

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, 2nd November, 2025 The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Cf 1 Th 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22](#)

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

First Reading [Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

A reading from the book of Isaiah

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; He will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R v. 1. Alt. R v. 13](#)

(R.) I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face. **(R.)**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading [Romans 5:5-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation. [John 6:39](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord. That I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me. And that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [Luke 7:11-17](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Young man, I say to you, to get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

Communion Antiphon [Cf John 11:25-26](#)

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

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All Souls' Day Mass Liturgy: All Souls'

Day, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. It is observed by Catholics and other Christian denominations annually on November 2. A special **All-Souls Mass Liturgy will be held on Tuesday Nov 4 at 6.00pm**. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the liturgy. Please invite family and friends to join us in praying for and remembering our loved ones who have gone before us.

During November, we will have the Remembrance Book at the front of the church. Mass intention envelopes will be collected during the week for names to be added to the Remembrance Book. During the month of November, the priest will say Mass daily for people in the Book of Remembrance. November Masses are requested from the family and are an offering for the faithful departed. You're free to offer any amount, but the suggested amount is \$20.

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Ian Lack; and for Karen Goderie and Clive McInnes 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, Phyllis Goderie, John Farragher, Ray Dukes, Danko Caran, Sean Murray, 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:

As Fr Michael will be on retreat this week, there will be some changes to weekday Mass:

Tues 4 Nov, 6pm- All Souls' Liturgy celebrated by Fr Johnson

Wed 5 Nov- NO 9AM MASS

Thurs 6 Nov, 8.30am Benediction and Communion Service

Fri 7 Nov- NO 9AM MASS

Children's liturgy: Sunday, 23 Nov, 9.30am Mass

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us for light refreshments after *the 6pm Mass this Sat 1 Nov.*

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 (during school term) at 10am in the parish hall.
Next playgroup: 11 November.

Upper Primary (Yrs4-7) Youth Group: The next youth group will be **Friday 14 November from 7-8pm.** Come along for a night of food, fun and faith!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 29 November 2025 from 2.00pm-5:00pm
Please join us for an Advent Reflection:

Advent as Memory, Happening and Hope
Full details in next weeks' bulletin.

Parish Gardening Morning: Sat, 8 Nov between 8 - 11am. HELP IS NEEDED to maintain our gardens, no heavy work involved. Come and go as you please, any contribution is welcome. All you need is a hat and sunscreen. For more information, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

2026 Columban Calendars will be available to purchase this weekend for \$10 each. Cash, credit card and eftpos accepted.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
1 / 2 November All Saints/All Souls	C: Victor Tuballa R: Louise Goderie Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS 1: Alex Tuballa JS2: Felicity Tuballa	C: Sue Mouthaan R: Kay Walker Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS 1: Elizabeth Baptista JS 2: Jacob Baptista	C: Don Robens R: Brett Wright Lara Roser Connie Reid Denise Robens (Visit) JS: Hugo Watson
November 8/9 32 Ordinary	C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS: Josie Henderson	C: Gabe Manouk R: Kevin Balkin Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: N/A	C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS: Nicholas Hamilton

Sacramental News: Please join me in praying for the four primary school children and their families who are preparing to be baptised on 15th November here at OLOW.



Holy Hour: We are having a special holy hour this **Friday, 7th Nov** from **6-7pm**, praying for the four primary school children who will be baptised on the 15th. Join us for a time of prayer for this special intention.

HSC (and IB) Students: Please continue to keep our HSC and IB students in your prayers. May they be free from anxiety and trust in God for their futures.

Would you like to understand more about Baptism?

Join Simon Carrington for a FREE 4 Week Course -

Water & Spirit: How Baptism Forgives, Sanctifies and Prepares You for Heaven.

Starting Mon 3rd Nov

Don Bosco Youth Centre, St Marys

6.30pm Rosary followed by Talk at 7pm.

For more information and to register go to -

bit.ly/WaterAndSpirit

All are welcome!

In Loving Memory of Rev Fr Hannan

We remember with deep gratitude and affection the life of Rev. Hannan who would have celebrated his 100th birthday today on 1st November, 2025. Though he has gone before us, his legacy continues to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew him.

Fr Hannan devoted his life to the service of God at Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains. He was our first Parish Priest. He ministered with unwavering faith, gentle wisdom and a heart full of compassion, and his presence radiated the love of Christ in our community.

As we mark what would have been his 100th birthday, we give thanks for the gift of his life. May his memory inspire us to live with the same courage, humility and joy that he embodied.

May he rest in the eternal embrace of the God he served so faithfully.

"Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:23)

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: (see changes for this week)

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:

Rosary Making Workshops throughout November: Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on:

Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm.
Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm. Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm

Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Blue Mountains Deanery Christ the King Eucharistic Procession: 23 November – procession update The Blue Mountains Deanery will be commemorating the Solemnity of Christ the King with a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 23 November in Springwood. The procession will start at 9.30am at from the sports field within St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and go to St Thomas Aquinas Parish, where Mass will be celebrated at 10am. Morning tea will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover! We're inviting *you* to design the front cover of the *Catholic Outlook Magazine's* 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

Young adults faith formation: Young adults from 18-35 are invited to come along on Sunday 9th November and learn about the early Church Father **St Basil the Great**. Speaker **Dr Kevin Wagner** will lead the faith formation session at Sacred Heart Parish Hall (9 Ropes Creek Rd, Mt Druitt) at 7pm, followed by **free** pizza and fellowship! Call Mark with any questions on 0477 004 678.

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on **Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm** at the Parramatta Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via <https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVI>- OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Feast days of the week:

Nov 3rd – St. Martin de Porres
Nov 4th – St. Charles Borromeo
Nov 5th – St. Sylvia
Nov 6th – St. Leonard of Noblac
Nov 7th – St. Ernest
Nov 8th – St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

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
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