on the 29th June. Thank you for your understanding.

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). Please note that during the winter months, this group will meet in the Parish Office.

Playgroup: Playgroup meets every second Tuesday at 10am in the parish hall. The next playgroup will be on June 17. All welcome!

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.

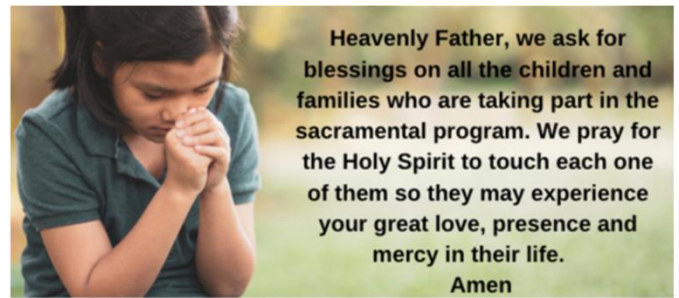
Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive. Our monthly food drive will take place next weekend 21/22 June. Catholic Care have advised that they have plenty of pasta but do need cereals, pasta sauces, toothpastes, canned vegies, long life milks, biscuits and tuna/canned meats if possible. Thank you for your very generous response.

Life Ascending Meeting: Our next meeting of the year will be at 10 am, 18 June, at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. New members are welcome! Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 age group. For more information contact Noelene Bangle on 024733748, or see the Parish Booklet available at the rear of the church.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
June 14/15 Holy Trinity	Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Felicity Tuballa & Josie Henderson C: Louise Goderie R: Victor Tuballa	Deacon Batsirai Mark Norbury JS: Evie Milroy C: Sue Mouthaan R: Jessica Topp	Michael Blair Kay Walker (Visit) David Green JS: Hugo Watson C: Brett Wright R: Don Robens
June 21/22 Corpus Christi	Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS: Josie Henderson & Rocco Stillisano C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson	Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: N/A C: Gabe Manouk R: Geraldine Waters	Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Beth Nowland (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton & Jonah Ellis C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton

Sacramental news



Vinnies Winter Appeal: This weekend, 15th/16th June, we will be holding our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal. Donations can be made using the envelopes provided, the Vinnies 'tap and go' machine or the bucket collection as you leave the church. Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in our community who are struggling this winter.

Rosters: The rosters for hospitality (supper/morning tea after Mass), children's liturgy and church cleaning are available for collection in the church foyer. If you need to make any changes to the roster, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Trinity Sunday Reflection

Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Pentecost. It revolves around the Christian belief of the divine Trinity: the **THREE** forms of God, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The number **THREE** is one of the most important numbers throughout the Bible. There are **THREE** gifts from the Magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Jesus prayed **THREE** times before being arrested, he was put at the cross at the **THIRD** hour of the day and died at the ninth hour which is **THREE** pm. The number **THREE** is the number of eternal life, as Jesus was resurrected after **THREE** days of being dead. There were **THREE** disciples in Jesus' "inner circle" – Peter, James, and John – who had many special blessings, but especially the blessing of seeing Jesus glorified on the Mount of Transfiguration. God himself is described in **THREE** dimensions, "which is, and which was, and which is to come" (Revelation 1:4).

So, this Trinity Sunday let us remember **THREE** things; he is a God who cares for us, who loves us and knows us each by name and he is waiting for us when our earthly journey is done.

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:

Still time to donate to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal, supporting our Holy Spirit

Seminarians Bishop Vincent and our Holy Spirit Seminary thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests. Our Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised over \$500, which will support our seminarians to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal-thankyou or use the envelopes provided in the church foyer. Thank you.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening – 25 June (Register by 18 June) You are invited to an engaging panel conversation with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Sr Susan Connelly and Fr Patrick McInerney about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", paired with a delicious meal and good company. This free event will be held on 25 June (6:00pm – 9:00pm) at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Please at parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for Youth and Young Adults Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. For further information please contact Sr M Rita via srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. Web: <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men: Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer and the opportunity for confession.

Catholic Creative Retreat for Women, Rouse Hill: 5 July Join us for a refreshing Catholic Creative Retreat where we'll explore the beauty of brush lettering and the power of creativity in prayer. Held on 5 July from 12:30pm, concludes with 5:30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Rouse Hill, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Kellyville. Fee applies. Register: tinyurl.com/4t38n2c9

Feast days of the week:

June 16th – St. John Francis Regis
June 17th – St. Teresa of Portugal
June 18th – St. Marina
June 19th – St. Romuald
June 20th – St. Silverius
June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Parish bank details:

If you would like to support our priest and church financially through **online banking**:
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BSB: 067 950
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