

PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE OPENING TIMES:

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 3.00PM

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Fr. Michael G. Gathuku: Parish Priest

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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 9.00am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday and Friday's 9.00am

RECONCILIATION:

No reconciliation while Fr Michael is away.

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 May 1st, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R v.2

**(R.) I will praise You, Lord,
for You have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rev 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

OLOW 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.

Weekdays: We will be having Masses on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm and Wednesday at 9.00am.

On Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.00am we will be having Communion Services.

THERE WON'T BE A HEALING SERVICE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY FOR MAY OR ADORATION ON THURSDAYS. Weekend: Masses as usual.

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, Julia Hayes 0452 665 844

Diocese of Parramatta Notices

Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now! Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

St Marys Parish Perpetual Adoration: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys, is looking for Eucharistic Adorers to commit to a rostered weekly hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in their Perpetual Adoration Chapel starting Sunday 24 April, Divine Mercy Sunday. Those who would like to assist can contact either Steven Buhagiar on 0415 600 290, Stella Buhagiar on 0415 600 103, or the parish office directly on (02) 9623 1962.

Donate to Caritas Australia's Ukraine Appeal Caritas Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Two Caritas staff members in the Ukraine have recently been killed. Please donate now to help the people of Ukraine. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on **1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral** with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on **Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre** (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you

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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Second Reading (ctd)

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21: 1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.'

At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Creed is said.

Communion Antiphon Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK— Jesus Christ

Jesus has been in our parish since its beginning. He likes how Our Lady of the Way parish is named after His mother and He loves all the parishioners. He said that wherever two or more parishioners have met in His name, He has been there. Jesus has attended every mass and has been at every sick bed when parishioners have prayed. He has never been to confession, as He has never sinned, but He has been there with the priest (who represents Him) in every confession.

He likes us to read scripture as it all points to Him. He has quoted a lot of scripture in His life and we can read about that in the gospels.

He loves our worship and doesn't notice when we sing off key, as He looks at our hearts. While He was on earth, He worked as a carpenter till he was around 30. His public ministry was for about 3 years. He did a lot of walking (from town to town), camping, some fishing, enjoying weddings, and preaching. Jesus says "Go everywhere and tell everyone about me". (Mark 16:15)



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Sacrament news - First Holy Communion

Here are the dates for First Holy Communion. Children who are in year 4 and above and have already made their Reconciliation are invited to take this next step in their spiritual journey. Please contact the parish office if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion.

Information Night: Wednesday 18th May 2022 in the Parish Hall at **7.30pm** (Parents only)

Blessing Weekend: Sunday 21st/22 May 2022 – families to attend one of the weekend Masses – Sat 6pm Vigil, Sunday 8.00am or 9.30am.

Session 1: Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 7pm.

Session 2: Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 7 pm

Session 3: Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7pm

Rehearsal /Recap – Wed 15th June 2022 at 7pm.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: SATURDAY 18TH JUNE AT 4PM. To be in the church at 3.45pm to prepare.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be in term 3 for those children in year 6 and above who have received the other sacraments of initiation. Please contact the office if you would like your child to receive this sacrament and for more information. Blessings, Cate

Bishop's message on social justice:

May 1st is the Feast of St Joseph the Worker and the ACBC Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service is highlighting the growing trend of people needing to work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv speaks in a video message that can be played in parishes and schools as part of the celebrations of St Joseph the Worker. Multiple resources including image quotes are also available. Watch the video online:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/04/19/pastoral-message-2022/>



Australian Pilgrimage October 18th-29th, 2022.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage you will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Contact Annie Bond at Mary MacKillop place for an itinerary and application form: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or 89124818.

We pray for recently deceased Emily Kean, Matthew Lawlor and Mary Smith. Also we remember those whose anniversaries are at this time. We pray for Alex Hadid, Andrew Keenan who are sick, and other brothers and sisters who are unwell. If you have someone who needs prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

PETITION to oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 is in the foyer for your support and signatures.

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!

Parish Bank Details:

For online banking only!
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