

## PARISH INFORMATION

### OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

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Email: [emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto: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 pm - 5:45 pm

### SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Weddings:** By appointment

**Reconciliation**

**First Holy Communion**

**Confirmation**

Please contact Parish Office  
[emuplains@parracatholic.org](mailto: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 27th February 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

### First Reading

Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R see v.2

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

## Ash Wednesday Masses: 9.00am and 6.30pm

### Diocese of Parramatta Notices

**Positions Vacant:** Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close Monday 7 March, 22. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 25 – 26 March

Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. It begins Friday 25 March at 6pm with Holy Mass and a BBQ meal, concluding Saturday 26 March at 5pm with Mass. Reconciliation will be available on Friday from 7.15pm to 10pm and Saturday 4pm to 4.45pm. For more information, contact (02) 4773 8338.

### '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>.

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](mailto:alpha@servantsofjesus.org)

Alpha

### COVID UPDATE

No sign-in is needed for mass at present.  
Masks are highly encouraged as a sign of care for each other but are not mandatory.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



## Communion Antiphon

Ps 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

## OLOW Open Morning for Kindergarten 2023 Wednesday 9th March 9 –10:30am

All families interested in enrolling their children in Our Lady of the Way primary school for kindergarten 2023, come along, tour the school and visit our learning spaces at our open morning.

Place your applications in as soon as possible to ensure your child's spot for 2023. Enrolment packs are available at the school office or from our website. To register email [olow@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olow@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts this weekend

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on [Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org) or 0409 399 505.

As St Pope John Paul II said,  
"The future starts today, not tomorrow."



Caritas AUSTRALIA



WE PRAY FOR VALERIE GLASSOCK AND GREG NORBURY RECENTLY DECEASED,  
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 PRAYER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 4735 1041.

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

## Synod 2023: Sharing Responsibility

### Synod of Bishops Local Submissions extended!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at [bit.ly/synod2023](http://bit.ly/synod2023)  
Phone Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email [MET@parracatholic.org](mailto: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 like-minded parishioners from Emu Plains to Blackheath! As a God-gifted person, YOU are invited. Not for 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](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

## OLOW Emu Plains Lenten Groups 2022

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](mailto:kay@thewalkers.com.au) or phone 0430193000 for further information.

## St Finbars Glenbrook Faith Formation Program 2022

While Luke's Narrative on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus was influenced by Mark and Matthew, the author of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles gave to his version a distinctive theology. You are invited to the Lenten Biblical Studies on The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke.

When: 8th and 22nd March and 5th April from 7-8.30pm  
Presenters: Fr Dr Joseph Lam, Sr Dr Margaret Ghosn, Fr John McSweeney, Lic Bibl.  
Where: Glenbrook Parish Hall, 52 levy St, Glenbrook 2773  
Cost: Gold Coin Donation      RSVP to [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

## Wrap With Love Knitters

Meets Thursday's 9am—12 pm in the parish hall. Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted. New members welcome. For more information contact: Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 and Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

## Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.00am during school terms. Contact Kathryn 0428 837 626 or just turn up on the day! No Fees at the moment!!

## Parish Bank Details:

**For online banking only!**  
**EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.**  
**BSB 067 950 Ac No. 00000289.**