

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, 21st September, 2025 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those
who buy the poor for money.*



Listen to this, you who trample on the
needy and try to suppress the poor
people of the country, you who say,
‘When will New Moon be over so that we
can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we
can market our wheat? Then by lowering
the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the
scales, we can buy up the poor for
money, and the needy for a pair of
sandals, and get a price even for the
sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord
swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never
will I forget a single thing you have done.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the
poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he
wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there
should be prayers offered for everyone
– petitions, intercessions and
thanksgiving – and especially for kings
and others in authority, so that we may
be able to live religious and reverent
lives in peace and quiet. To do this is
right, and will please God our saviour:
he wants everyone to be saved and
reach full knowledge of the truth. For
there is only one God, and there is
only one mediator between God and
mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus,
who sacrificed himself as a ransom for
them all. He is the evidence of this,
sent at the appointed time, and I have
been named a herald and apostle of it
and – I am telling the truth and no lie –
a teacher of the faith and the truth to

the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation. [2 Corinthians 8:9](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [Luke 16:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred

measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so, I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon [Psalm 118:4-5](#)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased; and for Mary Cook, Keith Goderie, Daisy May Hatch, William James Hatch, and Lou Deutscher, 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, Germana Kallianiotis, Ray Dukes, Danko Caran, Franco Di Napoli Laurie Doohan, Linda Hicks, Michelle Gardam, Bradley Gardam, Cecilia Fanning, Kathleen Bell, Michelle Hadden, Cohen Hadden, Peter Joseph Apap, 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: Sunday, Sep 28, 9.30am Mass.

Cuppa and a Chat: Please note there will be no refreshments after the 8am Mass this weekend due to the Confirmation. Please join us next weekend, Sept 28, 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 colder months, this group will meet in the Parish Office.*

Playgroup: Playgroup meets every second Tuesday at 10am in the parish hall. *Next playgroup: Sept 23.*

'Wherever the river flows there is life'. This is a two hour presentation of prayer and reflection being given in our parish by Marilyn Hancock (**Ministry Partner, Mission Enhancement Team Diocese of Parramatta**) on Wednesday 15th October from 10am – 12pm and followed by lunch. It is based on the teaching of Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato si. All welcome to attend – details re venue etc to follow. For further enquiries call Kay Walker 0430193000.

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive: Our monthly food drive will take place this weekend 20/21 September. 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. Please note Catholic Care are unable to accept goods that have passed the 'use by' date. Thank you for your very generous response.

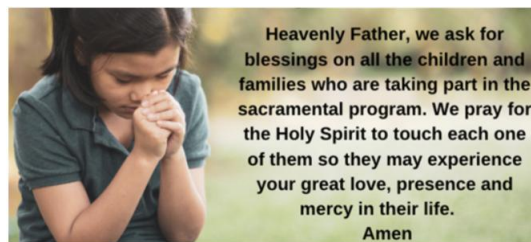
Bishop's Father's Day Appeal: Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal raised over \$500 to provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or envelopes are still available in the church foyer.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
20/21 September 25th Ordinary	C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS 1: Felicity Tuballa JS 2: Alex Tuballa	C: Kevin Balkin R: Maria Sirotti Deacon Batsirai Michael Blair JS: N/A	C: Marianne Castor R: Don Robens Lara Roser David Green Denise Robens (Visit) JS 1: Elizabeth Baptista JS 2: Jacob Baptista
27/28 September 26th Ordinary	C: Debra Gleeson R: Marie McLennan Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS: Josie Henderson	C: Sue Mouthaan R: Jessica Topp Michael Blair Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Joanne Hamilton Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS 1: Hugo Watson JS 2: Nicholas Hamilton

Sacramental news

Confirmation: Please join me in praying for the children, and their families, who are preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks and blessings, Cate



Upper Primary YOUTH GROUP

Friday, Sept 12, 2025 was the inaugural Our Lady of the Way Junior Youth Group. It was a wonderful night where the children, through movement and activities, learnt about the foundation of God and that Jesus is the rock we can build our lives on. There was so much joy and love in the room, with new friendships being formed based on a common interest of wanting to learn more about our God and being proud of their faith. None of the children wanted to leave and they all are very excited for our next one. *Elizabeth (Yr 5) said, "I wish we could do this every Friday!"* If you have a child in Yr 4 -7, please mark in your diaries the next Youth Group which will be held in the OLOW Hall on **Friday Oct 10 at 7pm**. Flyers in the foyer.



<p><u>Parish Information</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Weekend Mass times: Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am Filipino Mass-3rd Sunday of the month:12pm</p> <p>Weekday Masses: Tuesday 6pm; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am.</p> <p>Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am Thursday before Mass. Benediction last Thursday of the month. First Fridays of the month – healing Mass.</p> <p>Reconciliation: Saturday 5pm.</p> <p>Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.</p>
<p><u>Diocese of Parramatta Notices:</u></p> <p>Closing soon! Register now for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians. Registrations have been extended until 1 October for young people aged 18-25. For more details and to register, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org</p> <p>Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover! We're inviting <i>you</i> to design the front cover of the <i>Catholic Outlook Magazine's</i> Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November 2025 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp</p> <p>Glenmore Park Parish Patronal Feast Day celebrations: 18 – 21 September Everyone is invited to join St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, for the parochial feast day celebrations. A 3-day Triduum Novena and Mass will be held on Thursday 18 Sept and Friday 19 Sept at 7:00pm and on Saturday 20 September at 5.30pm. On Sunday 21 September, a procession will start at 10am, followed by the Feast Day Mass, Veneration, Blessing with his Relic and fellowship meal. All are welcome! For any enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org</p> <p>Charismatic Healing Mass. Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Brian Steele MGL, Sunday 21st Sept 2025, 2:00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!</p> <p>Rosary Making Workshop: 25 September Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals in our Diocese via the Camillian Hospital chaplains. The craft evening will be held on Thursday 25 September from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit https://parracatholic.org/events/rosary-beads-workshop-25-september/</p>	
<p><u>Feast days of the week:</u></p> <p>Sept 22nd – St. Maurice Sept 23rd – St. Pio Sept 24th – Our Lady of Walsingham Sept 25th – Bl. Herman “the Cripple” of Reichenau Sept 26th– Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs Sept 27th– St. Vincent de Paul.</p>	<p><u>Parish bank details:</u></p> <p>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</p>