

PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

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Fr. Michael G. Gathuku: Parish Priest

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Jim Prendergast: Parish Finance, Chairperson

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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

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: By appointment

Weddings: By appointment

Reconciliation

First Holy Communion

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



What does the LORD require of you
but to act justly, to love tenderly, and
to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8



OUR LADY OF WAY PARISH—EMU PLAINS

Sunday 23rd January 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022.—RECONCILIATION

Our new Sacramental Co-Ordinator Cate Kensey and Volunteer assistant Sue Mouthaan, have been working with Fr. Michael to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will commence Term 1—2022.

The dates for this program are as follows:

Information Night: Wednesday 9th February 2022 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm
(Parents only at the above meeting)

Blessing Weekend: Sunday 12th/13th February – families to attend one of the

weekend Masses – Sat 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8.00am or 9.30am.

Fr. Michael will invite the children to come forward with their application form to receive a blessing.

Session 1: Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7pm.

Session 2: Wednesday 23rd February at 7 pm

Rehearsal /Recap – TUESDAY 1ST March at 7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH AT 7PM.

COVID UPDATE— NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

Please do come early, as we still need to sign in.

We Join the wider Diocese in obedience to

Government requirements to continue to wear masks in the church as a sign of our care for each other.

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