

Readings for next weekend 29 September 2024—the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29; Second reading: James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Franciscan Reflection:

On 23 September, we celebrate the feast day of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a well-known Capuchin Franciscan Friar. He gave the following words of wisdom, “Always live under the eyes of the Good Shepherd and you will walk unharmed through evil pastures.” As an obedient sheep, St Padre Pio stayed within the fold and close to Jesus, the Good Shepherd throughout his life of suffering and violent demonic attacks. He resisted the devil’s temptations. His faith remained unharmed under the protection of the Good Shepherd.

Will you stay with the Good Shepherd in good times and bad times of life?

— Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

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Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 28 September at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout September and October. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite young and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sister M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

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



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 20/09/2024

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

22 September 2024

1st Reading: *Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

2nd Reading: *James 3:16-4:3*

Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:30-37*

Entrance Antiphon: *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord upholds my life.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

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.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **20th of October 2024 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish Church**. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them. — St. Teresa of Calcutta

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion

Essaiah Lucas Lee Enriquez
Jahaan Singh Mansfield
Saanjh Kaur Mansfield
Samantha Margaret O'Neill
Gabriella Rose Rolls
Malachi John Rolls

Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch

Young people are empowered & 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: Danilo Bandian, Felipe Dela Cruz, Luningning Lagman, Jose Lagman, Chantal Picon, Benjamin Poncardas, Rosalinda Quilala, Crisanto Uru, Friana Vergara and Natividad Vergara

Healing / Good Health: Cornelius, Edgardo, Mark, Prithi, Hnura family, Erlinda Escueta, Siuta Falani, Franklyn Foenander, Reynaldo Lobo, Anet & Tesa Mejo and Clem O'Brien

Birthday / Thanksgiving: Calisto, Lamberto Balita, Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Chloe Cabalhin, Erlinda Escueta, T Fernandes, Ezra Jacob Nuval, Jonathan Tandoc and Julius Uru

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, Mary MUSCAT, 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.

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CFCA Christian Life Program

The programs consist of talks, singing, sharing of faith experiences to discover the joy and beauty of Christ's love and to bring glad tidings to the poor. **Orientation Day** will be on the **6th of October 2024 at 2:00-4:00 pm** in The Good Shepherd Parish **meeting room**. For more information, please contact: Mike & Malou Calanno 0416 576 515; Randy & Beth Hipolito 0430 047 964; Frank & Rose Castillo 0403 136 597; Lex & Sharon Tanes 0451 518 436; James & Blanche Calambro 0420 656 318.

Seeking God's Grace: Episode 126 - Let's Talk About the Mass Part 1 - with Fr Gerard

Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap explains to us the parts of the Mass and their meaning. This is Part 1 of the talks about the Eucharist: What is the meaning of words Eucharist and Mass; Does Penitential Rite remove our sins; What is the Liturgy of the Word; Why do we stand and sit during the Mass; What does "collect" mean; and some more important questions have been answered describing what is happening during the Mass from the beginning until the end of the Liturgy of the Word. **Please follow this link:**

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/0L8L8MNngClzfMToxDsNTGr?si=6e1b61d31d6b4285>

Enjoy the talk!

The Gift of the Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi

All are invited to join in the **second of two zoom session** on:

- **24 September 7:00 pm AEST** — Week 2: What significance the stigmata might have for us today. Zoom – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83840839185> — Meeting ID: 838 4083 9185
The zoom sessions will be recorded if you would like a link for the recording, please email: franciscanfederationaustralia@outlook.com

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: 'Behold, I Am With You Always'

"The People of God have shared their hopes, fears, dreams and anxieties. These have now gained shape and form this Pastoral Plan. Our pastoral plan invites every person to become co-creators in the building up of the Kingdom of God. We take heart trusting in God who loves us unconditionally and without limits, allowing the words of Jesus to echo in our hearts 'Behold, I am with you always' – Matthew 28:20." (Page 7, Diocesan Pastoral Plan). Download your copy of the Plan at www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

MET Worship Ministry to the Sick and Dying Formation: 19 October

Are you currently taking Communion to the Sick and Dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. **Saturday 19 October from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to **register before 14 October**, please contact Hannah on hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211 or visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship>

Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 October

Please join us across the Diocese to **pray for more vocations to the priesthood**. Join us at **Saint Aidan's Parish**, Rooty Hill on **Friday 18 October from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with Fr Galbert Albino**. Holy Hour will be followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email galbert.albino@parracatholic.org