

## PARISH INFORMATION

### OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

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Fr. Michael G. Gathuku: Parish Priest

George Bryan: Deacon

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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 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 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,  
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,  
the children ran to meet him;  
in their hands they carried palm branches  
and with a loud voice cried out:

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, He is the king of glory.

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant  
mercy!

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not  
be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's  
tongue. So that I may know how to reply  
to the wearied he provides me with  
speech. Each morning he wakes me to  
hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my  
part, I made no resistance, neither did I  
turn away. I offered my back to those who  
struck me, my cheeks to those who tore  
at my beard; I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle. The Lord comes  
to my help, so that I am untouched by the  
insults. So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on  
high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not  
cling to his equality with God but emptied  
himself to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are, and being as all  
men are, he was humbler yet, even to  
accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the  
name which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens, on earth  
and in the underworld, should bend the knee  
at the name of Jesus and that every tongue  
should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys is establishing perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th 2022. Are you willing to commit one hour per week, day or night. Please complete the forms placed in the foyer and send to St Mary's Parish.

For more events, please go to: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)

### Blue Mountains Catholics Take Action (Gathering of Talents)

Just a preliminary report on last Sunday's gathering as we will need time to synthesise the wisdom and suggestions from the various workshops. Over 70 participants from the Mountains' parishes and the Diocesan seminary engaged in 9 workshops and there was a spirit of engagement verging on excitement through the afternoon. We suppose the real fruits will emerge when the ideas are reflected upon and implemented but the process itself resulted in connections and a post-Covid lift in morale. It was great to see members of our parish involved. We are sure there will be further Deanery wide events that will enable more of us to take part, sharing our gifts and learning from others for the benefit of our Parish. Jim and Kay.

### Life Ascending Group

Our Life Ascending meeting will be held at the home of Kay Walker (197 River Rd Leonay) on Wednesday, 20th April at 10am. **Note the change of venue!** Come along and join our discussions, support, friendship and gather strength spiritually.

Please bring a small plate to share. Both men and women are most welcome.

Bring a friend.



### Parish Bank Details:

For online banking only!

EMU PLAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH.

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**Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:8-9

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

**Gospel**—full reading will be shown at church.

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**Wrap With Love Knitters:**

Meets Thursday's 9am-12 pm in the parish hall. Donations of 8ply wool gratefully accepted.

**New members welcome.**

Please contact: Judy Prendergast 0407 101 254 or Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

**NOTICE**

Fr Michael will be away for his annual leave beginning 18th April 2022 to 31st May 2022.

Please note the following changes on times and days of our Masses when Fr is away.

1. There will be NO changes to weekend Masses.
2. On the week after Easter Sunday there will be no masses, but we will have a Communion Service from Wednesday 20th April to Friday 22nd April at 9.00am.
3. (a) Beginning Sunday 24th April, we will be having Masses on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm and Wednesday at 9.00am until Fr comes back.  
  
(b) On Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am we will be having Communion Services.  
  
Eucharistic adoration on Thursdays will go on as usual.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2022**

<b>HOLY THURSDAY: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY: 15<sup>th</sup> April - Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>8.00 am &amp; 9.30 am</b>

**RECONCILIATION TIMES:**

<b>Tuesday: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>9.00am—9.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>9.30am—10.00am</b>
<b>Holy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>9.00am—10.00am</b>

**Message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:**

ACN has launched an emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in Ukraine. ACN began its support to exiled Ukrainian Christians in 1953. It was crucial in helping rebuild Church life and still has many projects. These include the formation of some 900 seminarians and the upkeep and restoration of seminaries, churches and monasteries. To make an offering collect a card from the back of the church or visit [www.aidtothechurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtothechurch.org/ukraine)

**We pray for the souls of Lyn Craddy and Frederick Paine recently deceased. Also we remember and Jocelyn McNielly, whose anniversary is at this time. We pray for Alex Hadid, Andrew Keenan, Margie White and Helen and Mick McInnes who are sick, and other brothers and sisters who are unwell. If you have someone who needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office on 4735 1041.**

**Parishioners of the week: Kevin and Paulin Balkin**

Kevin and Pauline have been married 52 years and have been in the parish since 1988. They love the good friendly community. Pauline has taken communion to people for the last 20 years. Kevin is a minister of the eucharist, reader and helps with Vinnies. Kevin's favourite colour is blue and he loves a good steak.

They met when they started school and sat together at St Mary's primary school in Victoria in 1952. They have 4 sons and 8 grandchildren. Pauline is a retired accountant. Kevin worked for the ABC for 35 years and retired as national manager of technical services.

During the lockdowns, Pauline knitted 6 rugs for Afghan refugees at the Jesuit centre.



**St Finbars: Music of Bach Good Friday 15th April 2022**

With great pleasure, the St Finbar's Glenbrook Organ and Concert Committee are again able to present the music of JS Bach and sacred readings on Good Friday, with choir and pipe organ. Robert Ampt is again conducting this spiritual event. It will be held on 15 April 2022 at 7.30 pm in St Finbar's Catholic Church, Levy Street, Glenbrook.



**OLOW Parish Gathering: 10th April 2022**

You are all invited to our parish gathering to be held this Sunday, after the 9:30am mass. This gathering is aimed to bring all parishioners together and to discuss the future of our parish in the post-covid era. Please come, because your opinion matters.

**Invitation to join the Easter choir**

Would you like to join the singers preparing for the Easter Vigil? Come along to the Church on Tuesday evening, 12th of April at 7pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 6.30pm. Kelly, Richard and Wendy will lead the preparation. You are most welcome.



**Register for Mandatory Safeguarding Training.**

It is NOW time to register for Safeguarding training if you haven't already done so. Thank you to those who have already registered.

**Who should register for Mandatory Safeguarding Training?**

- Those involved in a ministry that works directly with children
- Those who have a working with children check
- Those involved in a ministry that operates through liturgies and parish events
- Those involved in a ministry that may directly or indirectly come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults
- Are you curious and would like to know more about keeping parishes safe?

CONTACT Mary Marsh [starmgm@gmail.com](mailto:starmgm@gmail.com) and register for the Mandatory Safeguarding Training sessions online or Face-to-Face!

Module 1— Introduction to Safeguarding begins on Wednesday 18th May at 10am (60 min)

Mandatory training will continue weekly:

Module 2 —Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct: Wednesday 25th May at 10am (90 min)

Module 3—Safeguarding Adults at Risk: Wednesday 1st June at 10am (90 min).

**Where will the sessions be held? The Parish Hall after morning mass.**