Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church

The Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend. In 2028 we will celebrate a number of milestones – the Eucharistic Congress will be held here in Sydney, the Capuchin Franciscan Order will be 500 years old and our Parish Church will be 40 years old. As a means of preparing for the 38th anniversary of the dedication of our church this year, let me offer a few pieces of church teaching for our reflection.

Since the second Vatican Council, the theme of proclaiming the Gospel to the world and announcing the kingdom of God has been emphasized consistently (St. Paul VI in Evangelii Nuntiandi 1975); St. John Paul II in Redemptoris Missio in 1990, and Ecclesia Oceania in 2001; Benedict XVI in the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelisation 2012; and Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium in 2013. The presence of the church building is itself a proclamation of the gospel. "Because the church is a visible building, this house is a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and an image of the Church in heaven." [Order of the Dedication of Church and Altar. 2014]

The Church building stands as a sign of the Church community which worships there; it speaks of welcome and witness to the Gospel, of service to and solidarity with those in need. Ultimately it points to Christ the cornerstone and so provides a glimpse of the Kingdom of God. "There is no doubt that the effort to proclaim the Gospel to the people of today, who are buoyed up by hope but at the same time often oppressed by fear and distress, is a service rendered to the Christian community and also to the whole of humanity." (Evangelii Nuntiandi 1975 #1).

The scripture readings for all the Masses next Sunday are as follows:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 The prophet saw water flowing from the right side of the temple and wherever the water flows, life in abundance is evident. (*We reflected on this passage of scripture during the Season of creation*). **Ephesians 2:19-22** St. Paul exhorts the Ephesian Christian community to remember that they are part of God's household by virtue of baptism, and are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations. **John 2:13-22** Jesus speaks about the temple which is his own body.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey

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WYD27 Songwriting Competition: Submissions close December 16th

Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: ***parrawyd.org***

Parish Registration

If you are a new parishioner, we ask you to complete a registration form. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, please do so as soon as possible and return it to the Church or parish office. Forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

How to Support Our Parish Family Financially

If you would like to become an envelope subscriber please contact the parish office. We would also invite you to consider your level of giving. For people wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can also setup your own internet banking recurring payments to the following account:

BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00000495
Account Name: Plumpton Catholic Parish Church

- *Tap & go machines are available for people to use. These are in the Church.*
- *Those who wish to donate to the Capuchin Friars (Priests), please make the recurring payments to the following account:*

BSB: 062-410 Account Number: 10136478
Account name: Capuchin Franciscan Friars

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a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are put to use…
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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets **16/10/2026**

Donations	**$31,896.00**
Raffle tickets	**$12,104.00**
Legacy Donation	**$58,000.00**
Total Amount	**$102,000.00**
Revised Target Amount	**$100,000.00**

Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least ***twelve*** *months in advance.*

Holy Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office to book a date and time.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to book a date and time.

Baptisms

Parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month at 2:00 pm in the Parish meeting room or church. ***Next seminar is on 22nd November in the meeting room.*** *Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.*

Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) **18 October 2026**

1st Reading: ***Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*** **2nd Reading:** ***1 Thessalonians 1:1-5***
Gospel Reading: ***Matthew 22:15-21***

Entrance Antiphon:
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm:
Give the Lord glory and honour.

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

Communion Antiphon:
Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Acknowledgement

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Darug Country, Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Parish Team:

Parish Priest	***Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap***
Assistant Parish Priest	***Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap***
Business Manager	***Mr Owens Reyes***
Parish Musical Director	***Mr Jacob Wielgosz***
Parish Social Media Officer	***Miss Catrina Bautista***
Parish Council Chairperson	***Mr Anthony Matthews***
RCIA Co-ordinators	***Mr Bernie Banta & Mrs Yeng Banta***
Sacramental Co-ordinator	***Mrs Priscilla Corpuz***
Parish SRE Co-ordinator	***Ms Therese Fuller***
Finance & Bingo Operator	***Mr Romy Balite***
Safeguarding Champion	***Mr Joseph Fenech***

Daily MASS Times

Mon/Tue/Fri 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
*Thursday 9:00 am & **7:00 pm (Vietnamese)***
First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration)
Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend MASS Times

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
*12:00 pm **(Vietnamese)***
***Spanish Mass** Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm*

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 10:30 to 11:30 am
Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Capuchin Young Adults Plumpton

*We're the young adults of The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton! Seeking lives of simplicity, service, prayer and community with St Francis of Assisi. Find us on Instagram: **instagram.com/capuchinyoungadultsplumpton/** Email: **social.media@goodshepherd.org.au***

Legion of Mary Good Shepherd Praesidium

Meets every Saturday morning at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Please contact Christine on 0433 983 731 if you are interested.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Elisse Jae De Guzman

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for OCTOBER — *For mental health ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: *Prasana Kumar Beris, Oliva Burney, Francoso Dakila, Peter Fernandes, Celestino Freitas, Cora Ganancial, Noreen Pinto, Arce, Nina & Salud Samia, Laurinda Sarmento, Thelma Tate, Jess Valix, Connie Mae Vaughan and all the holy souls in purgatory*

Healing / Good Health: *Alicia, David, Kelly, Mark, Michael, Samuel, Tess, Louise McKechnie Abood, Beatriz Callaghan, Elizabeth Dioquino, Virgilio Felipe, Teresa Ganac, Marie Lambo, Peter Nathan, Rogelio Ordinario, Riwal Panchal, Jaimee Santos, Georgette Semaan and Hazel Villavert*

Anniversaries / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: *Erlinda & Isolde, Ginette, Leo Dado, Griselda Lardizabal, Ryan Lardizabal, Mapa family, Keisha Nuval, Claudine Pacantes, Louise Reyes and Jeanette Suliva*

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Yvonne, Victoria ABAO, Emanuela AGIUS, Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, Patricia ALLERDICE, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Matthew DORRAN, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Ibrahim Michael IBRAHIM, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Philip PORKETT, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Vicki SPITERI, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Lynette STITT, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE, Espedito & Kitty ZAMMIT

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Catholic Mission Appeal: October 17th and 18th

*This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. **Please use the provided appeal envelopes in the pews**, or visit **catholicmission.org.au/united** to make a difference today.*

Parish Expo: October 25th

*Join us in celebrating our 38th Year of Dedication on **Sunday 25th October**, after the 9am Mass. This year's theme focuses on '**Participation'**. There will be many activities for the whole family to participate in such as pony rides, music performances, stalls of our parish groups/ local initiatives, international food and raffle prizes. Bring along your family and friends— All are welcome!*

Light Night Event: October 30th

WORSHIP. ENCOUNTER. BE EQUIPPED. LIVE IN HIS LIGHT. Come and encounter Jesus. Receive the Holy Spirit. Be equipped to live out your faith boldly, with Mary and all the saints and angels by your side. Friday October 30th from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Good Shepherd Parish Plympton. This is a free event. Supper will be provided afterwards. All are welcome!

Parish-in-Council 2: November 21st

*All are invited to our second Parish-in-Council, on **Saturday November 21st** 12noon to 5.00pm at St. Francis School, Glendenning. This is for anyone and everyone to attend – if you attended the first one in June, bring a friend this time! Each Parish-in-Council builds on the previous one. From our previous topic of 'belonging' and 'welcome', we now focus on '**participation'**. Registrations open soon.*

Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2026/27

- 09 November 2026, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation) and registration** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 15, 22 & 29 November and 06 December 2026 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST**)*
- 07 December 2026 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 08 February 2027, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only** at 7.00 pm
- 14, 21 & 28 February and 07 March 2027 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST**)*
- 06 April 2027 – Tuesday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 10/11, 17/18 & 24/25 April 2027 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms will be available this Monday 19 October 2026 at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

Coming Events in October:

- Tuesday 20th: 7.00pm Parish-in-Council 2 training for Scribes and facilitators (meeting room)
- Thursday 22nd: 7.30pm Pastoral Planning Committee (Friary)
- Friday 23rd: 7.00pm Senior Leadership Team.
- Sunday 25th: Anniversary of dedication and PARISH EXPO in the bingo Hall.
- Tuesday 27th: 7.30pm Liturgy Committee.
- Friday 30th: Praise and Worship night in the Church – all are welcome.