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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, 15th November 2026 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon

Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation. John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel. Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Frances Theissen and Alexander Blair; for Peter McInnes whose death anniversary is at this time, and for those in our Book of Remembrance. 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, 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 8am Mass this Sunday, and then next Sunday after the 9.30am Mass. 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: Every 2nd Tues. (in school term),10am, in the parish hall. *Next playgroup: 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.

2027 Columban Calendars are available for purchase for $10 each. Please see one of the church wardens or contact the Parish Office if you would like one. Cash payment preferred, however, the eftpos is available if need be.

Vinnies Christmas cards are available to purchase for $10/pack.

Bishop's Good Works Appeal - Help a young mother break the cycle of violence and homelessness. This Christmas, embrace the spirit of the Nativity story. Let the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, inspire us to reach out to those in need - especially vulnerable homeless women and children. Your tax-deductible gift this Christmas can provide young mothers and their children with secure shelter, nourishing food, and the support they need to build a strong family life and a hopeful future. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal, or giving envelopes are available on the pews. Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
14/15 November 33 Ordinary	C: Phillip Youngman R: Victor Tuballa Stevenie Harman Beth Nowland JS1: Daphne JS2: Charles	C: Kevin Balkin R: Kay Walker ***Deacon Batsirai*** Mark Norbury JS1: Charlotte JS2: Chelsea	C: Trish Boyle R: Mitchell Sutton John Cowen **Denise Robens (Visit)** Connie Reid JS1: Jonah JS2: Hugo
21/22 November Christ the King	C: Trish Ryan R: Louise Goderie Stevenie Harman Debra Gleeson JS1: Josie JS2: Joseph	C: Geraldine Waters R: Maria Sirotti Matthew Topp Barbara Ryan JS1: Jacob JS2: Charlotte	C: Matthew Hamilton C: Marianne Castor ***Deacon Batsirai*** Lara Roser **Charity Maringhosi (Visit)** JS1: Hugo JS2: Jonah

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Advent Scripture Reflection at OLOW Parish Hall, Sat 21 Nov. **Please register using the QR code, and complete the registration sheet at the rear of the church if you would like to attend**. Flyers available at the rear of the church.

During the month of 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.

Life Ascending Meeting: Our final meeting this year will be at 10am, 18th Nov, at the home of Kay Walker, 197 River Rd, Leonay. We will celebrate another year of fellowship at lunch (12 noon) following the meeting. New members are welcome! Life Ascending is a group for spiritual enrichment and friendship for the over 50 age group. For more information, see the Parish Booklet available at the rear of the church.

Volunteers Thank-You Evening: A friendly reminder that we will have our celebration for volunteers on Friday, 20th November. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, followed by dinner in the hall. If you are yet to RSVP, we kindly ask that you contact the Parish Office by Tuesday 17 Nov. on 4735 1041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org

Parish Information

Parish office open Tues to Thurs from 9am to 3pm; Fri 9.30am to 1.pm. (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.

Diocese of Parramatta Notices:

Local World Youth Day & the Feast of Christ the King Mass: 22 November
Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 22 November at 11am for Mass celebrating Local World Youth Day and the Feast of Christ the King. Give thanks for our youth leaders and celebrate the commissioning of 2027 leaders. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

Parramatta Street Feast: 17 November You are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, a Festival of Welcome: 17 November 2026, 10:45am–2:30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Parramatta. It's a space for people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of community, solidarity and friendship, and to enjoy delicious food, free services, creative activities and great music! You can support the Street Feast as a volunteer, or share your talent by hosting an activity table. Find out more and express your interest at parracatholic.org/streetfeast

Red November Mass for persecuted Christians: 25 November Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta as we pray in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around the world. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, join us on Wednesday 25 November at 7:30 pm. A collection will be taken up to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), a Pontifical Foundation supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Learn more: www.rednovember.org

St Padre Pio's Day at Glenmore Park: Every 23rd of the Month ST PADRE PIO'S DAY: EVERY 23RD OF THE MONTH. At St Padre Pio Parish, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park. Next St. Padre Pio's Day is on Monday 23 November. 11am: Adoration and Rosary, Confession and Mass in honour of St Padre Pio, followed by a Blessing with St Padre Pio's first-class relic. Please let others know. All are welcome.

Free Legal Clinic at Catholic Care, Springwood every Monday (fortnightly) 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.

Feast days of the week:

Nov 16th – Our Lady of Mercy
Nov 17th –St. Elizabeth of Hungry
Nov 18th – Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul
Nov 19th – St. Crispin
Nov 20th – St. Leo of Nonantula
Nov 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish bank details:

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