

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH, EMU PLAINS

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What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

Sunday, 31st May 2026 The Most Holy Trinity, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading [Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9](#)

A reading from the book of
Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all,
merciful and loving.*



With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said, ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

Responsorial Psalm [Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52](#)

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation. [See Apocalypse 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

Communion Antiphon Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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2026 OLOW VOLUNTEERS CAMPAIGN

Each week, we will be providing some information on one or two of the ministries here at OLOW. From next weekend, you will be able to fill in an Expression of Interest Form, selecting one or more ministries you feel called by the Holy Spirit to be involved in.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love”.

Ministering Communion to the Sick and Housebound:

In this ministry we visit parishioners in their homes following 9.30 Mass each Sunday. We can also volunteer each Thursday to visit parishioners who live at Edinglassie. As part of a ministry team we have the opportunity to form special friendships and to support each other. At Edinglassie we work ecumenically with the Uniting church and have their full cooperation to use the chapel for monthly communion services or mass. This is a very rewarding ministry and it is a privilege to be able to serve fellow parishioners unable to attend mass each week. You are welcome to join us.

Kay Walker

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Our parish has a role in assisting people who express interest in entering into a fulfilling relationship with God through the Catholic faith. The parish team walks with these people on their journey by leading them in prayer and in discussion of Catholic doctrine, the gospels, the Mass and the Sacraments over a period of about six months. This journey leads to them receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil Liturgy each year, a time of great joy for these new members as well as our entire community of faith.

You are invited to volunteer as a member of our parish team. **John Cowen**

Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased, and for Andrea Ruperto, John Mulock, Grazia Gauci, Tom Barlow and Frances Grove, 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, Antony McLaughlin, Joe Gray, Michael Hatch, Phillip Fitzgerald, Jenny Griffiths, Greg Wood, Noelene Bangel, David Finn, Karen Allen, Julie Young, Gabriel Manouk, 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, Sr Patricia Holligan, Greg Pigott, 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. For privacy reasons, consent is required from the person, who is unwell, or from their next of kin.



Parish Notices:

Change of Mass Time. Saturday Vigil Mass is now at **5.30pm**. Tuesday's masses are at 5.30pm, and reconciliation times on Saturdays are 4.30pm to 5.15pm.

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday June 14. All welcome!

Communion for the sick: If you, or a family member, is sick or no longer able to attend Mass and would like communion in the home, please call the office on 4735 1041.

Wrap with love knitters group meets on Thursdays from 9am -12pm in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Judy Prendergast (0407101254).

Playgroup: Playgroup meets every second Tuesday (during school term) at 10am in the parish hall. The next playgroup will be on June 2.

Children's liturgy: Every 4th Sunday of the month at the 9:30am mass. Next children's liturgy: June 28

Upper Primary Youth Group (yrs 4-7) 2nd Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Next Youth group is Friday 12th June. For more information, contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

Church cleaning: We are in need of volunteers to assist with church cleaning, every second Friday. If you can help, or for more information, please contact the Parish office on 47 351041.

Relics of St Anthony of Padua in the Diocese of Parramatta: Sunday 7th June:
St Padre Pio Church Glenmore Park, Fr Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS PP
7:30am Devotions. 8:00am Mass.
8:45-9:45am Devotions. 10:00am Mass followed by Corpus Christi Procession.
11:30am –4:00pm Devotions.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
May 30/31 Trinity	C: Louise Goderie R: Phillip Youngman Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS1: Alex JS2: Josie	C: Kevin Balkin R: Kay Walker Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS1: Jacob JS2: Elizabeth	C: Matthew Hamilton R: Brett Wright Michael Blair David Green Beth Nowland (Visit) JS1: Hugo JS2: Ottavia
June 6/7 Corpus Christi	C: Bellinda Henderson R: Trish Ryan Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS1: Felicity JS2: Alex	C: Maria Sirotti R: Geraldine Waters Deacon Batsirai Mary Marsh JS1: Elizabeth JS2: Jacob	C: Don Robens R: Trish Boyle Lara Roser Connie Reid Denise Robens (Visit) JS1: Jonah JS2: Nicholas

Sacramental News: First Holy Communion

Please join me in praying for the children and their families who are preparing for their first Holy Communion here at OLOW.



Holy Hour

We will be having a holy hour on Thursday 11th June from 7-8pm, for the children who are preparing for their first Holy communion. You are welcome to come and pray for as long or as little as you like.

Sun 14th June – First Holy communion at 9.30am Mass

There are a large number of children who have elected to receive their first Holy Communion at our 9.30am parish Mass on Sunday 14th June. Please be aware that they will be sitting in the front pews of the church with their family and friends and that Mass will most probably go for longer than usual.

Reflection for Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Pentecost. It revolves around the Christian belief of the Divine Trinity: the THREE forms of God, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The number THREE is one of the most important numbers throughout the Bible. There are THREE gifts from the Magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Jesus prayed THREE times before being arrested, He was put at the cross at the THIRD hour of the day and died at the ninth hour which is THREE pm. The number THREE is the number of eternal life, as Jesus was resurrected after THREE days of being dead. There were THREE disciples in Jesus' "inner circle" – Peter, James, and John – who had many special blessings, but especially the blessing of seeing Jesus glorified on the Mount of Transfiguration. God himself is described in THREE dimensions, "which is, and which was, and which is to come", (Revelation 1:4). So, this Trinity Sunday let us remember THREE things; He is a God who cares for us, who loves us and knows us each by name and He is waiting for us when our earthly journey is done.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tuesday to Thursday from 9am to 3pm; Friday 9.30am to 1pm (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 5.30pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am
Filipino Mass-3rd Sunday of the month: 12pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 5.30pm;
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 4.30pm.

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:

Be The Witness

THE MUSICAL
THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND



**BOOK
NOW**

An ancient message, a timeless calling, a musical not to be missed!

From **10-13 September**, Parramatta Riverside Theatres will be ablaze with **Be The Witness**, the powerhouse Gospel musical, produced by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, and

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

But it's so much more than a musical.
It's a movement!
Andrew brought his brother Peter to Christ.
Who will you bring?

10 - 13 September

RIVERSIDE THEATRES, Parramatta



Feast of Corpus Christi Parish Celebration & Eucharistic Celebration: 7 June

This special celebration at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook will include Holy Mass, a Eucharistic Procession, parish fellowship, music, and community celebrations as we come together to honour the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Parishioners from across the Diocese are warmly invited to join us for this significant feast day and a joyful witness of faith and unity within our diocesan community.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal. Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call. Please give generously by scanning the QR code, at parracatholic.org/appeal, or through the envelopes available at the rear of the church. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



Feast days of the week:

June 1st – St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia
June 2nd – Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
June 3rd – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
June 4th – St. Filippo Smaldone
June 5th – St. Boniface of Mainz, Bishop and Martyr
June 6th – St. Marcellin Champagnat, St Norbert

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