

<p><b>PARISH TEAM</b></p> <p><b>Fr. Michael G. Gathuku</b> Parish Administrator</p> <p><b>George Bryan</b> Deacon</p> <p><b>Christine Rannaste</b> Parish Co-ordinator.</p> <p><b>Michele Norbury</b> Parish Secretary</p> <p><b>John Cowen</b> Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.</p> <p><b>Jim Prendergast</b> Parish Finance Chairperson</p> <p><b>Donna McFadzean</b> Our Lady of the Way Principal 4777 7200</p> <p><b>Tania Cairns</b> Penola Catholic College Principal 4728 8100</p> <p><b>Position Vacant:</b> <b>Diocese of Parramatta.</b> Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – <b>Applications close</b> <b>Friday 30 April</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Fr. Michael will be away for 2 weeks starting from the 4th May to the 18th May. Monsignor John Boyle will be serving our parish at the weekend Masses over this time.</p> <p>Deacon George Bryan will preside at the Baptism booked for the 9th May and will provide a <b>Communion service</b> during the week on <b>Wednesday 5th / 12th May &amp; Friday 7/14th May at 9.00 am.</b></p> <p>Please be aware of changes to Mass times below: due to Fr. Michael's absence.</p> <p><b>MASS TIMES :</b></p> <p><b>NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO INCLUDING SANITIZING AND REGISTRATION.</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00PM</b> <b>SUNDAY MASSES: 8.00AM &amp; 9.30AM</b></p> <p><b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b></p> <p><b>TUESDAY EVENING—NO MASS ON 4TH OR 11TH MAY</b> <b>WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM (COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY ON WEDNESDAY 5/12TH MAY)</b> <b>THURSDAY—9.00AM NO MASSES OR COMMUNION SERVICES WHILE FR. MICHAEL IS AWAY.</b> <b>FRIDAY – 9.00 ( COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY 7TH/14TH MAY)</b> <b>NORMAL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL RESUME ON FR. MICHAEL'S RETURN.</b></p> <p><b>EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES:</b></p> <p>Our appeal for donations to assist refugees in the Parramatta Diocese ends this Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> April 21). Many, many thanks for the wonderful response and all your generous contributions. The goods will be transported to The House of Welcome and the Jesuit Refugee Service during the coming weeks. We will advise you of the final tally when we have finalised the delivery. Thanks everyone for your wonderful support.</p> <p>For more information contact Kay— 0430 193 000 or Carol - 0432 982 773</p>
<p><b>SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: TERM 2 FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM COMMENCES WITH PARENT INFORMATION EVENING THURS. 29TH APRIL 6.30PM IN CHURCH.</b></p>	
<p><b>Glenbrook Parish Women's Retreat: 12 June</b> St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <a href="https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvM1qkYYCzm8">https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvM1qkYYCzm8</a> For enquiries, email <a href="mailto:beloved2021info@gmail.com">beloved2021info@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b>CONTACT US</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office</b> P.O. Box 27 Emu Plains. Phone: (02)4735 1041 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains NSW 2750 Email: <a href="mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org">emuplains@parracatholic.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.catholicparishemuplains.org.au">www.catholicparishemuplains.org.au</a></p>	
<p><b>SACRAMENTS</b></p> <p><b>1ST EUCHARIST TERM 2 :YR 4.</b> <b>CONFIRMATION TERM 3: YR 5 RECONCILIATION TERM 4; YR 3.</b></p> <p>Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041. <a href="mailto:emuplains@parracatholic.org">emuplains@parracatholic.org</a></p> <p><b>R.C.I.A.:</b> The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.</p>	

**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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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.

## ANZAC DAY

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.

**Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (1881-1938) God rest their souls. Lest we forget.**



## 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

## LIFE ASCENDING GROUP:

We are starting a *Life Ascending group* in our Parish. Pope St. John Paul 11 speaking about older people said that they have

**"a view full of wisdom about matters and situations in the world, a clearer Vision of the requirements of love between people and the faithfulness of the divine love which guides each human existence and the history of the world. Each in their own way, in the light of their own experiences, is the possessor of an important 'science of life'.**

The objectives of the movement were described as the three pillars: friendship, spirituality, apostolate.

Noelene Bangel of our parish has offered to facilitate this group on a monthly basis on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 20th May in the parish office at 10am (**of course a cuppa will be provided**) For more information please contact Noelene on 4733 7481 or the Parish office 4735 1041.

Come along and make some new friends and strengthen old friendships.

**Please pray for the Anniversary of Dr. Alan Mullins**

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 Maria & Stan Mikuszewski & Helen & Marian Adamcewicz

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