

## Franciscan Reflection:

Initially, the people of Assisi thought St Francis was insane for responding to God's will. They threw mud and stones from the streets, and shouted insults at him. He was neither broken nor changed by any wrong. Even Pietro, his own father mercilessly dragged him home and chained him up. So true are the words of Jesus when He said, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house." We all have a prophetic mission to speak the truth and live the Gospel by example before our families and friends. The risk of rejection is outweighed by our reward of the kingdom of Heaven just like St Francis.

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### Emerton Parish National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week

To commemorate NAIDOC Week, which is celebrated from 7-14 July, you are warmly invited to a family-friendly NAIDOC celebration hosted by Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt, Catholic Care, Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and other partners on Thursday 11 July from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Holy Family site, 252 Luxford Road, Emerton. All are welcome to attend.

#### Get your feed on the Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our [website](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food) or on Spotify: [www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)

#### CYP LIFTED Retreats

Looking for an opportunity to get away? **Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat** is back – with a twist! This year LIFTED Retreat has transformed into 3 separate retreats, each catering to different age groups!

- 12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.
- 19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) for details.

#### 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**



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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# THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary*

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761

#### 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 05/07/2024

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| Donations             | \$21,196.00  |
| Raffle tickets        | \$12,104.00  |
| Legacy Donation       | \$43,000.00  |
| Total Amount          | \$76,300.00  |
| Revised Target Amount | \$100,000.00 |

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07 July 2024

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

**2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:1-6

#### Entrance Antiphon:

*Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.*

#### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!*

#### Communion Antiphon:

*Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.*

#### 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:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 Council Chairperson | Mr Anthony Matthews             |
| RCIA Co-ordinator          | Mr & Mrs Bernie<br>& 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)  
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.

### Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **28th of July 2024 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."

— Saint Teresa of Avila

### Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch

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

### Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Mira Azalea Braganza  
Lia Hope Dizon

### Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Rodolfo Cruz, Melecio Dela Vega, Peter Gale, Cynthia Henriques, Taupau Losefo, Perlita Oconer, Mary Rafferty, Aida Sadsad and Myra Silva

**Healing / Good Health:** Ginette, Josie, Mark, Michael, Julian Aguilar, Conrad & John D'Cruz, Brendon D'Souza, Erlinda Escueta, Franklyn Foenander, Karen Laosantos, Elizabeth Mitchell and Steve Murray

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Julian Bentley, Sol Escueta and Peter Nathan

### We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen BIFFA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Sesilia VAVE, Sione VEA, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

### **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 7 July**

On this first weekend in July, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. The 2024 theme is "Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith". A booklet with information and resources is available at: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html>.

### Parish & Diocesan News

#### Suspension of Evening Mass on Mondays and Fridays

The 7:30 pm Mass on Mondays & Fridays will be suspended from the 8th of July until further notice.

#### RCIA Catholic Inquiry Nights

Catholic Inquiry nights **begin Monday July 8th** in the **Parish Meeting Room, 7:30 pm**. This is for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith or anyone interested in becoming a Catholic.

#### Altar Servers Needed!

The Good Shepherd Parish is in need of Altar Servers for the weekend Masses. If your child has received their First Holy Communion and would like to join the Altar Servers' ministry, **please contact** the parish office on **02 9832 4461** or email [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au).

#### Thank You for Supporting the Sunday School Restoration Project, St. Rita's Church Maeliya

The Sri Lanka NSW Catholic Association would like to thank Fr Gerard and the parishioners of The Good Shepherd Plumpton for the generous support of the Sunday School Restoration Project at the St. Rita's Church Maeliya, Ja-ela, Sri Lanka. They have raised a total amount of \$3,802.00.

#### Invitation to Make a Retreat in Daily Life

'Longing to be with God who longs to be with us'

What is a Retreat in Daily Life? A Retreat in Daily Life gives us the opportunity to draw closer to God in our personal prayer at home, praying in our own time, with some suggested resources and information. It is designed to help us find peace, grace and connection in the ordinary moments of each day. The Retreat in Daily Life is open to everyone, regardless of their spiritual journey. It draws on the wisdom of Ignatian spirituality. When: to be decided; Commitment: 30 – 60 minutes each day over 5 days in your home. There will be an **information session at The Good Shepherd Parish Meeting Room on Monday 15 July at 10:00 am**. Or contact **Sr Colleen Foley 0431 917 468** or **Sr Pia Galea 0423 656 444**, [pgalea7@hotmail.com](mailto:pgalea7@hotmail.com)

#### Safeguarding Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". **Entries close on Friday 26 July**. For more information and to enter, please visit [parracatholic.org/artcompetition](http://parracatholic.org/artcompetition)

#### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)