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Mary Immaculate Church
EMU PARK

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021

[Fr Matthew's Weekly Video Message](#)

Hello from my home to yours, peace be with you.

This weekend is the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time but as we see events that are happening in the world, its anything but ordinary. We have a new President in the US after the catastrophe of these past weeks and the experiences that people have had over there. We in our nation too are experiencing many different things and serious hardship due to the pandemic and many other things as it is throughout the world.

Here in our local community there has been much tragedy too, a young life has been lost.

We especially keep the family in our prayers and the community of St Brendan's and St Ursula's.

The loss of any loved one leaves a hole in our hearts, for those who are mourning their loss, we keep in our prayers. For all those who have died recently, we keep them and their families in our prayers.

As we gather too this week, many of our teachers and staff have been preparing for our school year, next week. On Friday we gathered with our Bishop and celebrated these new beginnings and we prayed too for lives lost. We keep all our School Communities and their students in our prayers as they begin their new school year and share time again with each other.

Jesus in our Gospel says **'Come follow me'** and as he said the words last week **'Come and see'**, he invites us into his consoling love. We can take heart in the words of our Psalm too, **'Lord Teach me your ways'** as we begin this year and these days. As we look to the future, a future with hope and a year with hope, may His presence guide and hold us all. May we hear the words of our Psalm, may we recognise them and take them to heart, as he calls each of us, calls each of us to come and follow him, to turn to him and allow his presence to hold and guide us no matter what is happening. Whether it's in the world, whether its in our personal lives or in our community God is there with us.

So may our prayer be the words of our Psalm **'Lord teach me your ways'**.

From my home to yours, peace be with you and God Bless.

Fr Matthew

Welcome Back

We welcome back our all our school communities' students, teachers & staff and especially welcome the new Principal of St Ursula's College, Deborah Ryan.

"He is the reason for the season! But why is Jesus the reason for the season, and what about the rest of the year?"
This year we would like to help answer some of these questions & rediscover God and our faith experience with the **ALPHA COURSE**. This is a well-developed resource that lets you journey together in groups to rediscover your faith & introduce others to discover God and their own faith.
More information will be presented over the coming weeks with groups starting soon.



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MASS TIMES

TIME	DAY	MASS
8:00am	Tuesday	AUSTRALIA DAY Mary Immaculate Church
11:00am	Wednesday	Rosary & Adoration
12:00pm	Wednesday	Sacred Heart Church
12:00pm	Friday	Sacred Heart Church
8:00am	Saturday	Mary Immaculate Church
	Sunday	Confessions (8:00am – 8:30am)
9:00am	Sunday	Sacred Heart Church



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

26 January 2021 8:00am
Mary Immaculate Church
Emu Park

ONLINE BOOKING LINKS

[Sunday Mass Online Booking Link](#)

BISHOP'S MASS - YOUTUBE LINK [Bishop's Mass You Tube Link](#)

THANK YOU to all conference members, parishioners, visitors, staff, students & parents of St Benedict's Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School, St Brendan's College & St Ursula's College, as well as staff & volunteers at our Vinnies shops, who so generously donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. The gifts of tinned food, toys or material items, monetary donations, time in collecting & delivering donations, preparing hampers & gifts, interacting with our companions & doing so with a joyful, giving heart was very much appreciated.

From Mary Immaculate Conference Emu Park & Sacred Heart Conference Yeppoon

We Pray for those who are SICK
We Pray for those who have DIED

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**Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.**



**Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

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22-year-old poet Amanda Gorman stole the show at the inauguration ceremony of President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris, sharing a powerful message of hope. Read her full poem below:

When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade? The loss we carry, a sea we must wade. We've braved the belly of the beast, we've learned that quiet isn't always peace and the norms and notions of what just is, isn't always justice. And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it, somehow we do it, somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken but simply unfinished.

We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president only to find herself reciting for one. And, yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect, we are striving to forge a union with purpose, to compose a country committed to all cultures, colours, characters and conditions of man.

So we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another, we seek harm to none and harmony for all.

Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true: that even as we grieved, we grew, even as we hurt, we hoped, that even as we tired, we tried, that we'll forever be tied together victorious, not because we will never again know defeat but because we will never again sow division.

Scripture tells us to envision that everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one should make them afraid. If we're to live up to our own time, then victory won't lie in the blade, but in in all of the bridges we've made.

That is the promise to glade, the hill we climb if only we dare it because being American is more than a pride we inherit, it's the past we step into and how we repair it. We've seen a force that would shatter our nation rather than share it. That would destroy our country if it meant delaying democracy, and this effort very nearly succeeded. But while democracy can periodically be delayed, but it can never be permanently defeated.

In this truth, in this faith, we trust, for while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us, this is the era of just redemption we feared in its inception we did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour but within it we found the power to author a new chapter, to offer hope and laughter to ourselves, so while once we asked how can we possibly prevail over catastrophe, now we assert how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us.

We will not march back to what was but move to what shall be, a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free, we will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation, our blunders become their burden. But one thing is certain: if we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright.

So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left, with every breath from my bronze, pounded chest, we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one, we will rise from the golden hills of the West, we will rise from the windswept Northeast where our forefathers first realised revolution, we will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the Midwestern states, we will rise from the sun-baked South, we will rebuild, reconcile, and recover in every known nook of our nation in every corner called our country our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful, when the day comes we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid, the new dawn blooms as we free it, for there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it.