

## Franciscan Reflection:

Everyone needs food. Evidently, the five thousand men who followed Jesus and the disciples needed food. Despite enduring a great deal of hardship and suffering from hunger and thirst, from cold and nakedness, St Francis of Assisi and his early followers suffered all these things with constancy and patience. They did not become dejected or distressed, but exalted and rejoiced in their misfortunes. People saw them rejoicing in their tribulations, unceasing in very devout prayer and possessing such a great love for one another. People knew they were the Lord's disciples and experienced a change of heart. Are you a complainer and put people off altogether, or a joyful patient prayerful sufferer who points people to the Lord?

## 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 26/07/2024

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

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

28 July 2024

**1st Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44      **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:1-15

**Entrance Antiphon:** *God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.*

### 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.

# 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.

### 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 **25th of August 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.

"You pray for the hungry.  
Then you feed them. That's  
how prayer works."

— Pope Francis

### Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Aeris Raisse Calimbas  
Ajla Rhae Calimbas  
Ashlyne Raine Calimbas

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Ray, Laarni Gara Elegino, Ann Gaffney, Gunter Kluge, Mary Kuriakose, Joan Mifsad, Clemente Molina, Antonio Recto, Jose Recto, Emanuel Refalo, Victor Silva, Milene Rosa Vanedo and all souls in purgatory

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

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Boncato Family, Carmelita, Julie Kristin Flestado, Rommel Flestado, Jocelyn Lardizabal, Eliseo Perez and Louise Reyes

### 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, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Foleletina 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.

## **Bishop Kevin Manning (2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024) Funeral Details**

Reception of the Body and Vespers of the Dead will be held on Thursday 1 August at 6:00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, will be held on Friday 2 August at 11:00 am at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass and Vespers will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Parramatta's YouTube channel [www.bit.ly/3LC98rO](http://www.bit.ly/3LC98rO). Bishop Manning will then be interred on Monday 5 August in Coolah, NSW. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. To register your attendance, please visit [parracatholic.org/bishopmanning](http://parracatholic.org/bishopmanning).

## 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).

### Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 2 weeks away, on Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday **17 August at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst, for Modules 4-5**. 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)