

# 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, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.**

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

### **Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### **First Reading** Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

### **Second Reading** Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

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.** Mark 1:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel.** [Matthew 9:36 – 10:8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*  
When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost

sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**Communion Antiphon** [Psalm 26:4](#)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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**Parish Notices:**

**Catholic Care Food Appeal 2026:** Our monthly food drive will take place *next weekend 20/ 21 June*. Catholic Care have asked that we let you know that they are truly overwhelmed your generosity each month and appreciate all that you give to assist their vulnerable clients. They are currently experiencing an upturn in need and are having to ration food. They say that our monthly donations are preventing some clients from homelessness. This month they have requested cereal, pasta, soups, rice in packs and ready to eat food for those who are homeless. Please place bags of food on the table at the rear of the church. **Thank you** once again for your very generous response

**Feasting, Fasting & the Mystics:** Join us at the Upper Blue Mts Parish to be inspired by the mystics and learn about their insights. Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 2pm. Mediaeval lunch will be served. For more information see flyer at the back of the church.

**Let us pray:** We pray for recently deceased David Finn and Patrick Evans, and for Jean McInnes, and Roger and Jesse Borg 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, Mark McInnes, Mary Marsh, Antony McLaughlin, Joe Gray, Michael Hatch, Phillip Fitzgerald, Jenny Griffiths, Greg Wood, Noelene Bangel, 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:** From Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we will start morning Mass at 9am. Tuesday evening Mass will continue for the rest of this month, however, from July, we will no longer have Tuesday evening Mass. Saturday Vigil Mass is now at 5.30pm, and reconciliation on Saturday is 4.30pm

**Cuppa and a Chat:** Please join us after the 9:30am Mass this weekend, and after the 8am Mass next weekend (21 June). All welcome!

**Wrap with love knitters group** meets on Thursdays from 9am -12pm. **During the winter months, we will meet in the Parish Office-commencing 18 June.** 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 16 June.*

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

**Upper Primary Youth Group (yrs 4-7):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month, 7-8:30pm, in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

**Life Ascending Meeting:** Our regular meeting will be at **10 am 18 June** at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. New members are welcome! Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 age group. For more information see the Parish Booklet available at the rear of the church.

**Senior Parishioners** have been asked to participate in a primary school program called Emmaus Encounters. The program is 4 sessions of 1 hour duration each. The sessions are fortnightly and will be run next term (from end of July). The aim is for students to see the witness of Christ in the other. They are calling the parishioners 'wisdom figures'. The structure of the program can be seen on the flyer at the back of the church. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

## Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
June 13/14 11 Ordinary	C: Debra Gleeson R: Sue Schembri John Cowen Beth Nowland JS1: Josie JS2: Felicity	C: Alex Jarominek R: Paul Ryan Mark Norbury Kay Walker JS1: Jacob JS2: Elizabeth	C: Denise Robens R: Marianne Castor Deacon Batsirai Michael Blair David Green JS1: Rocco JS2: Hugo
June 20/21 12 Ordinary	C: Mary Balam R: Isabella Rose Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS1: Josie	C: Sue Mouthaan R: Paul Devlin Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS1: Ottavia JS2: Elizabeth	C: Joanne Hamilton R: Maria Farah Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Rebecca Carberry (Visit) JS1: Nicholas JS2: Jonah

## Sacramental News: First Holy Communion

Please join me in praying for the children who are receiving their first Holy Communion at OLOW this weekend..



### 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.

### 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”.*

**Church Cleaning:** Every second Friday, after the 9am Mass until 11am, we have a small group of volunteers who clean the church. The cleaning mainly involves vacuuming, mopping, cleaning of pews and glass, and cleaning of the Holy Water dispenser. We would love to have more volunteers join this ministry- ‘Many hands make light work’.

**Music Ministry:** The title *musicians* includes singers and instrumentalists. Our ministry is at the service of the community and at the service of the texts that we sing about for our parish Eucharist. We are not performers, who the assembly listens to, but leaders who support the singing and participation of the assembly as the Body of Christ. Our music unites us in this.

Some of the roles that you might find possible could include: joining the choir at the Easter Vigil & Christmas Eve Masses; making yourself available to sing or play if one of our regular musicians is unable to; making yourself available to display the PowerPoint slides with the words and music we sing; joining with or leading a group and contributing as part of, or as another team on our roster.

Most importantly though, you can be part of this ministry, through a wholehearted singing of the music as a member of the Assembly of the Body of Christ.'

## Parish Information

**Parish office open Tues to Thurs from 9am - 3pm; Fri 9.30am- 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 5:30 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am  
Filipino Mass-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:12pm

## **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday 9am and 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 4:30 – 5:15pm.

**Sacraments:** baptisms and weddings by  
appointment. Please contact the parish office  
([emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)) for information  
on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.

## Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

### **Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Good Works Appeal.**

Because of your compassion, our parish has raised over \$700 through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, supporting Holy Spirit Seminary and helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and all Diocesan ministries supported through this Appeal. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit

[parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal), scan the QR code or use the envelopes provided at the rear of the church..  
Thank you.



## *Be The Witness*

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*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

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It's a movement!  
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Who will you bring?

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**Charismatic Healing Mass.** Mass will be followed by individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: *Fr Wim Hoekstra*, Sunday 21st June 2026, 2:00 pm Prayer and Praise 2.30pm Mass, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. All welcome!

**Sing a New Song – Music Workshop for Children: 14 July** Do you have a child in Year 4-12? Invite them to come along to our 'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop', for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. When: Tuesday 14 July 2026, 9.30am-2pm Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place Parramatta Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 19 July at 6pm. Register here: [parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/](http://parracatholic.org/events/school-holiday-music-workshop/)

## Feast days of the week:

June 15th – St. Germaine Cousin  
June 16th – St. John Francis Regis  
June 17th – St. Teresa of Portugal  
June 18th – St. Marina  
June 19th – St Romuald  
June 20th – St Silverius

## 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