

PARISH TEAM
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 Chairperson.
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 Chairperson

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 as we tried to navigate our way through the everchanging restrictions.
 Noted here are some of the Rosters which have continued or resumed at this time. As we move forward with the Parish vision to involve others in the day to day running of the Parish, we will incorporate other ministry rosters as they are established.

13TH/14TH FEBRUARY 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am
Commentator	Christy Wood	Geraldine Waters	Michael Griffiths
Readers	Victor Tuballa	Yvonne Skinner	Denise Robens
Altar Servers/ Acolytes	Stevenie Harman	Harold Pirotta	Hartley Dhyon

GROUPS TEAM NO. 3: Leo Bahlmann Mario Castellari Tom Barlow Jim Prendergast & Grant Burke

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP; LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2021.
 These courses will be presented at Blacktown and Penrith. Sessions include Safe Ministry; Ministers of the Word; Extraordinary Minister of Communion; Communion to the Sick & dying and Ministers at the Altar Commence 8th Feb. - Blacktown & 11th Feb. Penrith. More information contact office 47351041.

EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS'—FRATELLI TUTTI *A "throwaway" world* 18.
 Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' – like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness, starting with the waste of food, which is deplorable in the extreme". [13] *We pray for the loving kindness of God that we may all come to a fullness of love for our God and for our neighbours.*

COVID UPDATE FROM OUR DIOCESE : as at 21 December 2020 until further notice.
 The 4 Sq M rule applies and our numbers are limited to 100 people. Wearing of Masks is mandatory unless exempt for health reasons.



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

CONTACT US

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SACRAMENTS

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

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: 100 Maximum capacity in church has to be strictly adhered to by government regulation. Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations.

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.**

PARISH BANK DETAILS: Account Name : Emu Plains Catholic Church BSB 067 950 A/c No. 00000289. For your information.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST; preparation commences this Wednesday. Our prayerful support is with these children and their families as they journey to the reception of First Eucharist *The Source and Summit of our Faith.*

FIRST EUCHARIST DATES:
Session 1.
Parents Information evening (2 groups) **Wed 10th February 4.00pm & 6.00pm IN CHURCH**
Blessing Weekend: **Sat. 20th or Sun. 21st February**
 Presentation of the children to commence their Sacramental preparation at any of the Parish Masses which are **6.00pm Saturday Vigil – Sunday 8.00am & 9.30am.**
Session 2. Parents and Children **Fri. 5th March at 6.30pm -PARISH HALL.**
OR Sat 6th March at 3.30pm - PARISH HALL.
Session 3. Parents and children **Fri. 12th March at 6.30pm - PARISH HALL.**
OR Sat. 13th March at 3.30pm - PARISH HALL.

REHEARSAL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST: **Wed.17th March 4.00pm & 6.00pm IN CHURCH**

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: **Saturday 20th March at 4.00pm**
OR Saturday 27th March at 4.00pm



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.

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, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall & Mike Hatch