

Franciscan Reflection

Almost blind and sensing that Sister Death was approaching, the brothers comforted St Francis of Assisi. They carried him from the Bishop's Palace to the Portiuncula. Along the way, St Francis requested that they stop and help him face the city of Assisi. He, who was merciful in his lifetime is now being shown mercy by others, blessed the city with the following words, "Lord, just as I believe that at an earlier time this city was the abode of wicked and evil men, with a bad reputation throughout all this region; so now I realise that, because of Your abundant mercy and in Your own time, You have shown an abundance of mercies to it... May it always be mindful of the abundant mercies which You have shown to it..."

Let us bear witness to Christ through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

— Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Parramatta Catholic Foundation - Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Please support our seminarians to "go out into the deep." Your gift will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. The **Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal donation envelopes** will be available during the weekend Masses on **20 & 21 April 2024**.

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this **FREE** online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

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

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 05/04/2024

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$76,300.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

07 April 2024

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Entrance Antiphon:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

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/Wed/Fri 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (**Vietnamese**)
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 **28th of April 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 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.

"One cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God!"

— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Derrick Jacob, Glenda Manansala, Ivan Patrick Quintos, Emanuel Refalo, Rafael Torres Tiotuico and all the holy souls in purgatory

For Good Health: Andrew, Divina, Mark, Michael, Jojie Aquino-Jacobe, Franklin Foenander, Sr Colleen Foley, Rosa Luppino, Isabel Maximo, Tesa Mejo and Gabrielle Rumora

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen & Mario BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Sesilia VAVE, Sione VEA, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

INFORMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Parent Information night and registration:

28 May 2024, Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Confirmation classes: Child & Parent/Guardian MUST attend all classes)

09 June, Sunday – 1st lesson 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

16 June, Sunday – 2nd lesson 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Venue for classes:

Good Shepherd Primary School premise

Rehearsal with Sponsor:

22 June – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Church)

Rite of Confirmation:

24 June – Monday at 7:00 pm (Church)

Additional Information:

1. All children require a Sponsor.
Sponsor's name must be provided on Parent Info night, May 28.
2. Confirmation Name:
All children must choose a Saint's name as their Confirmation name
If your child is baptised with a Christian name, eg: Matthew, Mark or John, there is no need to choose another Saint's name.
Confirmation name must be provided on Parent Info night, May 28.
3. Registration forms and Parent Information sheet will be available at the start of May at the back of the Church or from the parish office.

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YFCA Weekend

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) is inviting all youths from year 7 to 12 to join our youth entry program on 3rd–5th May 2024. The venue is in Good Shepherd Primary School. Registration fee is \$30.00. Please contact Jeff and RoseVi on 0416 245 254 for further inquiries.

St Nicholas Festa Variety Night – 27 April 2024

The St Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **Variety Night** on the **27th of April** at **The Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be food for purchase, entertainment by various artists, raffle & lots of fun for everyone. **TICKETS** are \$10.00 each & Children under 12 are **FREE**. To book your tickets please call **Stella on 0414 188 226** or **Emanuel on 0405 677 064**

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities at The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton will be hosting face-to-face Safeguarding trainings in the parish meeting room on the following dates:

- Module 4: Friday 17 May (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 18 May (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Module 5: Friday 14 June (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 15 June (10:00 – 11:30 am)