

<p>PARISH TEAM</p> <p>Fr. Michael G. Gathuku Parish Administrator</p> <p>George Bryan Deacon</p> <p>Christine Rannaste Parish Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Michele Norbury Parish Secretary</p> <p>John Cowen Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.</p> <p>Jim Prendergast Parish Finance Chairperson</p> <p>Donna McFadzean Our Lady of the Way Principal 4777 7200</p> <p>Tania Cairns Penola Catholic College Principal 4728 8100</p>	<p>THANK YOU TO FR JOHN BOYLE AND DEACON GEORGE for you service during Fr. Michael's absence. As noted below normal Masses will resume next week.</p> <p>MASS TIMES :</p> <p>SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 6.00PM SUNDAY MASSES: 8.00AM & 9.30AM</p> <p>WEEKDAY MASSES:</p> <p>TUESDAY EVENING— NO EVENING MASS 26TH MAY —FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS AT 9.24AM INSTEAD WEDNESDAY— 9.00AM THURSDAY—9.00AM FRIDAY – 9.00 (AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON 1ST FRIDAY OF THE</p> <p>Planning for our future. As a result of those who expressed interest in joining various groups in the Parish Fr Michael has arranged for Lisa Bright from the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office - to meet with us on Wednesday 2nd June at 7pm. All those serving on present rosters and those who have expressed an interest in participating in the Parish are invited and urged to attend this meeting.</p> <p>WHATS ON AT ST FINBARS Saturday, 26 June: Liturgical-Spiritual Formation Day with Fr. Dr. John Frauenfelder, Liturgist and Dean of <i>The Australian Institute of Theological Education</i> from 10.30am – 3pm. Fr. John will touch on the question: How to actively participate in the Mass? For Catholics, the Eucharist is the source of Christian life and the summit of worship. However, there is a perception that the “mass is done by the priest”, while the congregants are reduced to sit, to stand and to pay. Yet, Vatican II teaches that all baptised are to actively participate in the Mass.</p>
<p>CONTINUED FROM ABOVE: Fr. John is a prominent Australian liturgist who serves not only as a priest, but also has a broad expertise in liturgy. All are welcome! Morning Tea and Lunch provided. Registration fee: 5 AUD! For registration, please contact Julian Knouf (secretary@stfinbars.org.au)</p>	
<p>FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: MONDAY 24TH MAY - We are invited to attend Mass in honour of this Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians at St Finbar's church at 7pm.</p>	
<p>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</p>	
<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>Parish Office P.O. Box 27 Emu Plains. Phone: (02)4735 1041 15 Troy Street, Emu Plains NSW 2750 Email: emuplains@parracatholic.org Web: www.catholicparishemuplains.org.au</p>	
<p>SACRAMENTS 1ST EUCHARIST TERM 2 :YR 4. CONFIRMATION TERM 3: YR 5 RECONCILIATION TERM 4; YR 3.</p>	
<p>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</p>	



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH TO INDIA: Our parish continues to support our **twin parish of Fathimha Matha in Poonkulam, Kerala in Southern India.** Since 2019 we have been sending prayers, support and finances as we reflect the Vinnies Mission**To serve the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy.** The Co-Vid Pandemic continues to have a devastating effect on India and our Twin Parish in Kerala. Please take the flyer home with you, which gives us awareness of the situation in India. If you wish to help further please contact St. Vincent De Paul through the parish office.

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP:
Noelene Bangel of our parish has offered to facilitate this group on a monthly basis on the **3RD WEDNESDAY** of each month. /Commencing at 10am for approx. 2 hours in the Parish Office.

The 5th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies will be conducted in May 2021.



THIS WEEKEND 22/23 MAY PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE TICKED THE ATTENDANCE FORM AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH—INDICATING YOUR AGE BRACKET.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FAITHFUL COVID TEAM WHO HAVE MANAGED THIS COUNTING PROCESS THROUGHOUT MAY.



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

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.**



Support our seminarians to answer God's call
Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION DONATE NOW

To be a priest means to lay one's life down for Jesus the Good Shepherd, but also to lay down one's life for the flock. It means jumping out of the boat in joy and swimming with strength at the sight of the Risen Christ on the shore line (Jn 21:7). It is a total self-surrender of love, which is expressed in a particular way for the good of the Church.

This appeal will take place on the weekend of the 29/30 May.

Parish Account details:

For online banking only!!!!

EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH. BSB 067 950 A/c No. 00000289.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Please pray for Recently Deceased Mary Said ,the Anniversaries of Philomena Cox and Aniela & Frank Barglik and for all those who are sick in our community. 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, Nerida Fabri & Nadine Mackie, Graeme Hardy & Lynette Hill.
Please advise the parish office if you wish to add someone to our list or wish to take someone off our list. Thank you.



The Rosary—will be said prior to the 9am weekday Masses commencing at 8.30am. Contact the Parish office for more information 4735 1041.