

PARISH TEAM

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PARISH KNITTING GROUP WRAP WITH LOVE

Meet in the Parish Hall on
Thursday 9–12

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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.

LIVING the GOSPEL

Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

"This is **my** parish! **I'm** part of what it is.
And **I'm** part of whatever it will next be"

OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP

Opportunities to make a difference in the wider community.

Welfare & Social Justice, Outreach including special needs, mobility, hearing, transport etc, Wrapped with Love, St Vincent de Paul, Parish commitments and Appeals, i.e. Catholic Mission, Catholic Foundation, Caritas etc., Refugee Support

Digital Communication Publicity & marketing, Publicise upcoming events and 'good news' stories, Communicating thanks to others.

WE WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST:

The children and their families who are on the journey to receive their First Eucharist on the 20th & 27th March. We offer them our prayerful support for the journey which they have committed to make.

RCIA: On this Sunday is celebrated the rite of "election" or "enrolment of names" for the catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. In our parish John and Lily Cowen are guiding Deni, Jamy-Lee & Ashlea to full communion with the Catholic church, to be celebrated at Our Lady of the Way this Easter. We pray every blessing for them on their journey.

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

POPE FRANCIS : A JOURNEY OF CONVERSION - *The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father."*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: To help us on our journey of conversion as mentioned by Pope Francis—THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday evening throughout Lent - in our church at 6.30 pm.

Another way by which we can enter into this journey of conversion and formation are provided Online at **THE WELL** our *Parramatta Diocesan resources*.

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 at the moment is approximate 200 with 1.5M distancing. **Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations—with special thanks to our Covid hospitality team for their faithful service over the last 12 months and continuing to do so.**

PLEASE NOTE : PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - We give thanks to God for the generosity of our community.

TAP & GO MODE OF DONATION: 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.**

Parish Account details: EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.
BSB 067 950
A/c No. 00000289. FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

SCRIPTURE: Thank you to Cate Kensey for responding to the need for a Scripture teacher for Years 3 and 4 at Emu Heights. We give thanks for the generosity of service of all our Scripture teachers.



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.

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

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R.C.I.A.: The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.