

# 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, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading** Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’ The men left there and went to Sodom while

Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men

there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

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. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (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** [Colossians 2:12-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

## **Gospel Acclamation** [Romans 8:15](#)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel.** [Luke 11:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

## **Communion Antiphon** [Psalm 102:2](#)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

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**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased Trish Micallef and Irene Donley (*funeral to be held 5<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am*); and Yvonne Lesley Caws ("Bonnie"), and Aaron Youngman, 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, Terry Melbin, Laurie Doohan, Linda Hicks, Michelle Gardam, Bradley Gardam, Cecilia Fanning, Kathleen Bell, Michelle Hadden, Cohen Hadden, Peter Joseph Apap, Vengie Pangilinan, Jo Von Schomburg, Sr Patricia Holligan, Greg Pigott, Bob Scott, 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.



## Parish Notices:

**Children's liturgy:** This Sunday, July 27, at the 9.30am Mass.

**Cuppa and a Chat:** Please join us for light refreshments this Sunday, July 27, after the 9.30am 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). *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 group will be this Tuesday, July 29. All welcome!

**Communion for the Sick** We are in need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to the sick after Mass on Sunday. We currently have four ministers who are rostered once a month. We are hoping to have eight ministers so that two people can visit each week. Initially, you will visit in pairs to 'learn the ropes'. To find out more information, or if you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
26/27 July 17 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary	C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam John Cowen Debra Gleeson JS 1: Felicity Tuballa JS 2: Stevenie Harman	C: Maria Sirotti R: Geraldine Waters Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy	<b>Deacon Batsirai</b> C: Marianne Castor R: Denise Robens Michael Blair <b>Beth Nowland (Visit)</b> JS 1: Nicholas Hamilton JS 2: Hugo Watson
2/3 August 18 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary	<b>Deacon Batsirai</b> C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan Stevenie Harman JS 1: Alex Tuballa JS2: Felicity Tuballa	C: Paul Ryan R: Kay Walker Mark Norbury Pat Edwards JS: N/A	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Joanne Hamilton Lara Roser Connie Reid <b>Rebecca Carberry (Visit)</b> JS 1: Jonah Ellis JS 2: Nicholas Hamilton

**Scripture News:** Congratulations to our catechists, Maria, Maureen, Marcia, Michelle, Chrissy, Cate, Jo, Joanne, Sue, Helen, Jennifer, Margaret and Barbara, and SRE coordinator, Mary Marsh, who were commissioned on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to Melissa McDonald for her guidance and support of the SRE ministry.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Fr Michael on the occasion of his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. We have gifted Fr Michael with \$2,300, and we're sure he will enjoy going home to Kenya later in the year to visit his family. Fr Michael would like to thank you all for your prayers and generosity.

### **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.

### **Expression of Interest**

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our ongoing mission to foster a vibrant and inclusive parish community, we are inviting expressions of interest from parish members who feel called to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Parish Pastoral Council plays a vital role in supporting the spiritual and pastoral life of our parish working in collaboration with the Parish Priest to promote evangelisation, worship, and service. We are seeking individuals who are committed to their faith, active in parish life, and willing to contribute their gifts and insights to help shape the future of our community.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please submit your name and contact details to the Parish Office by email, [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org), or phone 4735 1041.

We encourage parishioners of all ages and backgrounds to consider this invitation.

Your voice matters and your contribution can help us grow together in faith and service.

### **Diocese of Parramatta Notices:**

**MET Natural Fertility Couples hoping to Conceive Seminar: 2 August** MET Natural Fertility is holding a free seminar for couples hoping to conceive on Saturday 2 August from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. We will have couples present to share their amazing stories of how their fertility has been restored and they've achieved pregnancy. To register, visit [parracatholic.org/natural-fertility](http://parracatholic.org/natural-fertility)

### **Feast days of the week:**

July 28th – St. Innocent I, Pope  
July 29th – Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus  
July 30th – St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor  
July 31st – St. Ignatius of Loyola  
August 1st – St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor  
August 2nd – Our Lady of the Angels, St. Peter Faber

### **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