

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.

To be in the church at 6.45pm to prepare.



Life Ascending Group

AS we age, we can choose to become more isolated or to become involved with others who share our common Christian belief. Life Ascending will enrich you spiritually, provide you with opportunities for lively discussions and bring you *new friendships* to support you.

Friendship, Spirituality and Caring our group is open to both men and women.

Come along and build new friendships. Our first meeting for 2022

When: Wednesday 19th January 2022 **Time:** 10.00am **Place:** Parish Meeting Room

ALL MOST WELCOME

PARISH GROUPS:

We sincerely thank those Parishioners who previously offered to assist in one of the parish groups in 2021, or who wish to volunteer now. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated. We will be meeting on **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. If unable to attend please call the Parish Office and leave your details. FR MICHAEL AND OLOW PARISH COUNCIL.

Tom Hogan 2 June 1929 – 6 January 2022 R.I.P

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of Tom Hogan on Wed 6th Jan. Tom was a long-time member of and contributor to our parish. He will be missed by his family and many friends. His funeral was held during the week at his home town of Yenda. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they mourn his loss.

**WE PRAY FOR TOM HOGAN RECENTLY DECEASED, AND THE ANNIVERSARIES OF IRENA PIEKLARZ & BILL McILLHATTON.
WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL.
IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041 AND WE WILL COMMENCE A PRAYER LIST.**

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis is inviting us all to have some input into the Synod on Synodality set down for 2023. Submissions are due on **27 February 2022**. It can all be done online at:

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

You are encouraged to gather a group together to take part in this consultation.

Click on the link then go to the heading Diocesan Consultation Phase, where you will find Listening and Discernment guides for the three dimensions that the Synod is focusing on: Communion, Participation and Mission. You can do one or more and each takes about 1.5 hours. It is also possible to do individual responses. For more information on "synodality", see <https://thewell.org.au/> on the Diocese of Parramatta website. Contact Jim Potts 0421 125 722 or Kay Walker 0430 193 000 for more information.



Become an SRE—a Special Religious Education Teacher.

Recruiting to begin Term 1, 2022. Special Religious Educators (SREs) also known as Catechists are parish volunteers who:

- 1. Teach and share the Catholic faith with children who attend government schools.**
- 2. Have the passion for sharing the gift of faith.**
- 3. Have an hour per week to prepare & share their 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 : Call SRE Parish Co-Ordinator Mary on 0408 212 437.

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.

— 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. There is a Liturgical Formation Course commencing in February for training in the above areas. Application forms in the Foyer or please contact Michele at the Parish Office for more information before 4th Feb 2022.

We are particularly in need of some Church cleaners. We are looking for a commitment of 1 per month. Please contact Michele Norbury or Connie Bennett who will be forming the roster. 4735 1041

NOTICE FROM BLACKHEATH PARISH

Celebrating 120 years of the blessing and opening of Sacred Heart Church Blackheath **1902-2022**

You are invited to attend the **celebration Mass** for this joyous occasion on **Wednesday January 26 at 11:30am**

An **historic calendar** has been published to mark this milestone.

Contact Julie H on **47878096** for calendar details, including ordering, postage and/or local delivery. Calendars are available at our church.

WRAP WITH LOVE/KNITTERS.

Meets Thursday's 9am—12 pm in the parish hall.

Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted.

New members very welcome.

Contact: Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 and Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

Young People of the Diocese—We are with You!

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people.

The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

WEEKDAY MASS BOOKS:

Due to Covid we are no longer allowed to share books. If you wish to purchase a book please place \$20.00 into the envelope marked **Mass Book**.

Parish Bank Details:

For online banking only
EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.
BSB 067 950 A/c No. 00000289.