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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, 8th November 2026 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Welcome to the celebration of the Mass.

Entrance Antiphon
Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm.
Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in

the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation. Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!



Gospel. Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 22:1-2

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.

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Let us pray: We pray for recently deceased Frances Theissen and Alexander Blair (Funeral Mass to be held at OLOW 11/11/26, 12 noon). We also pray for Frank Lindsay and Kevin Lindsay whose death anniversaries are at this time, and for all 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, 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 the 9.30am Mass on 8 Nov. All welcome!

Edinglassie Presentation- This Sunday, **8 Nov at 11am**, there will be a short presentation in the hall about the Edinglassie Retirement Village. We invite you to come for morning tea after Mass, and then stay for the presentation. All are 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.

2027 Columban Calendars available for purchase from the Parish Office for $10. Please phone 4735 1041, or email emuplains@parracatholic.org

Vinnies Christmas cards on sale from this weekend -$10/pack. Cash & eftpos available.

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.

Readers/ Commentators roster:

Dates:	5.30pm	8.00am	9.30am
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: Nicholas JS2: Hugo
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

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



OLOW Volunteers' Thank-You Celebration: All volunteers are warmly invited to this evening of thanks to be held on Friday 20 November. For catering purposes, **please RSVP by 13 Nov**. We look forward to seeing you there!



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 at the rear of the church**.** Thank you for your generosity, Christian kindness and compassion.

Parish Information

Parish office open Tues-Thurs 9am to 3pm; Fri 9.30am-1pm (ph: 4735 1041)
Parish priest: Fr Michael G. Gathuku
Deacon: Batsirai Maringehosi
Parish Office Administrator: Joanne Hamilton
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Phillip Kapitanow (ph: 4777 7200)
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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:



Advent Scripture Reflection at OLOW Parish Hall, Sat 21 Nov. with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, Please register using the QR code, or contact the Parish Office. Flyers available at the rear of the church.

Online Information Session on the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology: 11 November An online information session is being held on Wednesday 11 November at 8pm, for all those interested in the Undergraduate Certificate of Theology being offered by BBI Taite in partnership with the Diocese of Parramatta. Learn more about the course structure, delivery modes and assessment from Professor Gerard Moore. Register here: parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=theology

Serving at the Altar Workshop: 14 November A day of ongoing formation for acolytes and ministers of the altar will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre on Saturday 14th Nov from 9:30am-3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Topics covered: Basic structure of the Mass, practical scenarios of planning celebrations, the use of incense, benediction, planning Mass with the Bishop and time for all your questions. Please register by 9th November at parracatholic.org/events/ofw

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

Feast days of the week:

Nov 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Nov 10th –St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
Nov 11th– St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Nov 12th – St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Nov 13th – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Nov 14th – St. Lawrence O'Toole

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