

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, 12th October, 2025 **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 129:3-4](#)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading [2 Kings 5:14-17](#)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and
immersed himself seven times in
the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do.
And his flesh became clean once more
like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort,
he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I
know’ he said, ‘that there is no God in all
the earth except in Israel. Now, please,
accept a present from your servant.’
But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives,
whom I serve, I will accept
nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept,
but he refused. Then Naaman said,
‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your
servant to be given as much earth as two
mules may carry, because your servant
will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice
to any god except the Lord.’

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the
nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I
carry. ‘Jesus Christ risen from the
dead, sprung from the race of David’;
it is on account of this that I have my
own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they
cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear
it all for the sake of those who are
chosen, so that in the end they may
have the salvation that is in Christ
Jesus and the eternal glory that comes
with it. Here is a saying that you can
rely on: If we have died with him, then
we shall live with him. If we hold firm,
then we shall reign with him. If we
disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful, for he cannot disown his own
self.

Gospel Acclamation. [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel. Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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All Souls' Day Liturgy: **All Souls' Day**, also known as **the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead**, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died, which is observed by Catholics and other Christian denominations annually on November 2.

How poignant is it that All Souls' Day falls so close to November 11 – a day where we remember all those, both military and civilian, who died in World War One and ultimately other wars.

So, on All Souls' Day as we remember let us promise that those who have gone before us will always be remembered well - not just on All Souls' Day but every day until we are reunited with our God who loves us and knows us all by name.

If you would like the name of a family member placed on the **honour roll** at our **All-Souls Liturgy to be held on Tuesday November 4 at 6.00pm**, please contact the parish office on **4735 1041** during office hours or email names to emuplains@parracatholic.org **before October 24**. At the liturgy you will be able to place a candle in our Heart of Love and a Butterfly in our Field of Hope. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the liturgy.

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Bridge Kinneavy; and for those 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, 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:

Children's liturgy: Sunday, 26 Oct, 9.30am Mass

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us for light refreshments after the **8.00am Mass on 19 October**. *Please note there will be no hospitality after the 9.30am Mass this weekend, and refreshments after the 6pm Vigil recommences on 1 November.*

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: 14 October.*

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!

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 after Mass on Sunday, please call the office on 4735 1041



Thank you to Sue, Mary, Helen H., Maria and Frank and who gave up their time on Monday to do some much needed sorting out in the hall. We are very blessed at OLOW to have so many wonderful volunteers.!

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
11/12 October 28 th Ordinary	C: Phillip Youngman R: Bellinda Henderson Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS 1: Felicity Tuballa JS 2: Rocco Stillisano	C: Gabe Manouk R: Geraldine Waters Mark Norbury John Lo Cascio JS: Evie Milroy	C: Matthew Hamilton R: Trish Boyle Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS1: Nicholas Hamilton JS2: Hugo Watson
18/19 October 29 th Ordinary	C: Trish Ryan R: Louise Goderie Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS 1: Jacob Baptista JS 2: Elizabeth Baptista	C: Maria Sirotti R: Paul Devlin Deacon Batsirai Mary Marsh JS: N/A	C: Denise Robens R: Marianne Castor Lara Roser David Green Beth Nowland (Visit) JS 1: Hugo Watson JS 2: Jonah Ellis

Catholic Care Emergency Food Drive: The pantry items that OLOW so generously donates is an important part of the service Catholic Care offers at Springwood. The clientele is mostly middle-aged to senior in years and close to 50/50 male and female. There are several rough sleepers who go in each week to pick up things like 2-minute noodles, pasta, tuna and beans etc. The remaining clients who rely on the Catholic Care small pantry are vulnerable seniors, some with mental health concerns and or physical disabilities. Last month 228 people came for help with 115 of these requiring food and toiletries.

In terms of the most frequently asked for items, there is a need for more pasta sauces or crushed tomatoes, as they receive plenty of packs of pasta but not enough to go with them. There are also requests for tinned fruit and coffee. Our monthly food drive will take place **next weekend 18/19 October**.

Please note Catholic Care are unable to accept any goods that have passed the 'use by' date. *Thank you* for your very generous response

Mass at Edinglassie: Edinglassie has now removed all visitor restrictions. All parishioners are invited to join residents for mass or communion service on the **4th Thursday of each month**. Please consider joining our parishioners who are unable to attend our Sunday mass and helping them feel a part of our faith community. *A Communion Service will be held on October 23rd at 11am*. For more details, please call the parish office.

HSC and IB Exams: As the HSC and IB exams near, we hold all students sitting these exams in our prayers. May they be calm, confident and assured of support from all of us. May their hard work bear fruit, and may they know they are cherished by all of us and God. May God bless them with peace, clarity and courage. We warmly invite you to take home a prayer card (available in the church foyer).

Catholic Mission Appeal: Next weekend, World Mission Sunday, we will be holding an appeal for Catholic Mission. If you would like to make a donation, there will be envelopes on the pews next weekend with various payment options available. Catholic Mission works on behalf of the Pope to support Church-run mission programs around the world. Please see the bulletin notice over the page for further information about this year's appeal.

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:

Catholic Mission Appeal at Our Lady of the Way, 18/19 October:



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

 Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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

Missionaries of God's Love Immerse Silent Retreat: 31 October – 2 November

Dive deep into the graces of silence and contemplation. Immerse yourself in the love of God who waits for us to abide in Him. Join with the Saints and complete the Jubilee Year with a retreat focused on redemption, rest and refreshment. Join the Missionaries of God's Love sisters from Friday 31 October to Sunday 2 November at Carmel House, Varroville. To register, please visit trybooking.com/CZPWY

Feast days of the week:

Oct 13th – St. Edward the Confessor

Oct 14th – St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Oct 15th – St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor

Oct 16th – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Oct 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Oct 18th – St. Luke, Evangelist

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