

PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

Phone: 4735 1041(Answering Machine Available)

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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
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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. Commencing this month! 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 6th February 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 R. v. 1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The sacramental program begins this Wednesday, 9th February and runs weekly for a month. We would like to have some people greeting the participants, assisting with the covid sign-in, and helping with the hospitality. You would be required for approximately 30 minutes. If you can help out in any way, please fill in the roster at the back of the church or contact the parish office.

With thanks, Cate.



ARABIC MASS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated every Sunday at 7.15pm in St Michael's Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. For more information, please contact their parish office on (02) 9622 1125.

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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Second Reading (ctd)

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matt4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!



Gospel

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

PARISH PLANNED GATHERING POSTPONED

Due to the current covid situation, our parish planned gathering scheduled on 6th February 2022 will not go ahead. We will communicate to you when the meeting will be held. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. FR MICHAEL AND OLOW PARISH COUNCIL.

WE PRAY FOR GERALD WOLFFERS RECENTLY DECEASED (FUNERAL ON 15TH FEB AT 1PM) AND FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF CARMEL FINN.

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 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

POSTPONED: St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day Mass

Dear friends. Unfortunately, due to concerns around the current strain of COVID-19, the Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, on Tuesday 8 February 2022 has been postponed.

Information on a rescheduled date will be sent in due course.

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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