

PARISH TEAM Fr. Michael G. Gathuku Parish Administrator George Bryan Deacon	PLEASE NOTE: 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. Deacon George Bryan will preside at the Baptism booked for the 9th May and will provide a Communion service during the week on Wednesday 5th / 12th May & Friday 7/14th May at 9.00 am. Please be aware of changes to Mass times below: due to Fr. Michael's absence.
Christine Rannaste Parish Co-ordinator. Michele Norbury Parish Secretary John Cowen Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson. Jim Prendergast Parish Finance Chairperson	MASS 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—NO MASS ON 4TH OR 11TH MAY WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM (COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY ON WEDNESDAY 5/12TH MAY) THURSDAY—9.00AM NO MASSES OR COMMUNION SERVICES WHILE FR. MICHAEL IS AWAY. FRIDAY – 9.00 (COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY 7TH/14TH MAY) NO ANOINTING OF THE SICK. NORMAL WEEKDAY MASSES WILL RESUME ON FR. MICHAEL'S RETURN.
Donna McFadzean Our Lady of the Way Principal 4777 7200 Tania Cairns Penola Catholic College Principal 4728 8100	EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES: Our appeal for donations to assist refugees in the Parramatta Diocese ends this Sunday (25 th 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. For more information contact Kay— 0430 193 000 or Carol - 0432 982 773

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PARISH: To the recent appeals.

Holy Land Appeal \$1,071.30; Catholic Foundation \$2,490.00 & Project Compassion: \$2545.85

Glenbrook Parish Women's Retreat: 12 June 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 <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8> For enquiries, email beloved2021info@gmail.com

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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

MAY—THE MONTH OF MARY

It is the custom of our church to make special honour of Mary throughout the month of May. We ask her as mother to guide us - her children - into deeper faith and love of her Son Jesus and His church.

Our Lady of the Way

Pray for us.



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!!!!

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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.

The 5th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021. All Catholic dioceses and parishes are urged to take part.

It is intended that the 2021 count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres, such as migrant community centres, throughout Australia. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include people of all ages at Mass (including babies), and other types of Sunday Assemblies.

This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies. As well, in light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in some areas, parishes will be invited to provide the number of 'views' of Masses or Sunday assemblies streamed online.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FAITHFUL COVID TEAM WHO WILL BE MANAGING THIS COUNTING PROCESS THROUGHOUT MAY.



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

Closing date 31st May.

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP:

We are starting a *Life Ascending group* in our Parish. 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 renew old friendships.

Please pray for the Anniversary of DIANNE O BRIEN.

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.