

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, 11th October 2026 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

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 *Isaiah 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm. *Ps 22. R. v.6*

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation. [See Ephesians 1:17-18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He

dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Antonia Gauci and Eva Klincke; and for Paul Joseph Reeves and Mary Dyer 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, Jill McIlroy, 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:

Fr Michael will be on retreat from Sunday evening on Oct 11 through to Friday Oct. 16
There will be no morning Mass at OLOW during this time.

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us after the 9.30 am Mass this Sunday (11/10), and then next weekend after the 8am 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. *The next playgroup is Tuesday 13 Oct.*

Children's liturgy: Every 4th Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass. *Next children's liturgy: 25 Oct.*

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.

Catholic Care Food Appeal 2026: Our monthly food drive will take place *next weekend 17/18 Oct.* Catholic Care thank you for 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. **This month, Catholic Care are particularly in need of soap, tinned fruit, toothpaste and toothbrushes.** They have also requested cereal, pasta, tinned fish and meat, rice in packs and ready to eat food for those who are homeless. There is currently a sufficient supply of tea, coffee, 2 minute noodles and soup. Please place bags of food on the table at the rear of the church. *Thank you* once again for your very generous response.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
10/11 October 28th Sunday Ordinary	C: Trish Ryan R: Bellinda Henderson Stevenie Harman Michael Manton JS1: Josie JS2: Charles	C: Sue Mouthaan R: Paul Devlin Deacon Batsirai Matthew Topp JS1: Daphne JS2: Chelsea	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Maria Lara Roser David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS1: Hugo JS2: Jonah
October 17/18 29 Ordinary	C: Victor Tuballa R: Phillip Youngman Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS1: Josie JS2: Joseph	C: Kevin Balkin R: Kay Walker Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS1: Elizabeth JS2: Charlotte	C: Trish Boyle R: Matthew Hamilton John Cowen Denise Robens (Visit) David Green JS1: Rocco JS2: Jonah

Mass for All Souls Day will be celebrated on **Monday, 2nd November at 6pm.** If you would like the name of a family member placed on the honour roll at our All-Souls Liturgy, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 during office hours or email names to emuplains@parracatholic.org before **October 28.**

Sacramental News Baptism for Primary school children: At the start of term 4, we are running a baptism program for children who are in primary school, and who missed baptism as infants. If you know children who would like to be baptised, please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 for more information.

Commissioning of new volunteers: Next weekend, 17th & 18th October, at the 5.30pm and 9.30am Masses, we will be commissioning our new volunteers.

If possible, we ask that those being commissioned please nominate the Mass they will be attending by emailing the parish office at emuplains@parracatholic.org, or by completing the sheet at the rear of the church.

World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday. The theme for World Mission Sunday 2026, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is **'One in Christ, united in mission'**. "It invites us to be rooted in unity with Christ and with one another, and calls us to walk together as sisters and brothers, bringing hope, compassion and the Good News to communities near and far." (*Catholic Mission, 2026*)

Donation envelopes are available at the rear of the church and can be returned via the collection plate either this weekend or next weekend.



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For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

<u>Parish Information</u> Parish office open Tues to Thurs from 9am to 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-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> St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition (11-25 October) St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is pleased to host the St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition from 11 to 25 October. The exhibition, created by St Carlo Acutis, showcases Eucharistic miracles from around the world. All parishioners, families, students, teachers and visitors are warmly invited to attend. Free entry. No bookings required. Open during parish office/business hours only. 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 WYD27 Songwriting Competition: Submissions close 16 December Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: parrawyd.org Rosary Making Workshops: Next on 15 October Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days: 15 October, 5 November. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops Music Workshop for Advent: 5 November All musicians in the diocese are invited to attend the Office for Worship's upcoming music workshop on November 5th. Mr Eric Grella will focus this workshop on choosing music that is suitable for the liturgical season of Advent and will be present to answer any questions you may have. It will be held on Thursday 5th Nov at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre from 7pm-8:30pm. Please register via parracatholic.org/music-workshop	
<u>Feast days of the week:</u> Oct 12th – St. Carlo Acutis 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 and Martyr	<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