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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, 1st November 2026 All Saints Day.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the
Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading [Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of
people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where
the sun rises, carrying the seal of the
living God; he called in a powerful
voice to the four angels whose duty
was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait
before you do any damage on land or
at sea or to the trees, until we have put
the seal on the foreheads of the
servants of our God.' Then I heard how
many were sealed: a hundred and
forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes
of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number,
impossible to count, of people from
every nation, race, tribe and language;
they were standing in front of the
throne and in front of the Lamb,
dressed in white robes and holding
palms in their hands. They shouted
aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on
the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all
the angels who were standing in a
circle round the throne, surrounding
the elders and the four animals,
prostrated themselves before the
throne, and touched the ground with

their foreheads, worshipping God with
these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honour and power and strength to our
God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked
me, 'Do you know who these people are,
dressed in white robes, and where they
have come from?' I answered him, 'You
can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said,
'These are the people who have been
through the great persecution, and they
have washed their robes white again in
the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm. [Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6](#)

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs
to see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 John 3:1-3](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has
lavished on us, by letting us be called

God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation. [Matthew 11:28](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon [Matthew 5:8-10](#)

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Alexander Blair, and for Clive McInnes and James Dempster 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:

Cuppa and a Chat: Please join us after the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on 7 Nov, and after the 9.30am Mass on 8 Nov. All welcome!

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 playgroup scheduled for Tues 10 Nov. has been cancelled. The next playgroup is Tues 24 Nov.*

Children's liturgy: Every 4th Sunday of the month at the 9:30am mass. *Next children's liturgy: 22 Nov*

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Advent Reflection with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ: *What if Advent felt different this year? Join us for a guided reflection through the Scripture that shapes our Advent season.*

WHEN: Sat 21 Nov, 2.30-5pm

WHERE: Parish Hall

Flyers are available at the rear of the church with a QR code for registration.

Vinnies Christmas cards will be on sale from the 7th/8th November for \$10/pack.

2027 Columban Calendars are now available to be purchased from the Parish Office for \$10 each. Please contact Joanne on 4735 1041, or email emuplains@parracatholic.org if you would like one.

Edinglassie Presentation- 8 Nov at 11am, there will be a short presentation in the hall about the Edinglassie Retirement Village, facilitated by the Community Engagement & Events Manager. We invite you to come for morning tea after Mass, and then stay for the presentation. All are welcome.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
31 Oct /1 November All Saints	C: Bellinda Henderson R: Mary Balam Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS1: Alex JS2: Felicity	C: Paul Ryan R: Jake Pearman-Sultana Matthew Topp Pat Edwards JS1: Elizabeth JS2: Chelsea	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Joanne Hamilton John Cowen Beth Nowland (Visit) Denise Robens JS1: Nicholas JS2: Daphne
7/8 November 32 Ordinary	C: Debra Gleeson R: Trish Ryan Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS1: Josie JS2: Ottavia	C: Sue Mouthaan R: Alex Jarominek Michael Blair John Lo Cascio JS1: Elizabeth JS2: Jacob	C: Brett Wright R: Denise Robens Lara Roser Rebecca Carberry (Visit) David Green JS1: Jonah JS2: Hugo

Sacramental News Please join me in praying for the 23 primary school children and their families who are preparing to be baptised on the 14th Nov here at OLOW.



Mass for All Souls Day will be held on Monday Nov 2 at 6.00pm. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the liturgy. Please invite family and friends to join us in praying for and remembering our loved ones who have gone before us. If you are attending the supper, we kindly ask that you please bring a plate to share.

During November, we will have the Remembrance Book at the front of the church.

Mass intention envelopes will be collected during the week for names to be added to the Remembrance Book. During the month of November, the priest will offer all Masses for people in the Book of Remembrance. A voluntary offering may be included in the envelope. You may also choose to write a Remembrance Note for your loved one.



<p><u>Parish Information</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Weekend Mass times: Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8am, 9:30am Filipino Mass-3rd Sunday of the month:12pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30 – 5:15pm.</p> <p>Sacraments: baptisms and weddings by appointment. Please contact the parish office (emuplains@parracatholic.org) for information on reconciliation, communion and confirmation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Message from the Parish Finance Committee.</u></p> <p>As we stated last week, we the members of the Parish Finance committee, are deeply grateful for you all- for the faith, generosity, and commitment that you have shown in building our Parish community. This has made our parish a vibrant and welcoming community. Your ongoing support allows us to celebrate the sacraments, care for our church, nourish our ministries, and reach out to those in need.</p> <p>As part of our annual financial review, we wish to share that parish income, particularly from weekly giving and donations, has declined, while operating costs have continued to increase. Expenses such as electricity, insurance, maintenance, liturgical supplies, and pastoral resources have risen significantly. During the last financial year, parish expenses exceeded income by \$17,580.</p> <p>This shortfall places pressure on the resources needed to maintain parish life and ministry. It affects our programs for children, youth, families, and seniors, as well as our outreach, liturgical celebrations, and the care of our parish facilities.</p> <p>We remain hopeful because our parish has always responded with generosity and faith. We therefore invite parishioners to prayerfully consider supporting the parish through an increase in their regular giving, if circumstances permit. Even a small increase can make a meaningful difference.</p> <p>Tap-and-Go and online giving options are available for those who prefer electronic contributions.</p> <p>Stewardship is not about equal giving but about each person sharing according to their ability and gratitude for God's blessings. Together, we can continue the mission of our parish and ensure that our community remains a place of worship, welcome, service, and faith formation for future generations. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.</p> <p>“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)</p>	
<p><u>Feast days of the week:</u></p> <p>No 2nd – ALL SOULS Day Nov 3rd –St. Martin de Porres Nov 4th– St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Nov 5th – St. Sylvia Nov 6th – St. Leonard of Noblac Nov 7th – St. Ernest</p>	<p><u>Parish bank details:</u></p> <p>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</p>