

36th Anniversary of the Dedication of The Good Shepherd Church

"The anniversary of a Church's dedication is celebrated with the rank of a solemnity."

- Roman Pontifical, Rite of Dedication of a Church, 27.

Next weekend 26 & 27 October—at all Masses, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of The Good Shepherd Church. The annual celebration of a parish Church's dedication outranks even most Sundays of the Church's liturgical year. The true beauty of the Church, of course, the baptized members of the Mystical Body of Christ, of which our Church building is an important symbol and has an important function. It is here in this building that we are formed to be the Church living and receiving His saving Sacraments. Jesus is the Head and we, the baptized, are the Body (1 Cor. 12:12-26). Be who you are called to be – Jesus Christ!

In the rite of the Dedication of a Church from the Roman rite it says, "Through His death and resurrection, Christ became the true and perfect temple of the New Covenant and gathered a people to be his own. This holy people, made one as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one, is the Church, that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is worshipped in spirit and truth. Rightly, then, from early times 'Church' has also been the name given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the Word of God, to pray together, to receive the Sacraments, and to celebrate the Eucharist. Because the Church is a visible building, it stands as a special sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and reflects the Church dwelling in heaven."

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 3:9-11; 16-17

⁹ For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

1 Peter 2:4-9

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honour, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

We Pray:

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and her most chaste spouse, St Joseph intercede for us always, to guard us and to guide us to their Son, the Good Shepherd, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, so that by His Holy Cross, we may know and see His redemption of all the world, to know through our pilgrim life on this earth, the grace of the holy sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments so that, one day, we, too, might come to live in the eternal house of God and join forever with the Angels and the Saints in the liturgy of heaven.



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 18/10/2024

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 36th 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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

20 October 2024

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Entrance Antiphon:

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.*

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 **24th of November 2024 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

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.

"I am nothing; I am but an instrument, a tiny pencil in the hands of the Lord with which He writes what he likes. However imperfect we are, he writes beautifully."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Teresa Adviento, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Benjamin Camilon Sr, Benjamin & Lucille Familara, John Felice, Irene Fernandez, Nieves Guinto, Silverio Ladios Sr, Dominador Lobo, Efren Reyes, Olga & Patrick Thomas and Theresa Thomas

Healing / Good Health: Prithi, Isolde & Erlinda, Jasmin Andrew, William Calura, Bernardino Leopoldo Duran Dado, Erlinda Escueta, Siuta Falani, Franklyn Foenander, Tesa Mejo, Owen Ohi, Nestor Casanova Reyes, Miguela Estella Asolacia Soto, Ethan & Ryan Walter and Geronimo Zaragoza

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.

Parish & Diocesan News

Holy Hour – Friday 25 October 7:30 pm

As part of our Anniversary of Dedication celebrations there will be Holy Hour this Friday the 25th of October at the Church from 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church

Next weekend **October 26/27** we will be celebrating the **36th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church** at all Masses. **Following the 9:00 am Sunday Mass** there will be a **Parish Expo and International Food celebration** in the Parish (Bingo) Hall.

NO 12 noon Sunday Vietnamese Mass on 27 October

The Vietnamese Community will be joining our celebration of the Anniversary of the Dedication at the 9:00 am Mass on the 27th of October. There will no 12 noon Vietnamese Mass on the day.

Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Program

Parent Information night on the 5th of November, Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Parish Church. Completed registration form and copy of your child's baptism certificate must be submitted on this night. **Registration forms and Parent Information sheet are now available** at the entrance of the Church and at the parish office.

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

"The Church is not a community of perfect people, but of disciples on a journey, who follow the Lord because they know they are sinners and in need of his pardon" - Pope Francis. How do we understand our baptismal call to be missionary disciples - as a local faith community and in partnership with other local groups? What education and formation do we need? (Pg. 35-36, Pastoral Plan). Learn more about living out your faith in action: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

2024 Sydney Alliance Convention – 30 October 2024

As a member of the Sydney Alliance, the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to be part of our delegation at the 2024 Sydney Alliance Convention in Blacktown on **30 October 6:00 to 8:45 pm at the Bowman Hall, 35 Campbell St, Blacktown**. The Convention will be an opportunity to **come together** from across faith- community- and union-based organisations that reflect the diversity of Greater Sydney. It will **celebrate some positive wins** that the Alliance & our member organisations have been part of securing this year. And the Convention will **build momentum for a Federal Pre-Election Assembly** in early 2025, where the Alliance will negotiate with politicians seeking to win Government on an agenda for affordable and secure housing, clean and affordable energy, and action on climate. At the Convention, delegates from our organisation will have a chance to share their stories around housing, energy and climate. There will be Federal politicians present and we will build a relationship with them ahead of the election. To register, please go to <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-convention-2024>, and select "Sydney Alliance Organisations" and "Catholic Diocese of Parramatta" in the process. **Kindly advise us of your registration**. If you have already registered, we would appreciate if you could let us know.

MET FaithLIFE Ministry Leaders Short Course: Starting 29 October

Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Looking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Curious about learning from the experience of an international Catholic movement? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Young Christian Workers (YCW) on **Tuesdays 29 October and 5 November!** For more information and to registration visit: <https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-ministry> or contact met@parracatholic.org

Readings for next weekend — Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church

First reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; **Second reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19