

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, 25th October 2026 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.



The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Responsorial Psalm. Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were

converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation. [John 14:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel. [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon [Cf Psalm 19:6](#)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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St. Jude Miracle Prayer for Impossible Situations

St. Jude,
When all hope seems lost, I
turn to you with faith in
God's unlimited power.
Intercede on my behalf for
this situation that feels
impossible to me. May
God's mighty hand bring
forth a miracle beyond my
imagination.
Amen.

[prayersbase.com](#)

Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Alexander Blair; and for those 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 7th November. 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 next playgroup is Tuesday 27th Oct.*

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteers Thank you evening will be held on Friday 20th November. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, followed by dinner in the hall. More information to come.

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

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

Uniting Presentation: On the 8th November, at 11am, there will be a short presentation in the hall about the new development at Uniting, facilitated by the Community Engagement & Events Manager. We invite you to come and share morning tea after Mass, and then stay for the presentation. All are welcome.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
24/25 October 30 Ordinary	C: Victor Tuballa R: Trish Ryan Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher JS1: Felicity JS2: Charles	C: Maria Sirotti R: Geraldine Waters Michael Blair John Lo Cascio JS1: Jacob JS2: Daphne	C: Marianne Castor R: Don Robens Lara Roser Kay Walker (Visit) Connie Reid JS1: Hugo JS2: Nicholas
31 Oct /1 November All Saints	C: Bellinda Henderson R: Mary Balam Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS1: Alex JS2: Ottavia	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

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 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. A light supper will be served after Mass. We kindly ask that, if attending, you bring a plate to share, and if possible, let us know what you are able to bring (by completing the form at the rear of the church).

November Mass Envelopes: In November, we especially pray for the souls of the faithful departed. November Mass offering envelopes are now available at the rear of the church. Please print the names of your deceased loved ones clearly on the envelope, and they will be transferred to our Book of Remembrance, to be kept near the altar during the month of November. The names will be updated on a weekly basis. Envelopes may be placed into the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office from Tuesday-Friday. A voluntary offering may be included in the envelope.

All Saints' Night, 31 October To be held at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, 34-38 William Howell Drive. All children are invited to come dressed as Saints of their choice or in white. Come for 5.30pm Mass followed by an evening of fun and games. Food provided. Parents are asked to register their children using this QR code by Monday 26th October. A flyer can be found on the Church noticeboard.



<u>Parish Information</u> Parish office open Tues-Thurs 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-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> ‘Genuine Dialogue: A Path to Peace’ In a world that cries out for cohesion across our diverse communities, the Jubilee Year of St Francis deepens our Gospel call to be people of peace and fraternity. St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook is hosting Fr Patrick McNerney and members of the diocesan Interfaith Commission to share insights and reflections with us. Tuesday 3rd November 7:00-8:30PM in the Parish Centre, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Fr Patrick is Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and Consultor with the Vatican Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. Please register your interest via secretary@stfinbars.org.au An opportunity not to be missed! All welcome. Rosary Making Workshops: Next on 5 November 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: 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 The FaithFeed ECHO: 6 November Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered? Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided! Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start. Register via parracatholic.org/events/the-faithfeed-echo Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 15 November Join us for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. Those celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate. If you would like to attend, please register your full names, years married, and numbers attending via parracatholic.org/events/wedding-anniversary-mass by 6 November.	
<u>Feast days of the week:</u> Oct 26th – St Demetrius of Thessaloniki, Martyr Oct 27th –St. Frumentius, bishop of Ethiopia Oct 28th– St. Simon and Jude, Apostles Oct 29th – St. Colman, Bishop Oct 30th – St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Oct 31st – St. Wolfgang, Bishop	<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