

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.

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.

“With Christ as the center of your life, you will never be disappointed.”
— Pope Francis

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**.

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, 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, 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.

Parish & Diocesan News

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 **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>

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.