

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

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

Sunday, 27th September 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon [Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42](#)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading [Ezekiel 18:25-28](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6](#)

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Philippians 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as

men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation. [John 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!



Gospel. [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your

opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon [Cf Psalm 118:49-50](#)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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Let us pray: We pray for those recently deceased; and for Patricia Sheather, Lou Deutscher and Kaye Simpson 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, Barry Smith, Stacey Mazzerella, Didi Barnes, Riley Beecham, Jeremy Everett, 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:

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday 27th Sept, and next weekend, 3rd October, after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. 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. Any donations of 8ply acrylic wool would be gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Judy Prendergast (0407101254).

Playgroup: Playgroup meets every second Tuesday (during school term) at 10am in the parish hall. *Next playgroup: Term 3, date TBA.*

Children's liturgy will be this weekend at the 9.30am Mass. If possible, could parents please write their children's name on the Children's Liturgy sign-on sheet in the church foyer prior to Mass commencing.

Upper Primary Youth Group (yrs 4-7): 2nd Friday of the month, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact the parish office on 4735 1041. *Next youth group: 9th October.*

Major Pilgrim Relic & Exhibition of St Carlo Acutis: 28-30 September

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome. Find the full program on parracatholic.org/events/relic-exhibition-st-carlo-acutis

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
26/27 September 26th Sunday Ordinary	C: Victor Tuballa R: Phillip Youngman Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS1: Joseph JS2: Charles	C: Maria Sirotti R: Geraldine Waters Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS1: Jacob JS2: Elizabeth	C: Don Robens C: Marianne Castor Deacon Batsirai Lara Roser Charity Maringehosi (Visit) JS1: Nicholas JS2: Ottavia
3/4 October 27th Sunday Ordinary	C: Victor Tuballa R: Isabella Deacon Batsirai Stevenie Harman JS1: Alex JS2: Felicity	C: Alex Jarominek R: Paul Ryan Michael Blair Pat Edwards JS1: Charlotte JS2: Jacob	C: Matthew Hamilton R: Trish Boyle John Cowen Connie Reid Beth Nowland (Visit) JS1: Rocco JS2: Jonah

Daylight Savings: A friendly reminder that daylight savings will commence next Sunday, 4th October. At 2:00am, clocks move forward 1 hour.

Sacramental News:

Last Sunday, 39 children were confirmed here at OLOW within a beautiful Mass, celebrated by Bishop Vincent. Again, I thank the parishioners of OLOW for your prayerful support in helping these children prepare for the Holy Spirit. Your prayers are invaluable! I would also like to thank those who have offered their time and gifts in the running of the program as well as assisting at Mass: Wolfgang, Sue, Helen H, Kystyna, Maria, Helen L, Jan, the Snedden family, Les, Stevenie, John, Charlotte, Chris and Thea, Lynne, Deacon Batsirai and Fr Michael.

Blessing for HSC Students: Students in Yr 12 are invited to the 9.30am Mass next weekend, 4th October, for a special blessing ahead of their upcoming exams. Prayer cards will also be available for parishioners. All are welcome.

Volunteers Afternoon: All volunteers at Our Lady of the Way, both new and current, are invited to attend a Volunteers Formation afternoon on Saturday, 10th October, from 2pm-5pm in the parish hall. This will be led by the Mission Enhancement Team from the Diocese of Parramatta. A light afternoon tea will be provided. Next weekend, we will have a sign-up sheet for attendance. For more information, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying *"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio*



<u>Parish Information</u> Parish office open Tues- Thurs from 9am to 3pm; Fri from 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-3rd Sunday of the month:12pm Weekday Masses: Tuesday 9am 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) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.
<u>Diocese of Parramatta Notices:</u> Bishop Vincent Presents: Kim Daniels on ‘AI, Pope Leo and the future of human dignity’ Join us on 13 October at 6 pm to hear from one of the Church’s foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence. A lawyer by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026, and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and coordinator of the study group that focused on the Church’s mission in the digital age. Registration is essential, visit parracatholic.org/kim-daniels Express your interest to be a Stall Holder or Performer at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2026! Be part of a vibrant evening filled with music, dance, activities, food, and community fun hosted by Catholic Youth Parramatta on Saturday, 24th October, within the precinct of St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta. We invite local performers, small business and organisations to express their interest via the links below! Expressions of Interest close Sunday 20th 11:59pm. Stall Holder EOI: https://forms.gle/9cbayafAiumdgWW1dA Performer EOI: https://forms.gle/cza7pTd48eNL9MxM6 Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover We’re inviting <i>you</i> to design the front cover of the <i>Catholic Outlook Magazine</i>’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 6 November 2026 – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp Annual Marian Procession at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville: 10 October The Marian Procession is a special parish celebration honouring Our Lady of the Rosary, the Patroness of our parish and community. Following the 6:00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 10 October 2026, parishioners will process from Our Lady of the Rosary Church to the Shrine of the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, praying the Rosary and singing Marian hymns. Catholic Care WSBM – Free Legal Clinic – Fortnightly from 7 September Access FREE legal advice on matters including Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, Traffic offences. When: Every second Monday from 11 am starting 7 September. Where: Catholic Care, 3/163 Macquarie Rd, Springwood. To make a booking call (02) 8843 2500 or (02) 8843 2545. Walk-ins welcome.	
<u>Feast days of the week:</u> Sept 28th - St. Wenceslaus, martyr Sept 29th - Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Sept 30th - St. Jerome, Doctor Oct 1st - St. Therese of the Child Jesus Oct 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels Oct 3rd - Bl Aloysius Stepinac	<u>Parish bank details:</u> 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