

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.



Advent means '**Coming**' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. ... The second can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now.

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION & MASS TIMES AS FOLLOWS:

May we ask for God's grace into our hearts to prepare a worthy dwelling place for the Lord this Christmas.

Reconciliation time: Saturday 18/12/21 4.45pm—5.30pm.

Extra times for confession will be held by Fr. Michael after weekday Masses:

Wed. 22/12/21 9.30am—10.00am

Thurs. 23/12/21 9.30am—10.00am

Friday 24/12/21 9.30am—10.00am

Please Note: NO MORNING MASS FRIDAY 24/12 DUE TO CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES IN THE EVENING. MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE:

FRIDAY 24/12/21 VIGIL MASS 6PM (CHILDREN'S MASS) & 8.00PM FAMILY MASS - NO MIDNIGHT MASS

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY) 9.30AM

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME DRESSED AS:- MARY, JOSEPH, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS AND THE WISE KINGS. Please arrive early so that you can be directed to your positions.

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. *OLW PARISH COUNCIL.*

WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL AT THIS TIME. WE PRAY FOR PATRICK FINN, STEPHEN KINNEARY & MARY ANNE SMITH WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE SPECIFIC WE NEED TO PRAY FOR PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041 AND WE WILL START TO MAKE A PRAYER LIST.

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

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.

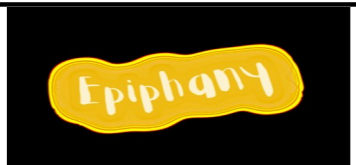
We give thanks for the many parishioners who have faithfully served in a variety of ministries for many years. We are in need for new people to step up. **The Liturgical Formation above program involves—readers, ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers at the Altar.**

Please consider prayerfully if you are able to commit to one of these very important ministries. Call 4735 1041

SYNOD OF BISHOPS: What would you say to Pope you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at; parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops



Blue Mountains Epiphany Pilgrimage + Fiesta 2022



Celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season with the two-day Blue Mountains Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta! Choose from a classic pilgrimage experience or family adventure pilgrimage on Sunday, Jan 2 then delight in the afternoon and evening festivities including the Feast of the Epiphany Mass, a festive meal, jumping castle, games and movie night for the kids as well as praise, worship and Adoration for youth and adults. Stay overnight at St Finbars, Glenbrook in the hall or camp on site, then continue the celebrations on Monday, Jan 3 with a morning pilgrimage and Mass in the bush.

For more information and to register visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org. To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 AT OUR LADY OF THE WAY.

Any Child currently finishing Year 3 and above are invited to make their First Reconciliation in Term 1, 2022. Please contact the parish office on 4735 1041 or emuplains@parracatholic.org, if you haven't already done so, and we will get more information to you.

First Holy Communion will be in Term 2, for those who have made their reconciliation (dates to be confirmed early next year).

Confirmation will be in Term 3 for those who are currently in Year 5 or above (dates to be confirmed early next year).

WE GIVE THANKS :- for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your donation will help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to provide a loving sanctuary for young mothers in crisis. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

AND FOR: THE GENEROSITY TO THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL with a very special thank you to Penola College, Our Lady of the Way Primary & Cath West Innovation College. Their wonderful contribution has enabled us to provide support and joy to those most in need in our Parish.