

Genuine Faith and Authentic Living

The readings for this Sunday address the theme of authenticity in living out one's beliefs. In the second reading, Paul acknowledges the genuine faith of the Thessalonians, evidenced by their actions powered by the Holy Spirit. In the gospel, Jesus highlights the importance of authentic living by delineating the boundaries of earthly and spiritual commitments.

These passages prompt readers to question the sincerity of their own actions. Are they merely performing rote religious rituals? Or are they, like the Thessalonians, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide their actions, leading to genuine love and steadfast hope? Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees is a clear call for authenticity. By asking them to "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's," Jesus emphasizes the need to be genuine in both secular and spiritual duties without being hypocritical.

The connecting thread here is the call to lead an authentic life. It's about understanding and acknowledging our responsibilities in the secular world while ensuring our spiritual commitments aren't compromised. Both passages serve as reminders that genuine faith is evident in one's actions and that authenticity in all facets of life is paramount.

— Young Catholics

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2024

Getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Please visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called **SmartLoving** can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone **Karin on 0419 242 435** or **Marisa on 0412 280 017**.

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

Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
www.goodshepherd.org.au

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 20/10/2023

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$41,000.00
Total Amount	\$74,300.00
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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: Give the Lord glory and honour.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. 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 Priest	Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap	<u>Daily MASS Times</u>
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	Wed 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	<u>Weekend MASS Times</u>
Parish Council Chairperson	Mrs Rowena Villadolid	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	Sun 7:00 am/ 9:00 am & 6:00 pm 12:00 pm (Vietnamese) Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz	
Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller	<u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u>
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite	Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of November 2023 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

"Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say." — St. John Paul II

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Nevaeh Ruth Calambro
Lafu Kitara Moevanu Fuimaono
Lhuria Arietta Fuimaono
Lyrianna Milovale Fuimaono

Death Anniversaries: We Remember

Leticia Armenta, Eutiquio Belacho, Lorna Hall,
Rosalinda Lomboy, Carmen & Fred Ramos, Merle
Tobias & Godofredo Verceles

**May perpetual light shine upon them,
O Lord. Amen †**

We remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Maureen JACKSON, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Maureen & John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, John RILEY, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA & Joan WREN.

For Good Health: Tesa and Gamil, Josephine Anthony, Doris Barrett, Justin Flestado, Delmar & Gunter Kluge, Rodney Lester, Jo Murray, Cora Murrell, Clem & Carmel O'Brien, Michael Pascal, Austin Michael Politono, Joao Rosa, Eric Siale, Lita Stacey, Marvin Torres & Mercedes Valix.

35 Years Celebration of the Church Building

On the 11th of November, 2023, we plan to celebrate the 35th year of the consecration of the church at the 6:00 pm Mass. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen will be the main celebrant. This is indeed a special occasion for us to gather as Good Shepherd Parishioners and celebrate.

I take this opportunity to invite various ethnic group leaders part of Plumpton parish to join in the Gospel procession. Could you please submit your name to Parish Office and the community you represent? Please do this as soon as possible.

On the day, after the Eucharistic celebration, there will be finger food, desserts, and a cultural program. Please put your name down if you are interested in performing.

Fr Vincy D'Costa ofmcap - Parish Priest

Announcements

Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The **Parent Information night** for the First Holy Communion program will be held on Monday, **6th of November at 7:30 pm in the Church**. Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and in the parish office.

Parish Planned Giving Envelopes

The latest set of Planned Giving envelopes are now available at the **entrance of the Church**.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day Masses

The Mass times for **All Saints' Day—1st November** are **6:00 am, 9:00 am & 7:30 pm** and for **All Souls' Day—2nd November** **6:00 & 9:00 am**.

Plumpton Antioch - Youth Faith Retreat

Plumpton Antioch would like to invite **youth aged 16-25** to our **Outreach Weekend** on **Friday 24th November 6:30 pm until Sunday 26th November 9:00 pm** at the **Good Shepherd Primary School**. There will be talks, food and other activities to explore and deepen your faith over the course of the two days and three nights. If you would like to find out more information, please contact our weekend leaders **Elijah (0481080083)** or **Bek (0403414882)** or our parent couple **Russel (0433121381)** or **Nicole (0416329924)**. Come join our faith community on our journey to Know and Love Jesus more deeply.

Live Crib Event - Animals Needed

Animals are needed for the **Live Crib Event** on the **15th of December 2023**. Please contact the parish office: phone **02 9832 4461**, email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au; or **meet with one of our priests**, if you can help.

DINNER DANCE - St Nicholas Festa Committee

St. Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **DINNER DANCE** on the **18th of November at the Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be a 3 Course dinner, Entertainment by the Rockin Mustangs, Raffle & lots of fun for everyone. Tickets are Adults - \$50, Children under 10 - \$20 and Kids under 4 are Free. To **book your tickets** please call **Stella on 0414 188 226**.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The **annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be held on **Sunday 29 October at 11:00 am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. **Bishop Vincent** will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary **will receive a certificate** from Bishop Vincent. Please **register your name**, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or **phone (02) 8838 3460** by **20 October**. Family and friends are welcome.