

	<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>PARISH INFO:</p> <p>OFFICE: 47351041. Email. emuplains@parracatholic.org</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>NO MASSES—DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN until further notice. Please stay up to date with Government advice.</p> <p><i>QUOTE OF THE WEEK.</i></p> <p><i>Faith in God does not mean that there will be no darkness in our lives. Faith is the light that guides our path through the darkness. Author unknown.</i></p> <p>Please pray for all those who are sick in our community.</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 & Larry Dunn, Graham and Christine Hall, Lorraine Lindsay, Maria Chircop, Nerida Fabri, Graeme Hardy, Lynette Hill, Frances Grove, Jennifer Stonehouse, Peter Graham, Megan Hallam, Mandy Parer & Patricia Lynch</i></p> <p>BISHOPS FATHERS DAY APPEAL.</p> <p>Dear Parishioners : Next weekend is the Clergy Support Foundation's appeal commonly known as (Bishop's Father's Day appeal). Your gifts will support our retired clergy or those who are in ill-health. We currently have 20 retired clergy in the Diocese—1 Bishop, 17 Priest and 2 Deacons.</p> <p>Ongoing assistance includes independent retirement living, aged care, or nursing home accommodation for frail priests; meals, transport and medical care as required.</p> <p>Please give generously via the Clergy support Foundation website: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02)88383482</p> <p>Due to the COVID lockdown, we are currently unable to conduct our normal in—Parish Appeal. This year assisted by Parramatta Catholic Foundation Team, the appeal will be undertaking an extensive mail and online appeal on the weekend of the 4th and 5th September.</p> <p>They have always been part of your family- in your celebrations, unions, happiness and despair....in their retirement they can still remain a part of your family!</p>
<p>Parish Account details: <i>For online banking only!!!!</i> EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH. BSB 067 950 A/c No. 00000289.</p> <p>ENVELOPES: You may drop your Planned Giving envelope to the Parish office on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 Midday.</p> <p>Thankyou.</p>	

Homily for 22nd Sunday year B Fr. Michael.

William Barclays, the Scottish theologians, tells the story about an old rabbi who was in a Roman prison. He was on a minimal ration of food and water. It was just enough for him to survive as time passed, the rabbi grew weaker and weaker. The doctor was called, and the old man's problem was diagnosed as dehydration.

The doctors report confused prison officials. They couldn't understand how rabbi could be dehydrated; although his daily ration of drinking water was minimal, it was adequate. The guards were told to watch the old man closely to see what he was doing with the water.

The mystery was solved. The quads discovered that the rabbi was using almost all his water to perform religious ritual washing as traditions required him to, before he prayed and before he ate, as a result, he had little water left to drink.

When it comes to the subject of tradition, people's attitudes can vary dramatically. some people have an affectionate loyalty to traditional ways of doing things. Other people feel impeded by tradition; they call for fresh approaches to situations. For the latter, much of the tradition is frightening opinion—a spend force that should be confined to the realm of once upon a time. Both of these extremes can be dangerous in any society building.

The Gospel reading of today tells us of the dispute between Jesus and the Pharisees on the question of religious observance and the tradition. The religious leaders wanted to know why Jesus permitted his disciple to disregards the written traditions of the elders. They wanted to know why Jesus' disciple do not wash their hands before they ate.

The latter observed the external requirements of the Law while neglecting its internal transformation. Jesus accuses his accuser of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline the point. They cling to human tradition and ignore the commandments of God he said of them. For Jesus, eating with unclean hands is imaginary defilement, so is eating unapproved food. Uncleaness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Dear Parishioners Fr Michael's Mass for this weekend will be available from Saturday evening.

Access through our Website : **Our Lady of the Way Parish Emu Plains** and on Facebook.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICES AND THE HOUSE OF WELCOME :

Relies on our generous support to serve over 3,000 refugees in our diocese. We had planned another food drive in September, but JRS and HoW are unable to receive and distribute donations of food at this time. Please consider donating a monetary gift. The refuges receive no government support and many have lost their casual jobs, so have no way to support themselves. For more information on refugees see OLW Facebook page.

To donate contact House of Welcome at: stfrancis.org.au or Jesuit Refugee Service at: aus.jrs.net

Thank you for your generosity.

DEAR PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

We all have to upgrade our volunteer accreditation with the Diocese—a legal requirement—if you have not received information regarding the *new required* 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. Zoom sessions will commence 21st September.

Thanksgiving to God for the gift that you are to our parish community. May we continue to grow in love of God and neighbour.