

**Dear friends,
Thanksgiving**

During this year so far we've had a bit of a thanksgiving theme running through the weekly parish bulletin. And so there's been some background reflection and detail talking about what parishioners do in areas of involvement such as:

- Voluntary support work in the parish office
- Grounds and maintenance care
- Ministry at the altar
- St Vincent de Paul
- Music ministry
- Communion to those less mobile
- Parish pastoral council and finance committee

There are various other ways in which people enable the parish to respond to God's mission in this region. And for those other ways we will continue to give thanks.

Selective areas of involvement

Also starting this weekend, some members of the current pastoral council and finance committee will be inviting some parishioners' next involvements.

Those invitations will be focussing on some specific areas of parish involvement – not because other areas are less important – but in order to move ahead a few steps at a time – AND because the calling of gifts and involvement is not a one-off concept. Rather, we are trying to assist the parish in a gentle rhythm of encouragement of people's involvement – an encouragement that is ongoing.

Parishes, like any organisation, can run the risk of filling the core needs with people's generous service and then not have others joining them to keep the story moving and growing. So, we'll focus on various areas of invitation in the coming weeks, without meaning to say that they're the only areas – and without meaning to say that that's where it stops.

Thanks on behalf of us all to those who will start this gentle sharing and inviting, in what will be the few next steps - of an ongoing inviting of many - to share gifts and service in the story of this faith community.

With friendship in God's mission, fr Paul

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Parish Priest

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am
3rd Sunday of the Month
Filipino Mass 1.00 pm

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9.15 am
Thursday 8.15am &
Friday 7.15am.

Children's Liturgy
During 9.30 am
Mass on the
1st & 3rd
Sundays each
month



OUR LADY OF THE WAY
PARISH EMU PLAINS

What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God MICAH 6:8

EASTER CHOIR: Choir practise will commence on Tuesday evening the 17th March at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!! Kelly Leehy will be conducting the choir and Scott Carroll will be playing for us this Easter. We give thanks for Richard Caws, who continues to serve our Parish with his beautiful music. Richard is having a break this Easter and we are blessed to have Scott and Kelly on board for this Easter season.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP: Dan and Cate Kensey are holding a Lenten Reflection Group at their home - 9 Dartmoor Circuit Emu Heights at 8 pm. The group commenced on Monday 2nd March, but its not too late to join the group—all welcome. Please contact Dan on 0403 995

CATECHIST (SRE) TEACHER REQUIRED: We are in need of a teacher for Emu Heights Public School. All resources and training are provided. Please prayerfully consider and contact the parish office on 4735 1041 if you are able to become involved in this ministry.

Scripture Teachers please collect your SRE packages/ letters for Scripture students etc, from the church foyer.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Thanksgiving from us all - to all who contribute to the finances of our Parish, enabling us to maintain our Parish facilities and its mission to the wider community.
New Envelopes are available in the church foyer. If you would like to contribute via Envelopes, Direct Deposit or Credit card please contact the parish office or fill out a yellow card which is also available on tables in the foyer and place it on the collection plate (or give it to Fr Paul) Many blessings for every expression of sharing.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE : Available from the church foyer.

INSTITUTE FOR MISSION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM: Starting 10 March.
If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 march and will run for twelve weeks. To register Contact Sr. Grace on 9296 6369.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment
Sacraments: Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
and / or Confirmation
Please contact Parish Office
emuplains@parracatholic.org
R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. Office: 4735 1041

Please pray for the Anniversaries of Arthur Reid and members of the Fitzgerald and Molloy families.

Please pray for those who are sick in our community:
Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley & Les Coburn, Graham & Christine Hall, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Habib Kaltoum Rahme, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Paul Cudmore, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Denis Woodward, Ray Dukes, Lyn Hodder, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin & Nicole Unsal

