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BAPTISM
Congratulations and blessings on the parents and families of the babies who were baptised at Our Lady of the Way last weekend.

Genevieve Spurr,
Ethan Every and
Lola Tanti

Rachel's Vineyard Healing after Abortion Retreat: **30 April – 2 May**

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held on 30 April to 2 May. Rachel's Vineyard has created a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. To enquire about these programs, call their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES :

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO INCLUDING SANITIZING AND REGISTRATION.

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

EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES:

We will be holding a food drive over the weekends of 17/18 and 24/25 April to help the refugees in our diocese facing destitution because of the COVID 19 crisis.

Last weekend flyers noting the type of products needed were in your Bulletins. Copies of those flyers are in the church as well. You can drop off items to the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Once the drive is completed we will need volunteers to help load cars and /or deliver these items to the Jesuit Refugee Service.

We have been blessed that we may be a blessing to those around us!!

Your generosity toward this food drive is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Kay— 0430 193 000 or Carol - 0432 982 773

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO:

TERRI & CHRIS CASEY WHO CELEBRATED THEIR
50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON THE
16th APRIL.



CONTACT US

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SACRAMENTS

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.
emuplains@parracatholic.org

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



WRAP WITH LOVE/

KNITTERS. Meets Thursday's 9am—12 in the parish hall. Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted. New members very welcome. Contacts Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 and Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

Parish Account details:

For online banking only!!!!

EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.
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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.

WELCOME BACK TO THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE TEACHERS OF OLOW PRIMARY. We pray blessing on all your learning and activities for Term 2. We will especially pray for those children who will be participating in the preparations to receive their First Holy Communion this term which will be celebrated on Saturday 19th June at 4.00pm. Dates for our program have been sent through the school and registrations are now being taken. If you require any information regarding our program please contact Chrissy Rannaste in the parish office 4735 1041.



Our Lady of the Way Enrolments for 2022

Enrolments are now open for families interested in enrolling their child in Kindergarten 2022. There are also some vacancies in other grades. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.olowemuplains.catholic.edu.au> or contact the school office on 4777 7200

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATION

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Lk 9:37-38)

In its latest Statistic Yearbook, the Vatican globally records an increase of eighteen percent in Catholic population. Now, there are worldwide 1.34 billion Catholics. At the end of 2019, 48.1% of the world's Catholics were living in the Americas, followed by Europe with 21.2%, Africa with 18.7%, about 11% in Asia (all figures for Asia exclude China) and 0.8 percent in Oceania. Yet, the number of religious and priestly vocation continues to decline. **Bishop Vincent encourages all of us to pray for Vocations in our Diocese of Parramatta. Please join us in praying for religious and priestly labourers in the Vineyard of the Lord.**

Where: St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook

When: Friday 23rd April at 6:30pm.

After the Adoration and Benediction, supper will be served. For catering purpose, please contact the parish office: secretary@stfinbars.org.au (Mrs Juliana Knouf)

Please pray for the Anniversaries of Daniel Beck and Cathy Gill.

Grace Perry, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley 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, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, 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, Lorraine Lindsay & Maria Chircop.

Please advise the parish office if you wish to add someone to our list or wish to take someone off our list. Thank you.