

PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

Phone: 4735 1041(Answering Machine Available)

Email: emuplains@parracatholic.org

Fr. Michael G. Gathuku: Parish Priest

George Bryan: Deacon

Michele Norbury: Parish Office Administrator

Cate Kensey: Sacramental Co-ordinator

John Cowen: Parish Pastoral Council, Chairperson

Jim Prendergast: Parish Finance, Chairperson

Donna McFadzean: Our Lady of the Way Principal
Ph: 4777 7200

Jim Fanning: Penola Catholic College Principal
Ph: 4728 8100

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 5.00pm-5:45pm

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 THE WAY PARISH – EMU PLAINS

Sunday 13th February 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in
the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4, R.. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

First Reconciliation

A special welcome to the children and their families who have started the reconciliation program. Our community here at Our Lady of the Way, are enriched to have you with us this weekend and we will pray for you over the next month as you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cate.



Charismatic Healing Mass.

You are invited to a charismatic healing mass followed by prayer for healing on Sunday 20th February. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Hugh Thomas CSSR, at 2pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Swanston St, St Marys. All welcome!

Phone Costandi on 4754 4625 for more details.



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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Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’



Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

LITURGY FORMATION DAY AT ST FINBAR’S.

The Mass is supposed to be the “summit and climax of Christian life”. We are also invited to participate actively and conscientiously. But how can we do it? Is the Mass not all about the priest saying and acting in the Mass? If you want to know, come and see!

Presenter: Very Rev. Peter Williams, VG of the Diocese of Parramatta and Lecturer in Liturgy at the Catholic Institute of Sydney

When: 19th February, beginning with the morning Mass at 9.15am and ending at 1pm with Lunch.

Where: St Finbar Catholic Parish, 53 Levy Street, Glenbrook NSW 2773

Cost: Donation for catering purpose. Please RSVP by 15 February to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts in 2 weeks

Caritas Australia’s Lenten **Project Compassion** campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year’s theme **For All Future Generations** comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

WE PRAY FOR GERALD WOLFFERS RECENTLY DECEASED (FUNERAL ON 15TH FEB AT 1PM) AND FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF NATIVIDAD FRAGO MASSINA . WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL.: ALEX HADID AND ANDREW KEENAN. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041 AND WE WILL COMMENCE A PRAYER

Synod 2023: Sharing Responsibility

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023.

Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP.

Our Life Ascending meeting will be held in the Parish meeting room on Wednesday 16th February at 10am. Come along and join our discussions, support and friendship and gather strength spiritually. Please bring a small plate to share. Both men and women are welcome.



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

2022 LENTEN GROUPS.

We are offering parishioners the opportunity to join a Lenten group, commencing the first week of Lent (March 6, 2022). We will be using the program from the Diocese of Brisbane: ‘The Spirit and the Cross’, which can be used as a daily reflection and for weekly discussion groups. Parishioners interested in joining a group can place their names on the sheet at the back of the church and indicate their preferred day and time. Alternatively, please contact Kay Walker kay@thewalkers.com.au or phone 0430493000 for further information.

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

Palms Australia International Mission Information Session: 17 March

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of [their assignments](#) your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Join their online forum on Thursday 17 March at 5.30pm via Zoom and hear and engage with a panel of their most experienced program participants. To find out more and to register for the forum, visit palms.org.au/ or phone 0422 742 567.

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!
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