

	<p><i>What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love Tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. MICAH 6:8</i></p>
<p><b>PARISH INFO:</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE: 47351041.</b>  <b>Email.</b>  <b>emuplains@parracatholic.org</b></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><b>NO MASSES—DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN</b>  <b>until further notice. Please stay up to date with</b>  <b>Government advice.</b></p> <p><b>A CALL TO PRAYER FOR ALL AT THIS TIME!</b></p> <p><i>WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO US AT THIS TIME</i>  <i>OF THE PANDEMIC?</i></p> <p><b>MAY THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH SURPASSES</b>  <b>UNDERSTANDING, BE WITH US ALL IN THIS TRIAL. AMEN</b></p> <p><b>Please pray for all those who are sick in our community.</b></p> <p><i>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, Laurie Doohan, Nathalie Dhyon, Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa &amp; Larry Dunn, Graham and Christine Hall, Lorraine Lindsay, Maria Chircop, Nerida Fabri, Graeme Hardy, Lynette Hill, Frances Grove, Jennifer Stonehouse, Peter Graham, Megan Hallam &amp; Mandy Parer.</i></p> <p><b>FOR YOUR INFORMATION:</b>          Dear Parishioners Fr Michael's Mass for this weekend will be available from Saturday evening.</p> <p>Access through our Website : <b>Our Lady of the Way Parish Emu Plains</b> and on Facebook.</p> <p><b>Fr. Michaels' Reflection continued;</b>          There are many options in life, which do we go with?</p> <p>What choice would you be making today in your personal life, in your family, in your relationship with others, in your Christian life and in your relationship with your God?</p> <p>Would you like Peter, the Apostles Joshua and others make the right choice by sticking with the Lord who has the message of eternal life, without whom no option is placate our inner needs and desires.</p> <p>"To live is to choose, but to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there" (Kofi Annan United Nations Secretary General).</p>
<p><b>Parish Account details: <i>For online banking only!!!!</i></b>  <b>EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.</b>  <b>BSB 067 950</b>  <b>A/c No. 00000289.</b></p> <p><b>ENVELOPES: You may drop your Planned Giving envelope to the Parish office on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 Midday.</b></p> <p><b>Thankyou.</b></p>	<p><b>DEAR PARISH VOLUNTEERS:</b>          We all have to upgrade our volunteer accreditation with the Diocese—a legal requirement—if you have not received information regarding the <i>new required</i> Safeguarding training program, please email the parish office with your details or call the office number 4735 1041, leave a message and we will get back to you.</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving to God for the gift that you are to our parish community. May we continue to grow in love of God and neighbour.</b></p>

## Homily For 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary year B

In today's Gospel reading Jesus Christ wraps up His teaching on the bread of life (Eucharist) he challenged his hearers to choose to accept his doctrine that leads to life or leave it to face fate, Jesus followers reacted to his teachings.

It was very difficult for them to accept His teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they were to have life.

In a divided response many of His hearers including several of his disciple describe His teaching as intolerable and choose to leave him.

In our first reading Joshua invites the Israelites nation and its leaders to make a choice "Decide today whom you will serve God or idol"? but on behalf of all he declares "as for me and my household I will serve the Lord"

One of the most challenging aspects of life is loyalty, loyalty based on choices we make, it's decision which we make that locks us into patterns of conduct which determine all or part of our life.

The choices we make and decisions we take have a long-lasting impact on our life, these decisions make us special, they put bar of distinction between us and everyone else, our lives are being shaped by choices we have made so far.

When Jesus asked His disciple "what about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter on behalf of other gave a response of commitment "Lord who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know you are the Holy one of God".

The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood everything but because they believe in him, their commitment was based on trust.

They committed themselves to him and decided to follow him, the choice they took had consequences in their life from then henceforth.

Having seen the signs he had performed; the disciples believe that he was the Holy one of God. The disciples of Jesus and the Israelites had to make a choice, either to follows Jesus and serve the Lord.

Jesus Disciples were to remain with or, to abandon Christ because of what he said. The Israelites were to choose whom they want to serve.

In the modern world we are faced and confronted with so many choices, so many forces work against us and our Christian calling.

Pope Francis said, "becoming a Christian is going against the waves".

The waves of accumulating wealth, social status, unhealthy ambitions, and different forms of addictions.

Both Joshua and Jesus respected people's freedom of choice, that is why they told them to make those choices.

We frequently hear people say, "it's a free world," which is true, however we are called to make responsible choices in the free world, keeping in mind that our choices determine what we experience in life, in short choices have consequences.

Joshua and our Lord Jesus Christ proposes new ways to their respective audiences while leaving them to choose.

We need to always remind ourselves that whenever we make a choice, we also choose the consequences that goes with those choices.