

**PARISH TEAM**

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**PARISH KNITTING**  
**GROUP WRAP WITH LOVE**  
Meet in the Parish Hall on  
Thursday 9-12  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

**REST IN PEACE: REX BREARLEY**—Rex and Margaret Brearley have been part of our community for many years. Rex's funeral was held on Wednesday 17th March in Berrima. Margaret is now living in the Southern Highlands—close to her family. We send our love and prayers to Margaret her family and friends. We give thanks to God for you and pray for you in this very sad time. Our community has sent flowers to Margaret on the day of the funeral as a small expression of our love and condolences.

**SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY : CONGRATULATIONS**  
TO THE 26 CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST THIS SATURDAY. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS –THE BREAD OF LIFE.

**RCIA :** We also commend to our prayers Deni, Ashlea & Jamy-Lee that the Holy Spirit of God will guide them to full communion with the Body of Christ in our Catholic faith this Easter.

**EASTER CHOIR : Monday evenings at 7.00pm rehearsals**—led by Kelly Leahy. Our numbers are very small and would love to have more participants.  
**Everyone is welcome**

**MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES :**  
**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO AND MASKS TO BE WORN IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00PM SUNDAY MASSES: 8.00AM & 9.30AM**

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
**TUESDAY EVENING—6PM**  
**WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM**  
**THURSDAY—9.00AM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.00am.**  
**FRIDAY – 9.00 AM (1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH HEALING MASS— ANOINTING OF THE SICK)**

**RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY AT 5PM**

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

**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION - IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.** We will have a combined Rite of Reconciliation with St. Finbar's Parish— to be celebrated in our church at 7pm on Wednesday 24th March.

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**SACRAMENTS** **2021 1ST EUCHARIST YR5 TERM 1. 1ST EUCHARIST TERM 2 :YR 4. CONFIRMATION TERM 3: YR 5 RECONCILIATION TERM 4; YR 3.**  
Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041. **R.C.I.A.:** The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.  
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**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.

**"ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE BUT TO BE MORE"**  
*Saint Oscar Romero*

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

**Parish Account details:**  
**For online banking only!!!!**

**EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.**  
**BSB 067 950**  
**A/c No. 00000289.**  
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**



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.

**2021—YEAR CONSECRATED TO ST JOSEPH:** Pope Francis has dedicated this year in honour of St. Joseph.

"If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?"

*VENERABLE POPE PIUS XII*

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:** over the last few weeks speakers mentioned the many ways in which we can all contribute to enable the many great ideas expressed at our parish gathering to actually happen. Every contribution big or small, will be valuable and much appreciated.

Please help us to become and even stronger community of friends who know, love and serve the Lord and who are willing to reach out to the wider community.

**Not all of us can do great things, But we can do small things with great love.** *St. Teresa of Calcutta*  
Please contact the parish office 02 4735 1041 or Email. [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org)

**'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021**

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Catholic Education and Catholic Youth Parramatta are 'first cabs off the rank' with content uploaded for Lent and the Year of Saint Joseph. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL: ENVELOPES STILL AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH - GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL**

Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your generosity.

**Please pray for Recently Deceased Rex Brearley and the Anniversaries of Mary Chetcuti, Noel Irvine Gaye Tuballa, Victor Jordan Tuballa, Phyllis & Michael Kennedy, John Powell, John Finn, Stephen Hill and Karen McInness and 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, 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, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall, Rex Brearley, Lorraine Lindsay & Maria Chircop.*