

## Franciscan Reflection:

'What about you, do you want to go away too?' This is a serious relationship question that Jesus asked the Twelve. It is also a question that He asks us, not once, but every moment of our lives. By choosing to stay in a faithful relationship with Him – the Author of life – we are granted eternal life. Many holy men and women chose this option rather than stepping away from Him and forfeiting what He promises. Sts Francis and Claire of Assisi made the right choice when they chose to grow in relationship with Jesus by living according to the Gospel in poverty, humility and simplicity. Look at where they are now. Let's choose to stay and imitate their example.

## Parish & Diocesan News continued

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Monday 26 August at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill for Modules 1 and 3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by visiting this link on the training events: <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)



### 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**



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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 23/08/2024

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

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

25 August 2024

**1st Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2,15-18      **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:60-69

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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)  
1st & 2nd Friday 7:30 pm  
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.

"Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial." — St John Paul II

### Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **22nd of September 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

Eion Grey Samonte Arana  
'Akileo Peter Chanel Halatokoua  
Mary-Rose 'Amalani Halatokoua  
Blessing 'Akileo Pukenga Ohi

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

**Death Anniversaries/In Memoriam:** Sr Frances, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Ester Brillantes, Rosa Carvasiglia, Policarpio Fabian Jr, Raymond Fulwood, Sr Victoria Muscat, Salvador Nassif, Solomon Pereira, Prisca Perez, Ma Lydia Quartermain, Francisco Quimbo, Filomeno Serrano, Sister Bernie Silva, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Teresa Thomas and John Tumapon

**Healing/Good Health:** Jerome Alipio, Amelia Bell, Lionel Joseph Dado, Erlinda Escueta, Martin Falk, Franklyn Foenander, T. Fernandes, Jasmin & Liberty Ladios and Maribel Milag

**Birthday/Thanksgiving:** Joana Bergonia, Charmaine & Lorensz Misso and Gerardo Moncada

### 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, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### 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).

### Bishop's Father's Day Appeal Supporting Our Retired Priests

This **Father's Day, 1st September 2024**, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this **QR code**. **Donation envelopes will also be available next weekend 31 August/01 September**. Thank you.



### 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>

### Shape our future with our new Pastoral Plan for 2024 – 2028

The Diocese of Parramatta has recently launched our Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church 2024–2028: **'Behold, I am with you'**. Our 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 16 months. Together, we can use this plan to revitalise our local community and shape the future of our Diocese. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, please visit [parracatholic.org/synodality](http://parracatholic.org/synodality).

### 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.

### Diocesan Season of Creation Gathering: 14 September

You are invited to a Diocesan Season of Creation gathering on Saturday 14 September from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. This event is part of Catholic Earthcare's national Season of Creation Convocation from 12–14 September. Cost is \$50 for the Diocesan gathering only, or \$100 for the full Convocation (with days 1 and 2 online). For program details, please visit [tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24](http://tinyurl.com/soc-gathering24). Register for the Convocation by 10 September at [caritas.org.au/soc-convocation](http://caritas.org.au/soc-convocation).

### 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.