

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, 4th October 2026 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Esther 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice,

but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in

Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation. [See John 15:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel. [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his

servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon [Lam 3:25](#)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Antonia Gauci (Mass of Christian Burial 07.10.26, 10.30am, and Eva Klincke (Mass of Christian Burial 09.10.26, 11am); 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 this weekend, and then next weekend, 11th October, after the 9.30am Mass.

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: Tue 13th October*

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

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

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.

Charismatic Healing Mass on Sunday, 18th October Our Lady of the Rosary Church, St Marys. 2pm Prayer and Praise, 2.30pm Mass, then following Mass will be individual prayer for healing. Celebrant: Fr Michael Last.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
3/4 October 27th Sunday Ordinary	C: Victor Tuballa R: Isabella Stevenie Harman Anne Deutscher 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
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 Matthew Topp John Lo Cascio JS1: Daphne JS2: Chelsea	C: Lisa Samojlowicz R: Maria Lara Roser David Green Kay Walker (Visit) JS1: Hugo JS2: Jonah



VOLUNTEERS FORMATION

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS IN PARISH

Saturday 10th October, 2026, 2 - 5pm

Arrive 1:30pm for 2pm start.
Light refreshments provided.

Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains Parish Hall
15 Troy Street, Emu Plains 2750

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Mission Enhancement Team

All volunteers, both new and current, are invited to the Volunteers' Formation afternoon on Saturday, 10th October, from 2pm-5pm, to be facilitated by the Mission Enhancement Team. Please arrive at 1.30pm, for a 2pm start.

Please register your attendance on the sign-up sheet at the rear of the church.

New volunteers will be commissioned on the weekend of 17th/18th October, World Mission Sunday, at both the 5.30pm and 9.30am Mass. More information to come next weekend.

HSC Students: We welcome any students to Our Lady of the Way who are preparing to undertake their HSC or IB exams. We pray that you may be blessed with calm minds and clear thinking during this time, and that you may feel the presence of our loving God now and always. HSC prayer cards are available at the rear of the church.

<u>Parish Information</u> Parish office open Tues- Thurs from 9:00am 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 Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation course: 17 October Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 17 Oct from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 Oct at parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation Design the Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover for Christmas 2026! We’re inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine’s Christmas and Summer 2026 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. 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.	
<u>Feast days of the week:</u> Oct 5th – St. Faustina Kowalska Oct 6th –St. Bruno Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary Oct 8th – St. Pelagia the Penitent Oct 9th – Our Lady of Champion Oct 10th – St. Patrician, 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