

PARISH INFO:

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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.

S.R.E. NEWS: DO YOU

- * **Have the passion for sharing the gift of faith.**
- * **Have an hour per week to prepare & share your time and talents with the students.**

In our Parish we go into 3 state schools during school hours. New volunteers (SREs) will be given support, training, authorised teaching materials and can start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest or make further enquiries please call SRE Parish Coordinators Michelle on 0404 875 143 or Mary on 0408 212 437

Please note: SRE meeting in Parish Office on Tuesday 23rd Nov. at 11 am. Please bring back all Teachers Manuals, resources and authorisation cards. Mary available in office 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 Seven Hills. Reflections will be facilitated by Richard McMahan and Lisa Bright

ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES, THE CATHOLIC GUY

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information:

<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> Email: info@brucedownes.org

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.

FORMATION IN SYNODALITY: The Diocese is offering the following workshops which will be uploaded to the www.thewell.org.au for future reference. **Workshop dates: Tuesday: Nov 23— The Parramatta Way— Bishop Vincent.**

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 Godfrey Perera, & Colleen McHardy and the Anniversary of Stanislaw Pieklarz and 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.

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 Thurs 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 emuplains@parracatholic.org

R.C.I.A : The process for adults interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office: 4735 1041

REST IN PEACE:

Joanne Stindl is an SRE teacher in our parish. Her husband Steve has recently died. Steve's funeral will be at Our Lady of the Way on Monday 22nd November at 11am.

We offer our love and prayers to Joanne and her family. We pray for God's Peace which surpasses understanding, at this very sad time.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022.

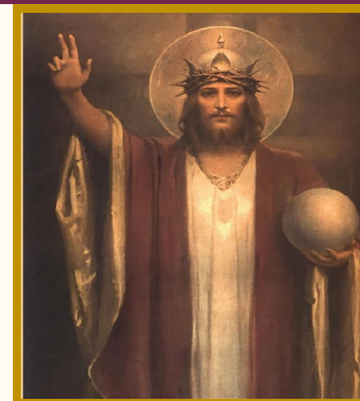
If you are interested in becoming A—Minister of the Word. Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Minister at the Altar. Please contact the parish office. 47351041.

Enrolment by the 4th February 2022.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING. Celebrated this Sunday—the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

This feast was established in the 20th century and is designed to give special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives.

May your Kingdom come and your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven!



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. Envelopes are available from this weekend in the church foyer.

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 in the Parish Hall** 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.*

A MEMORIAL MASS FOR MICHAEL GUEST will be held on Thursday 25th November morning at 9.00am. Michael was a loved member of our community, he passed away in the Nursing Home during the lockdown lockdown.

BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE — Former parishioners of 45 years at Our Lady of the Way, Laurie & Barbara Hogan have a burial plot in the Catholic section of the Emu plains Cemetery, for sale. Laurie and Barbara have moved interstate. Contact details below if you are interested. Mob 0419 847 758 Em: hoganlb@hotmail.com

CAMPION COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKS: Will be on sale for \$25.00 each. Due to Covid we are no longer allowed to share these books. If you wish to purchase a book please place \$25.00 into an envelope marked **Mass Book** and drop into the basket on the way out of the church.