

## Celebrating the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Church

### Observing the Anniversary of the Dedication

If you ask anyone about the annual traditions of the church, most people go straight to Christmas and Easter. The Catholic liturgical calendar anchors us in God's great story, calling us to remember together the work God has done for us. The church year guided us in a yearlong meditation on God's redemptive love. Every year, we journey through the history of God's people, the life of Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit. And every year, we also celebrate the dedication of our Church building of the Good Shepherd – a place where we gather to worship God.

It is just right that we give thanks for this occasion in our parish. For Catholics, Churches are built to honour God. Catholic Churches are no ordinary buildings. They are specifically consecrated and set aside for the worship of the True God alone. He is truly present on the Altar and in the Tabernacle. The building itself is very important because it is a place which has been set apart as the house of God and should be treated with great reverence and respect. And we should visit them and pray before our Lord present in the Tabernacle whenever possible. Honour God by honouring that which is consecrated to Him. Honour your parishes and help us build up the kingdom of God brick by brick as we rediscover our venerable traditions.

### Some History

Early Christians gathered in homes to celebrate the Eucharist, or Mass. They obeyed Jesus' command of the Last Supper: 'Do this in memory of me' (Luke 22:19)

There were times of persecution for followers of Jesus. In some places, they gathered over tombs of martyrs to celebrate the Eucharist. Martyrs had given their lives rather than deny their faith, and were seen as models for Christians.

However, in places where Christians were relatively safe, they gathered in larger Church buildings. The first recorded Church dedication was in 314 in the city of Tyre. This was one year after the Edict of Milan, when the Emperor Constantine stopped the persecutions of Christians.

### Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29: 10-13; 15-19

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision."

Psalm 122: 1-9

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

<sup>2</sup> Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup> To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers."

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you."

<sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.

### We Pray:

God of all goodness, it is our pledge to follow humbly the way of your Son, to welcome warmly all who come here and to reach out courageously in service to others. Bless our efforts, O God, that your love might be known in our every gathering.



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 27/09/2024

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.

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

29 September 2024

**1st Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29

**2nd Reading:** James 5:1-6

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

### Entrance Antiphon:

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!*

### Communion Antiphon:

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

### 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.

### Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2024/2025

- Registration Forms & Parents Information Sheets will be available from **12 October 2024**, at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office
- Parents Information Night and Registration: **05 November 2024** – Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Church – 1 parent only (no children). Completed registration forms and a COPY of Baptismal certificate must be submitted on this night. Failure to attend the Parent Information Night may result in non-acceptance of your registration.

### 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.

### Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Jeremy Stephen Bugeja  
Lusila Beneth Mefiposeta  
Elena Harper Patrikis  
Alexis Stiles

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Angelito, Celia, Dominga, Mario, Nena, Samuel, Pablo Abrigo, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Ester Brillantes, John & Robert D'Souza, Rex Fabian, Afra & Hilary Fernandes, Revelyn Galising, Jocelyn & Lolinda Gawayon, Loxton Melville, Clem O'Brien, Remedios Pelecio, Carmelo & Josephine Pisani, Godofredo Raguindin, Iluminada Rondario, Janaya Spencer, Patrick & Olga Thomas, Theresa Thomas and Poligena Tolentino  
**Healing / Good Health:** Cornelius, Edgardo, Mark, Prithi, Hnura family, Erlinda Escueta, Siuta Falani, Franklyn Foenander, Reynaldo Lobo, Anet & Tesa Mejo  
**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Ace Karen Jane Boncato, Corpuz family, T Fernandes, Jennifer Taateo and Jeffrey & Rose Vi Tungul

### 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, George CASSAR, 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, 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.

### **Franciscan Reflection**

This Thursday evening, on 03 October, Franciscans throughout the world including the Capuchins Friars in Plumpton will gather for a special celebration called the **Transitus** (a liturgy celebrating the passing of St Francis from this world to eternal life). All are welcome to the Friary Garden at 7:30 pm.

The emotions of those witnessing St Francis dying were mixed. Some of his followers sang the Canticle of Brother Sun, comforted the Saint with the Gospel of John and sought forgiveness before being orphaned; one of them was more concerned about the ruckus and relocated the Saint; Lady Jacoba desperate to see the Saint for one last time rushed to the scene with all that was needed for burial and a box of almond biscuits (St Francis had a sweet tooth). For Saint Francis, however, although in pain and blind, he was full of joy and was singing. Sister Death was a welcomed guest because he knew he did God's will on earth and will continue joyfully singing forever in Heaven where he would meet His Saviour.

### Parish & Diocesan News

#### The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

**Transitus** – Thursday **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 pm in the Friary Garden. **Mass on October 4<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm (there will be **NO Adoration after the 9:00 am Mass this Friday only**). The 9:00 am Mass will be followed by morning tea with the Friars.

#### Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church

On October 26/27 we will be celebrating the **36th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church** at all Masses that weekend. Following the 9:00 am Sunday Mass there will be a **Parish Expo and International Food celebration** in the Parish Hall. Mark your Calendar!

#### Altar Servers' Training – 19 October 2024

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton will be conducting an Altar Servers' training on the **19th of October Saturday at 9:00 am in the Church**. If your child has received their First Holy Communion and would like to join the Altar Servers' ministry, please come to the training. All current Altar Servers are also invited to attend the training.

#### CFCA Christian Life Program

**Orientation Day** will be next Sunday **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 127 - Let's Talk About the Eucharist Part 2 - with Fr Gerard

This is the second part of talking about the Eucharist. In this Episode we learn more about: what is happening during the main part of the Mass - Consecration; why do we kneel in the church; how to receive the Holy Communion; and how to implement in daily life the Eucharistic attitude. Follow the link for Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4eGtJO9BXvey96UYwf8DtH?si=6cc2d1407a2f4705>

or access it from our parish Facebook page. Enjoy the talk!

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

As the baptised People of God, we each have a personal responsibility to contribute positively to building a culture of welcome, hospitality and meaningful connection within the Church community. What are some concrete actions our faith community can take to better welcome and include all individuals, especially those who have historically felt marginalised or unwelcome? (Pg. 31-32, Pastoral Plan). Help shape a welcoming Church for all: [www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

#### **Readings for next weekend — the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First reading:** Genesis 2:18-24 ; **Second reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11 ; **Gospel:** Mark 10:2-12