

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, 19th October, 2025 **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus *As long as
Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, ‘Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.’ Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard. (R.)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped
and ready for every good work.*

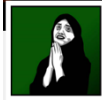
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation. [Hebrews 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**



Gospel. [Luke 18:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Contact Catholic Care to register
☎ (02) 8843 2500 OR ✉ Email enquiries@catholiccarewbsm.org.au

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.

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Mary Dyer and Chrissie Finn; 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 this Sunday, 19 October**. Next weekend, we will gather after the 9.30am Mass. *Gathering 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: 21 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!

HSC (and IB) Students: Please continue to pray for those sitting the HSC or Year 12 IB exams this year. May they be free from anxiety and trust in God for their futures. If you know someone who is sitting the exams, we have 'HSC Survival Pack's' still available. Please ask one of the church wardens if you would like one.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival- 30 Nov- 2 Dec, Melbourne. The Diocese of Parramatta has secured a grant to support young adults (18-25) who may be experiencing financial hardship to attend this year's ACYF. This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to encounter faith, community and joy with thousands of young Catholics nationwide. If you would like to apply, please use the following link: parracatholic.org/connect/acyf

Applications close: Wednesday 22 October 2025
Successful applicants notified: Friday 24 October 2025. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
18/19 October 29th Ordinary	C: Trish Ryan R: Mary Balam 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
25/26 October 30th Ordinary	C: Debra Gleeson R: Isabella Pamintuan Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS 1: Josie Henderson JS 2: Rocco Stillisano	C: Paul Ryan R: Kevin Balkin Michael Blair Pat Edwards JS: Evie Milroy	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Joanne Hamilton Deacon Batsirai John Cowen Kay Walker (Visit) JS 1: Nicholas Hamilton JS 2: Jonah Ellis

Youth Group: What a fantastic night we had learning about the Armour of God, protecting our spirituality from anyone or anything that may try to divert us from Gods plan. The children realised quickly during a game that you can lose very easily when you don't have the right defences in place and that God has equipped us with everything we need to keep us strong in our faith. They are eager to design their own shields and display them around the Church in the coming weeks, keep an eye out for their designs and interpretation of what they have been learning during Youth Group.

Our next Youth Group will be held in the Parish Hall from 7.00pm on Friday 14 Nov.



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.

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:

Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation: 8 November Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 8 November from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 3 Nov, please contact the Office for Worship Team OFW@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211

Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre

We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia's first religious sisters. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment

Free entry and parking available. Bookings recommended.

Address: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point

Website: socheritagecentre.org.au Email: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com Phone: 02 9138 0835

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

Catholic Mission Appeal at Our Lady of the Way, 18/19 October: Please give generously using the envelopes on the pews (various payment options available):



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Feast days of the week:

Oct 20th – St. Irene

Oct 21st – St. Laura Montoya Upegui

Oct 22nd – St. John Paul II, Pope

Oct 23rd – St. John of Capistrano

Oct 24th – St. Anthony Claret, Bishop

Oct 25th – St. Tabitha

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