

Safeguarding training

Training for Module 3 will be on 25 March (Saturday) 10:00–11:30am at The Good Shepherd Parish meeting room. This training modules is for all volunteers and ministers and must be completed prior to the Parish Audit.

Caritas Project Compassion 2023

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Feast of St Pedro Calungsod

All are invited to join the St Pedro Calungsod Devotees for the 12th Fiesta Celebration in Honour of the Filipino Saint. There will be Novena Masses from 23 to 31 March at 7:00pm. The Good Shepherd Parish Church will host one of the Novena Mass on the 29th of March. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at St Aidan's Parish Church on the 1st of April at 11:30am. For schedules of Novena Masses in other Parish Churches please refer to the posters or contact Gideon/Aline on 0416 876 912.

Soul Food Podcast – Pastoral Formation

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

Divine Retreat Centre offerings in March

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a variety of single-day and weekend retreats throughout March, including a Lenten Growth retreat and its monthly one-day pilgrimage. For more information and bookings, please contact 0468 486 782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

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

Parish Envelopes for the new financial year are available for subscribers to collect from the Entrance of the church. 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. People wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can setup your own internet banking recurring payment to:

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

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 34th Anniversary

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761

Phone: 02 9832 4461 Email: parishof@tpg.com.au

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton / Or our website: www.goodshepherd.org.au



Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Holy Communion for the Sick

Please call the parish office for date and time.

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptisms

Parents and Godparents (2) must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday in the Parish meeting room.

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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 17/03/2023

Donations	\$19,045.90
Raffle tickets	\$11,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$28,000.00
Total Amount	\$58,149.90
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

4th Sunday of Lent

19 March 2023

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

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 Priest	Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap	Daily MASS Times
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 6:00 am / 9:00 am
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	Wed 6:00 am / 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	Weekend MASS Times
Parish Council Chairperson	Mrs Rowena Villadolid	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	Sun 7:00 am/9:00 am & 6:00 pm 12:00 pm (Vietnamese) Spanish mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz	Reconciliation (Confession)
Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller	Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite	Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Saturday Mornings of Lent
Morning prayer at 7:40am followed by a Mass

Baptism Seminar
The next seminar will be held on the 26th of March 2023 at 2:00pm in the meeting room. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

- WYD 2023 Fundraising Events**
- 25 March - Dinner Dance
 - 8 & 9 April - Easter Egg Sale
 - 13 May - Mother's Day Flowers Sale
 - 21 May - International Food Lunch
 - Occasional Sausage Sizzle Sale

Parish Based Youth Group- Antioch
Young people are empowered and nourished in their spiritual Journey and leadership. We have a youth group meeting (Antioch) every Sunday at 7:30 pm. We invite the youth for "Come and See" experience.

We remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters
John ANGEL, Maureen BARTLEY, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Jure DALTO, David DILLON, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Maureen & John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Bernice McDERMOTT, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Gloria ROBERTS, Betty ROWE, Aida SADSAD, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA & Joan WREN.

For Good Health: Ezekiel, Charmaine, Irene, Sandra, Stella Azzopardi, Dominador Bulaong, Jock Clark Sr, Joe & Pauline Conti, Jennifer Estrada, Irene Fernandez, Tesa Mejo, Jo Murray, Solidar Pascua, Maria Perez, Gabrielle Rumora, Benjamin Santiago, Waleed Walter & Ryan Walter

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism
Angelynn Jasmine Boncato
Charlize Marrie Hoang
Elleizer Jordan Dalusong
Sienna Rose Matthews

Holy Week Mass & Services
Please refer to the parish notice board, parish website and Facebook page for details.

Death Anniversaries: We Remember
John Apap, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Leandra Culala, Marcelina De Fatima, Henry D'Souza, Malcolm Farquharson, Patria Madronio, Kumuuka Misso, Marcus Pereira, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas

May perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord.
Amen †

Announcements

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people. Will you support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. **Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.** Giving envelopes for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal will be available next weekend 25 & 26 March.



Update on the New Project

I understand that everyone in the parish is excited about the new project (New Meeting Room and Toilets) taking off. To give you a further update on this. We have now been able to gather all reports required by the council. Last week we lodged for DA approval from the Council of Blacktown. We do not know when we will be given the go-ahead to start commencing the work. Hopefully, soon, keep this project in your prayers. I would like to thank everyone who has come forward to support this project both financially and spiritually.

ACIES Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary invites all Priests, Religious, active Legionaries, Auxiliaries and Parishioners to the ACIES ceremony to be held on the Feast of the Annunciation 25th March, 2:00pm at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton. Food and Fellowship follows. "TO JESUS Through MARY"

St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of March is also dedicated to St. Joseph. The Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint: "Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honour, but also a participator in her sublime dignity. Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

The Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).