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COVID UPDATE as at 12TH February 2021.

The 2 Sq M rule now applies and our numbers have increased to approximately 200 people. Wearing of Masks is **NOT** mandatory but highly recommended.

WEEKDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES : NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO.

TUESDAY EVENING—6PM

WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM

THURSDAY—9.00AM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.00am.

FRIDAY – 9.00 AM

RECONCILIATION SATURDAY AT 5PM

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041.
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R.C.I.A.: The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

MINISTRY ROSTERS:

We give thanks for all those who have served our community during these very stressful times under these Covid restrictions. A number of our regular Rosters ceased due to the everchanging restrictions. In the next couple of weeks we hope to provide updated Rosters in particular for Grounds Team. Again thank you everyone for your faithful service.

Planning for the Future ...

Over the past couple of months we have been advertising our plans for the future and what we will need to do to sustain our Parish. We spoke about the many ways in which you can contribute to make this a successful venture.

Every small contribution is appreciated and is valuable. Please help up to grow our Parish into a community of friends who know, love and serve the Lord.

We are moving forward in this preparation process and will have speakers addressing our areas of need in the first couple of weeks of March.

“This is **my** parish! **I'm** part of what it is.

And **I'm** part of whatever it will next be”

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

Encouraging, managing and sharing awareness of the funding of our overall mission as a community of faith.

Financial accounting & needs, (incoming and outgoing), Ensure long-term financial and legal viability for the parish, Support of initiatives of the Catholic Foundation i.e. Gifts in Wills, Motivational giving, Audit & reporting, Insurance, Employment `time banking`, Money Counters, Assist with banking and envelopes, Oversee the parish budget, Accounting of funds.

CARITAS

The theme for **Lent 2021** is "A New Way Forward" is inspired by **Pope Francis'** words in *Laudato Si'* highlighting God's infinite presence throughout both the highs and lows of our life on earth. ... Throughout our lives, we face obstacles and challenges that change our world and lead us to adapt in unexpected ways.



CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES AND ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH FOYER.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 17TH FEBRUARY 2021.

Dust loved by God— Pope Francis

“We are dust in the universe,” he said. “Yet we are dust loved by God.” The Holy Father added that we are precious dust that is destined for eternal life. “We are the dust of the earth, upon which God has poured out his heaven, the dust that contains his dreams,” he said. “We are God’s hope, his treasure and his glory.”

MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY ; 9.00AM AND 6PM.

GOD’S GLORY: From the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska Notebook 1(1) 2.

When I look into the future, I am frightened. By why plunge into the future? Only the present moment is precious to me and the future may never enter my soul at all.

It is no longer in my power to change, correct or add to the past: For neither sages nor prophets could do that, And so what the past has embraced, I must entrust to God.

O present moment, you belong to me whole and entire. I desire to use you as best I can. And although I am weak and small, you grant me the grace of your omnipotence. And so trusting in your mercy, I walk through life like a little child, offering you each day this heart burning with love for your greater glory.

QR CODE FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE AT MASS: Because we are now using this QR Code system using mobile phones—**please take care to turn off or to silent your phone as you enter the church.**

Registration sheets will still be available for those who do not have mobile phones: Maximum capacity in church has to be strictly adhered to by government regulation. Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations.

PLEASE NOTE : PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - We give thanks to God for the generosity of this community.

TAP & GO MODE OF DONATION:

Beginning this week we are going to introduce another way of offering— in addition to our already existing ones (Credit Card, Direct Deposit, Planned Giving Envelopes and putting money into the basket). The new mode is what is referred to as **TAP & GO** . This is a contactless payment, it ensures quick and accurate payment and customers don't have to swipe their card or enter a Pin No. This mode of donation (offering) is handy especially in this era of the Pandemic. Someone can make a contactless offering using; credit card, debit card or pre-paid card. Our parish has set the minimum donation of \$5.00 on each tap, if you want to offer more you can tap as many times as you as you would like, the maximum you can offer in a transaction is \$100.00. **LET US GO—TAP & GO.**

SCRIPTURE: We are in great need of someone to help with our scripture lessons at the Emu Heights Public School for combined class of Years 3 & 4. Please consider if you have some time to be involved in this very important ministry. Contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.



The Rosary which will be said prior to the 9am weekday Masses commencing at 8.30am.

Contact the Parish office for more information 4735 1041.