

## Franciscan Reflection:

Every Capuchin friar can joyfully repeat the following words of St Francis of Assisi, "The Lord gave me some brothers..." Whenever a young man is inspired by the Gospel way of life of St Francis and responds to a vocation as a Capuchin friar, he becomes a gift from God to the Capuchin Franciscan Order. Likewise, all the Capuchins become a gift from God to him. We become a gift to each other and thank God for His generous blessings. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, are you being called to be a gift from God? If so, the joy of being abundantly blessed by God awaits!

## Parish & Diocesan News continued

### ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement Launch: 20 August

All are warmly invited to attend the official launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, 'Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World' on Tuesday 20 August from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in St Paul's Catholic College Sports Hall, Greystanes, adjoining Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Please RSVP your attendance via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1Wd96tbps0>

### 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)

### The FaithFeed: 6 September

Looking for great conversations + live atmosphere + storytelling from those in their 20's, 30's 40's? Sign up for The FaithFeed, Friday 6 September 2024 – Doors open 7:00 pm with live music for 7:30 pm start. Downstairs at Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



### 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 09/08/2024

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

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11 August 2024

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8      **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:41-51

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### 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.

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday 15 August (Holy Day of Obligation)

#### Mass Times:

Wednesday Vigil 14 August

- 7:30 pm (no Novena)

Thursday 15 August

- 9:00 am—School Mass with the Good Shepherd Primary School
- 10:00 am—School Mass at Saint Francis Primary School in Glendenning
- 7:30 pm—Evening Mass

### Congratulations

To Afa PUPUALII who recently completed his Minister at the Altar course in Blacktown

*“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”*

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** John Apap, Francisco Dakila, Elaine Mason-Johnson, Antonia Schembri and Rosita Zamora

**Healing / Good Health:** Ginette, Julian Aguilar, Lionel Joseph Dado, Gia Dinh, Brendon D'Souza, Erlinda Escueta, Martin Falk, Franklyn Foender, Jasmin & Liberty Ladios

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Nuval family and Analie Ramos

### 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, 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, 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.

### **Season of Creation: 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**

In 1989 Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitros I proclaimed September 1 as the Orthodox Day of Prayer for Creation. Subsequently, the World Council of Churches (WCC) extended the celebration until October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. In turn, in 2015 Pope Francis made the Season of Creation official for the Roman Catholic Church. In this regard, Pope Francis expressed in 2015:

“The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.”

### Parish & Diocesan News

#### Antioch Outreach Weekend 23 to 25 August

The Antioch Youth Group Plumpton is inviting all youths aged 16 to 26 to join their 2024 Outreach Weekend at the **Good Shepherd Primary School** starting **6:30 pm Friday 23 August** until **9:00 pm Sunday 25 August**. It will be a weekend full of talks, music, games, bonding, food, Mass and quiet reflection with God. Cost is \$50.00 per person. For more information or to register please contact the weekend leaders **Elise 0410 750 210** or **James 0490 859 741**.

#### The Retreat in Daily Life begins Monday 12 August

The retreat gives us the opportunity to draw closer to God, in our own time, with some suggested resources and information, over a month. The commitment: 15 – 60 mins each day within your own home, at your own pace. The **initial gathering** will be at the **Good Shepherd Parish meeting room, at 10:00 am on Monday 12 August**. If you cannot come to the first gathering, you can still join in the retreat. Please contact Sr Colleen Foley 0431 917 468 or Sr Pia Galea 0423 656 444 email [pgalea7@hotmail.com](mailto:pgalea7@hotmail.com).

#### 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).

#### Sydney Alliance - Blacktown Council Candidates Forum 2024: 5 September

The Sydney Alliance is bringing together members of the Blacktown community, through our organisations, to seek public accountability from local council candidates on **housing affordability**. It will be run on the principles of organised engagement with decision-makers, clear asks, courtesy and broad-based citizen representation. The Sydney Alliance is a non-party political organisation. **5th September Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Registration is essential** – follow this link: <https://events.humanitix.com/fair-housing-for-blacktown>

#### Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath invite you to **Mass with Bishop Vincent Long to launch the Season of Creation 2024** (1 September – 4 October) on **Sunday 1 September at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath, at 9:30 am**. Morning tea will be served after Mass. Let us join in praise and celebrate the gifts and wonders that God bestows on us.