

Franciscan Reflection

Jesus verbally proclaimed the Good News and many people repented and believed. Upon hearing the Gospel, St Francis of Assisi repented for his sinfulness, radically lived out his belief and courageously preached the Gospel. St Francis never said, “preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.” If anything, it is necessary and consistent to Gospel living to use words to preach.

- Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

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LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
Go to BruceDownes.org 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

INFORMATION

During the weekend Masses – the Commentator will be announcing any weekend Mass intentions/offerings during the notices and introduction to the Mass. Ideally Mass intentions/offerings for the weekend need to be handed in the day before (either to Father or at the parish office during the week)!

Weekday Mass intentions/offerings for the deceased will be mentioned during the Prayer of the Faithful at the weekday Masses and other intentions/offerings will be published in the parish bulletin.



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 16/02/2024

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.

1st Sunday of Lent

18 February 2024

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

Entrance Antiphon:

*When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.*

Responsorial Psalm:

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth
to those who keep your covenant.*

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon:

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of 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 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/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am
Wed 9:00 am & 7:30 pm (with Novena)
Saturday 8:00 am
Thursday 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

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.

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”
— Pope Francis

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Imeressa Vaoiva Soiso Aiono
Laione Monelle Soiso Aiono
Yuki Emilia Altobano
Frankie Robert Camilleri
Noah Gabriel Khorami

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **25th of February 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.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: John Apap, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Avelina Cabalar, Eugene Champion, Leif Delfinado, Kumarika Misso, Olga & Patrick Thomas and Theresa Thomas

For Good Health: Algeria Elkateb, Antonia Little, Shanida Macabuag, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Andrew Nashwan, Divina Patiag, Felicidad Senia and Vincensa Zahra

Anniversaries / Thanksgiving: Eulalio Aquino

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen & Mario BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Gary FERNANDEZ, Frances CARUANA, Gwen CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Maureen JACKSON, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT & Joan WREN.

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NEW Saturday Reconciliation Time

The **Saturday reconciliation time** will now be from **10:30 to 11:30 am**.

Fridays of LENT

On the **Fridays of Lent**, we will have the **Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm followed by Mass**.

The Good Shepherd Junior Choir CD Project

The **Junior Choir CDs** are still available to purchase at the Parish Office at \$15.00 ea. All proceeds go to support the parish. **Thank you for your support.**

ATTENTION! To Everyone Enrolled in the Legacy Program

We are currently updating the list of everyone who has donated or has pledged to donate to the Legacy Program for the construction of the new meeting rooms and toilets. **Please contact or visit the parish office** as soon as possible to **confirm your enrolment and update your details**. Thank you. Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au; phone: **02 9832 4461**.

Project Compassion 2024

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: **to create a better world for all future generations**. You can **donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the entrance of the Church**, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, by calling **1800 024 413** or by scanning the QR code.



Catholic Youth Parramatta 2024 LIFTED Launch: 29 February

LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7:00 to 9:30 pm. To register please visit www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 25 February

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Hunting for an excuse to catch up with Jesus and friends? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, on Sunday 25 February for 6:00 pm Mass. For more information, please contact Laura on laura@stbernadette.org.au

NEW Diocesan website launched

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

PASTORAL NOTES

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.