

## Franciscan Reflection:

Resting is vital. In Genesis, God rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Upon returning from their mission, Jesus invited the Apostles to come away with Him to some lonely place and rest for a while. Just like the crowds who tracked them down and interrupted their much-needed rest, St Francis of Assisi who sought out a place of rest and secret solitude for prayer was also disturbed by the people. Do you rest and pray, or do you disturb people who rest and pray? Everyone can benefit from much needed uninterrupted rest and time with Jesus.

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### MET Worship Serving at the Altar Seminar: 3 August

The Office for Worship are hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on **Saturday 3 August from 9.30 am to 3:00 pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Chris Ohlsen will present the seminar, which will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To **RSVP by 31 July**, please contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or call **0460 037 795**.

#### Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August

**Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship?** Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate.



#### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation](http://www.parracatholic.org/celebrate/marriage/marriage-preparation) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

#### 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**



Phone: 02 9832 4461

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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:  
[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

#### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 19/07/2024

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

# 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.

#### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 July 2024

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6      **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:30-34

**Entrance Antiphon:** *See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

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

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear 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:**

**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 & 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**.

**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.

*"Grant that we may be one flock and one shepherd! Do not allow your net to be torn, help us to be servants of unity!"*

*— Pope Benedict XVI*

**Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism**

Alaysha Winter-Skye Jeffrey

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Carmen Briffa, Lucia Castellano, Bernardino De Guzman, Jacinta Dela Cruz, Andres Lareza, George Lazer, Camen Nassif, Thelma Tate, Philomena Van Ross and Maria Joseph Vincent

**Healing / Good Health:** Ginette, Josie, Mark, Michael, Julian Aguilar, Lionel Joseph Dado, Gia Dinh, Brendon D'Souza, Erlinda Escueta, Franklyn Foenander and Karen Laosantos

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Melissa Carlos, Gerard Dela Cruz and Amalia Ruiz

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

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIGE, 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.

**Vale Bishop Kevin Manning (2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024)**

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, who died peacefully on Monday 15 July in Bathurst, NSW at the age of 90. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. The details for Bishop Kevin Manning's funeral at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta will be announced in the coming days. Read more about Bishop Manning on *Catholic Outlook* ([catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org)).

**Parish & Diocesan News**

**Peace, Justice and Ecology Table Talk – Housing for Everyone: 3 August**

Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: **3 August 2024 from 7:00–9:30 pm** (after the 6:00 pm Mass) at **The Good Shepherd Parish Hall**. Light dinner will be included. Please register at [tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24](http://tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24) or scan the QR code.



**Feast Day and 8th Solemn Day of Consecration to God the Father: 4 August**

Programme starts at 1:30 pm and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 pm in The Good Shepherd parish Church. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and confession after the Solemn Consecration to God the Father. Fellowship and entertainment to follow at The Good Shepherd parish hall. The seven days of Holy Octave of Consecration to God the Father will start on the 28th of July at the house of host families. Please call **0409 975 563** for enquiries.

**RCIA Catholic Inquiry Nights**

Catholic Inquiry nights are held in the **Parish Meeting Room** every **Monday at 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).

**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)