Franciscan Reflection:

On 15 August 1224, exactly 800 years ago, St Francis of Assisi retreated to La Verna, Italy for one last time. He was accompanied by Brother Leo. While there, St Francis composed *The Praises of God* and *A Blessing for Brother Leo*. May this blessing be for us, as it was for Brother Leo, an encouragement in persevering in our faith in the secular world around us.

May the Lord bless you and guard you.

May He show you His face and have mercy on you.

May He turn His visage to you and give you peace.

May the Lord bless you, Brother Leo.

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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

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**



Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 September

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill-Schofields on Friday 20 September 2024 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Deacon Menard Gaspi will be leading adoration and giving a short talk about vocations to the priesthood. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. Join us afterwards for refreshments. For more Information, please contact the parish office on (02) 9626 3326 or email:

parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au

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



THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary

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Phone: 02 9832 4461

After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440 Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website: www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 16/08/2024

 Donations
 \$27,665.00

 Raffle tickets
 \$12,104.00

 Legacy Donation
 \$43,000.00

 Total Amount
 \$82,769.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

18 August 2024

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;

and look on the face of your anointed one;

one day within your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy;

in him is plentiful redemption.

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

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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.

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.

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**.

"With Christ as the center of your life, you will never be disappointed."

— Pope Francis

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Jasmy Gerta Munsayac Balingit Santiago Cora Pardo Fynn Victor Scanlan Elias Boutros Sukkar Tommy Petelo Sukkar

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Phero, Nita Alabanza, Connie Azzopardi, Siano Barbado, Teresa Bartolo, Consuelo Estigoy, Edwin Fernandes, Porfirio Guevarra Sr, Florentina Masa, Artis Montances, Lucila Villavert Moscoso, Thomas Nathan, Florita Piczon, Victor Silva, Antonia Sultana, Joseph Sultana, Mignoune Cecilia Yates and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Lionel Joseph Dado, Gia Dinh, Brendon D'Souza, Erlinda Escueta, Martin Falk, Franklyn Foenander, T. Fernandes, Jasmin & Liberty Ladios and Maribel Milag

Birthday / Thanksgiving: Evelyn Arce, Ronalda Anne Thomas and Guzeppi Zammit

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.

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Parish Council Meeting – 22 August 2024

The Parish Council Meeting will be held this Thursday 22 August at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All parish ministries, communities and groups are requested to send a representative to this meeting. Please forward your reports to Christine Nathan, email: khaliburn@gmail.com, before Tuesday 20 August.

Pastoral Plan Committee Meeting

The Pastoral Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday 20 August at 7:30 pm in the meeting room.

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**.

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.

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 <u>housing affordability</u>. 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

Season of Creation: 1st September to 4th 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."

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.

Litter in the Church Carpark and Courtyard

There have been several instances where rubbish were left around the Church carpark and courtyard especially on weekends. Please throw your rubbish in the bins provided — near the toilets and outside the kitchen or bring them home with you. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.