

## Franciscan Reflection:

We need water in its uncontaminated state. It is essential for our survival and for plants and animals. St Francis of Assisi, the Patron of Ecology describes water as “very useful, humble, precious and chaste (pure).” He is spot on! The usefulness of water depends on its purity. We all have the responsibility to prevent its contamination and exploitation. We can learn how St Francis related to this precious resource. He (a creation of God) sees water also as a creation of God. With the same origin - God the Creator, he identifies water, “aqua” a feminine word in Italian, as his sister. With a Common Home, St Francis (representing humanity) and Sister Water both have a reciprocal role to play in each other’s lives.

Today, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme of Pope Francis’ Message for this occasion is: “Hope and act with Creation.” Our Holy Father invites us not to be indifferent to Sister Water, for example, but to “hope and act with” her. We need to do all in our means to keep her “very useful, humble, precious and chaste (pure).” — *Fr John Nguyen ofmcap*

## 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 2nd of September at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill for Module 2 . More training opportunities will be available throughout the month of 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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### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 30/08/2024

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

# 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.

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

01 September 2024

**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

**2nd Reading:** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### 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.

"We must love one another as God loves each one of us. To be able to love, we need a clean heart. Prayer is what gives us a clean heart. The fruit of prayer is a deepening of faith and the fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action."

— St Teresa of Calcutta

### 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

Verena Cecellia Talione Aloisio

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Domingo, Joseph C, Esmenia & Santos Claveria, Dave Andrew Culala, Dino Rafferty, Emanuel Refalo, Marlene A Santiago and Rita Vaughn

**Healing / Good Health:** Joana, Jerome Alipio, Amelia Bell, Lionel Joseph Dado, Erlinda Escueta, Martin Falk, Franklyn Foenander, T. Fernandes, Liberty & Jasmin Ladios, Reynaldo Lobo, Anet & Tesa Mejo, Maribel Milag and Bal Valentin

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Carlton & Felecia Jane, Kallixtus Mafi, Romana Milan and Imeleta Fatima Taateo

### 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, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

## INFORMATION

1. Next Sunday, September 8, as part of our celebration of the Season of Creation we will have the Blessing of seeds and seedlings at all Masses. If you have seeds (or seedlings) you wish to plant at home – bring these along next Sunday for the blessing.
2. On September 15 Sunday 9:00 am Mass we will celebrate the Baptisms of Essaiah Lucas Enriquez, Jahaan Kaur Mansfield, Saanjh Kaur Mansfield, Samantha Margaret O'Neill, Gabrielle Rose Rolls and Malachi John Rolls.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To celebrate Our Lady's Birthday, all Parishioners are invited by the Legion of Mary to a fellowship in the Parish Meeting Room next **Saturday 7th September after the 6:00 pm Mass.**

### CFCA Christian Life Program

Sunday afternoons—6th October to 17th November 2024.

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

This **Father's Day**, 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 are available in the Church pews.** Thank you.



### 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).

### 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 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).