

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
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 pm - 5:45 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. 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 20th February 2022 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my
hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men
chosen from Israel to search for David in the
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their
way towards the force, where they
found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear
stuck in the ground beside his head, with Ab-
ner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has
put your enemy in your power; so now let me
pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just
one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.
David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for
who can lift his hand against the Lord's anoint-
ed and be without guilt?' David took the spear
and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's
head, and they made off. No one saw, no one
knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep,
for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on
them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on
the top of the mountain a long way off; there
was a wide space between them. David then
called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of
the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord
repays everyone for his uprightness and loyal-
ty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I
would not raise my hand against the Lord's
anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 R v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corin-
thians

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry
the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became
a living soul; but the last Adam has become a
life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the
soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with
the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is
earthly by nature; the second man is from heav-
en. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth;
and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heav-
en. And we, who have been modelled on the
earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly
man.

Chrissy Rannaste: 33 years at OLOW

"You need people who walk alongside and together with
you, and that's something I've experienced with the com-
munity here, for which I give thanks to God. "

Read more about our Chrissy in the Catholic Outlook:

<https://catholicoutlook.org/chrissy-rannaste-a-sacrament-of-service/>



Retiring parish coordinator at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, Christine (Chrissy) Rannaste. Image: Diocese of Parramatta

'Alpha at Emu' - online course.

The Servants of Jesus community are hosting an online
Alpha course via zoom. This is where you can bring your
friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each
session consists of a pre-recorded talk / presentation for
25 -30 minutes and small group discussion afterwards.
The session lasts for about an hour and 15 minutes. For a
short clip (90 seconds) introducing Alpha visit: [https://
player.vimeo.com/video/306917700](https://player.vimeo.com/video/306917700).

Phone Deb Shoemaker on 0408 268 755 for more information.

We are running Alpha online!

You are invited to join us
Tuesdays @ 10:00am (Starting 15/02)

or

Thursdays @ 7:30pm (Starting 17/02)

To register your interest email us at
alpha@servantsofjesus.org

Alpha

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

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6: 27-38

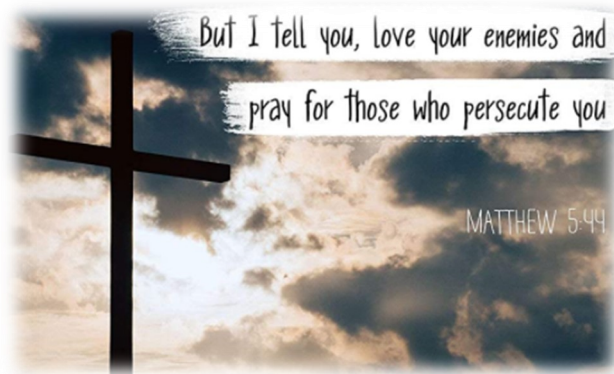
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount.

Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

VINNIES GOOD WORKS

The Schools and Youth Engagement Team at the St Vincent de Paul Society is encouraging the youth of our parish to explore the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 1 2022 Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/Term1-2022-Vinnies-Metro-News>



The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

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 JACK REDROBE RECENTLY DECEASED, AND FOR THE ANNIVERSARIES OF FRANK ATTARD AND CORAL RYAN. WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNWELL INCLUDING ALEX HADID AND ANDREW KEENAN. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO NEEDS PRAYERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041.

Parish Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church for the upcoming year. Thank you for your ongoing support of Our Lady of the Way Parish.

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.



Blue Mountains Catholics take Action (Gathering of Talents)

Come – young and old: Share what you are doing or might like to do in the future with likeminded parishioners from Emu Plains to Blackheath! As a God-gifted person, YOU are invited. Not a lecture, but about acting together for the varying needs of our community. More information: Phone Kay 0430193000, Jim 0421125722. Registrations close 27 Feb. For more info click on the link: <https://tinyurl.com/BMDGoT>

Glenbrook Parish Lenten Ecumenical Gatherings

This Lent, three Glenbrook Christian Churches, including St Finbar's Catholic Parish, are sharing a bowl of soup in ecumenical friendship and to help those in need in the local community. Gatherings will be held on Sunday 6 March at St Finbar's, 20 March at Glenbrook Baptist Church and 3 April at St Andrew's Uniting Church and the cost is a donation to a local Blue Mountains charity. For more information, contact the St Finbar's parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or glenbrook@parracatholic.org



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, 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 are very welcome.
For more information contact:
Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 and
Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM.

I am looking for helpers during the reconciliation program to assist with greeting and hospitality. If you are able to assist, please fill in the roster at the back of the church which is on the table with the covid check in. I only need you for 30-45 minutes.



PLAYGROUP:

Playgroup is starting in the Hall Tuesday 22nd February 2022
Every Tuesday, 9.30am to 11.00am during School terms.
Contact Kathryn 0428 837 626 or just turn up on the day!
No fees apply this term.

Parish Bank Details:

For online banking only!
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