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 **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.
BSB 067 950
A/c No. 00000289.

CATECHIST NEWS: We give thanks to those Scripture teachers who have spoken about and showed the love of Jesus to our children in the public school system for many years. We are in great need for more volunteers to take up this ministry as either teachers or helpers. All training and resources will be provided. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful ministry to **spread the Good News of God's Kingdom.**

- Please note: Catechist meeting in Parish Office on Tuesday 23rd November at 11 am. Please bring back all Teachers Manuals, resources and authorisation cards. Mary available until 2pm.
- Annual CCD Mass held at Marayong Parish Friday 26th November. Contact Mary Marsh for more details.
- 30th November Catechist luncheon at the Rowers club 12pm. Contact Michelle Harris to RSVP.
- 1st December Reflection morning to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 9.00am. Reflections will be facilitated by Richard McMahon and Lisa Bright

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

This year the Bishop's Christmas Appeal, is raising funds for CatholicCare's Houses to Homes, which is dedicated to supporting vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security. **This appeal will be held on the weekend of 27th/28th November.**

BEING IN TOUCH WITH GOD THROUGH CREATION:

You are invited to join St. Finbars for their **Parish Advent Retreat** on 4th December from 10.30am—4pm followed by the Advent Vigil Mass at 5.30pm. Morning tea and lunch provided Cost \$5.00 RSVP by 29/11 to secretary@stfinbars.org.au this reflection day will be led by Cecilia Zammit and Melissa McDonald.

CHURCH CLEANING: We rely on our parishioners to keep our beautiful church in good order. We are needing more people to assist with this ministry. If you are available please contact the parish office. 47351041

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Will meet again on Thursday 25th November at 10.00am in the Parish Office meeting room.



Welcome Back!!!

Please pray for Recently Deceased Desmond Donohoe and Steve Stindl. 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, 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, Megan Hallam, Mandy Parer, Patricia Lynch, Alexandra Haddad, Terri Casey.

At the end of this month we will delete this list of the Sick and commence again. Please contact the parish office at that time if you know of people who need to be on this list. 4735 1041 Blessings and thank you.

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday—6.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Thursday 9.00am Mass till 10.00am.

Anointing of Sick on the First Friday of each month at the 9.00am Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.45pm-5:30 pm
Baptisms: By appointment
Weddings: By appointment

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation
First Holy Communion and / or Confirmation
Please contact Parish Office
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R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office: 4735 1041

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:

Students of our parish are preparing for their HSC which will commence in the coming weeks. We offer the following prayer for them and all students that the Lord will strengthen them and keep them at peace throughout the exam process.

Heavenly Father, we bring before you our HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are with them. We pray that they work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their parish community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

NOVEMBER - THIS MONTH WE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED –THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF FAITH.

We will have the Remembrance book at the front of the church. You are welcome to put the names of your departed family and friends into the box provided, which will be remembered at each Masses throughout November as we pray for all the faithful departed

November Mass intention envelopes are available. Fr Michael can say a Mass for a specific person which is a stipend Mass. (Stipend—meaning donation) given to Father in the envelopes provided. The amount given as a stipend is up to you, although it has been suggested that \$20.00 would be an appropriate gift.

PARISH GROUPS: We sincerely thank those parishioners who offered to assist in one of the parish groups that we put forward earlier this year. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated.

As Christmas is almost upon us, we have decided to set a meeting date for Sunday 6th February at 2pm to discuss future directions of the parish and allow parishioners to discern which areas of parish life they wish to be involved in. We warmly invite you all to put this date in your diary and attend the meeting. Thank you again for your willingness to serve. *OLOW PARISH COUNCIL.*

FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS: Patricia Yeomans and her sister Margaret Wood are leaving our parish to move to Wallacia. They have been part of our parish for 32 years. We pray every blessing for the next stage of their journey and thanks to God for their presence among us and their support over many years.

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites The Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever. Amen.

