

Readings for next weekend — Third Sunday of Lent

First reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; **Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

Lent and Liturgy

The YEAR A readings in the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass were prepared with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in mind. They focus upon conversion and renewal.

Last Sunday in the Rite of reception of names followed by the Rite of Election at the Cathedral we gave recognition to the growth in faith of our catechumens, and in the Rite of Election, Bishop Vincent declared them to be elected by God to become full members of the Church through the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Jodeci (Rae) Baker, Josiah Baker, Viole Patiole and Vanessa Phan in your prayers.

The “Scrutinies” celebrated at the 9:00 am Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent (using the Year “A” readings) is the most Lenten part of Lent! The scrutinies mean to examine our lives (and those of the Elect). These rites call us away from individualism. The scrutinies are an honest facing and naming of the things that hold us back on our journey to the Father, especially social and systemic sinfulness. And it is only by the mercy of God that we can overcome this sinfulness.

— Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

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Ministers and Acolytes Liturgies of Holy Week Seminar: 22 March

All Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Senior Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are invited to attend the Holy Week Liturgies seminar which will focus on the different Holy Week Easter Triduum liturgies presented by Mr Chris Ohlsen. This is a repeat of previous years presented by Mr Ohlsen. Liturgies covered are PALM SUNDAY, MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER SUNDAY. On Saturday 22nd March from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). Morning tea and lunch provided. To register, please use this link <https://parracatholic.org/events/celebrating-holy-week-seminar/> by Monday 17th March for catering purposes.

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 Planned Giving Envelopes for the next four months 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 also 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

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Parish Vision:

*a place where all people are welcomed...
a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are put to use...
a place where people are empowered to live the good news of Jesus.*

Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least 12 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 14/03/2025

Donations	\$28,365.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$83,469.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

16 March 2025

1st Reading:	<i>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Philippians 3:17 - 4:1</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</i>

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)**
First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration)
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 **23rd of March 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Theodore Jerome Balatbat
Jacob Anthony Gao
Lachlan Kinh Trinh

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.

"Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration."
— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Augusto Aceveda, John Apap, Remedios Laboga Balais, Rainer Cruz, Henry D'Souza, Leah & Xavier D'Souza, Ann Gaffney, Cynthia & Davis Henriqis, Antonina Macalintal, Phyllis McHatton, Marcus Pereira, Prisca D'Costa Rodrigues, Anne Van Ross, Emiliano Vallesfino, George Vaz and all souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Pope Francis, Amber Daniels, Baby Hajar and Billy Mitchell

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Jocel Bermudez

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Donald MCKECHNIE, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, 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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Saint Vincent De Paul Society (Vinnies) Leaving Collection

The St. Vincent De Paul Society will be having a leaving collection after each Mass next weekend 22nd and 23rd of March. A tap machine will be available if you are not able to bring cash. Please give generously.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS re-enactment on Good Friday

Any youth aged 15 - 20 years old interested in taking part in the stations of the cross in Good Shepherd this year may **contact RoseVi on 0416245254 as soon as possible**. Send her a text with your full name, age, and parent's name. Practices will start soon.

Caritas Project Compassion

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. You can support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the **QR code**, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



HIGH FIVE FOR LENT

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion towards those seeking protection—refugees, migrants, and families in vulnerable situations who have been left behind. Your charity is a reflection of God's love in action. We are continuing our partnership with HoW and asking for your support. Over the five weeks of Lent, we will focus on collecting five essential food items simple yet crucial staples for families living hand to mouth. Let us walk together this Lent, not only in prayer and reflection but also in action, extending Christ's love to those most in need.

The FaithFeed: 29 March

Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Baulkham Hills Parish in the Hills Deanery. The FaithFeed will be held on Saturday 29 March. Doors open 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start. The night will feature faith stories, live music, activities and great conversation. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events-faithfeed

Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage

Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

April – events and celebrations to mark

- 5th (Saturday) "Table talk"—theme: Mission. After the 6:00pm Mass...meal included.
- 12th (Saturday) morning – servers rehearsal for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- 12th/13th Palm Sunday
- 14th (Monday) "What is the Easter Triduum" presentation by Fr. Gerard 7:30pm in the meeting room.
- 15th (Tuesday) 7:30pm Gathering for Readers of the Triduum liturgies.
- 16th (Wednesday) Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (no evening Mass in the parish).
- 17th Holy Thursday
- 18th Good Friday
- 19th Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil
- 20th Easter Sunday