

Franciscan Reflection

Saints Peter, James and John discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. In one sense, a resurrection can be to rise from the death of sin by the grace of our Creator. "The forgiveness of sins is a kind of resurrection from the dead because sinners are as it were dead, without feeling and movement." Saint Francis of Assisi exemplified what rising from the dead could mean as a redeemed sinner. We can also rise from the dead with God's grace.

- Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

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Job Vacancies: Diocesan Outreach Assistants – Aid To The Church In Need (ACN)

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to www.aidtochurch.org/work or scan the QR code



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

INFORMATION

During the weekend Masses – the Commentator will be announcing any weekend Mass intentions/offerings during the notices and introduction to the Mass. Ideally Mass intentions/offerings for the weekend need to be handed in the day before (either to Father or at the parish office during the week)!

Weekday Mass intentions/offerings for the deceased will be mentioned during the Prayer of the Faithful at the weekday Masses and other intentions/offerings will be published in the parish bulletin.



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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 23/02/2024

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 Lent

25 February 2024

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 **2nd Reading:** Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Entrance Antiphon: *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

Responsorial Psalm: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.*

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/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am
Wed 9:00 am & 7:30 pm (with Novena)
Saturday 8:00 am
Thursday 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)

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.

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Aria Kylie Louis
Laila Mae Micallef
Angelina-Louise Tinisi Setefano

"When you have nothing left but God, you have more than enough to start over again."

— St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **24th of March 2024 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Cicily Abraham, Claire Cooper, Gregorio & Rosita Gueco, Manuel & Carlita Gueco, Abraham Paulose, Marcelino & Juliana Pineda and Julie Wilkes

For Good Health: Ayen Romana Alviar, Algeria Elkateb, Antonia Little, Shanida Macabuag, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Divina Patiag, Felicidad Senia and Vincensa Zahra

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen & Mario BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Gary FERNANDEZ, Frances CARUANA, Gwen CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Maureen JACKSON, 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, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT & Joan WREN.

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Monday Morning Tea with the Friars

Starting Monday the **4th of March**, there will be morning tea with Friars **after the 9:00 am Mass** every Monday.

Holy Week Mass Times

The **Holy Week Mass Times** have been posted in the notice boards of the Church as well as in The Good Shepherd Facebook page and website.

Saturday Mornings of LENT

On the Saturdays of Lent, **Morning Prayer (from the Divine Office)** will be prayed at **7:40 am** followed by the Mass at 8:00 am.

Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten free hosts are now available for parishioners with gluten intolerance. Please see the priest before the start of the Mass.

ATTENTION! To Everyone Enrolled in the Legacy Program

We are currently updating the list of everyone who has donated or has pledged to donate to the Legacy Program for the construction of the new meeting rooms and toilets. **Please contact or visit the parish office** as soon as possible to **confirm your enrolment and update your details**. Thank you. Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au; phone: 02 9832 4461.

Filipino Chaplaincy's Feast of St Joseph – 16 March

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to come and join the Holy Mass to celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, on Saturday, **16 March at 10:30 am at St Patrick's Church**, 51-59 Allawah Street, **Blacktown**. There will be Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from March 6 to 14 at 7:30 pm (except Mar 6 and 13 at 8:00 pm) at St Michael's Church, 58 Orwell Street, Blacktown.

Project Compassion 2024

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can **donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the entrance of the Church**, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, by calling 1800 024 413 or by scanning the QR code.



Synod 2023 Update: Decree issued and Development of Diocesan Plan Begins

In January, the Synodal Decree from our inaugural Diocesan Synod was issued, enabling us to move forward in the development of a Diocesan Plan. Join us in the next phase of our journey, as we discern a new path forward for our local Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church will launch at the Diocesan Gathering on Saturday the 10th of August 2024. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod

Catholic Youth Parramatta 2024 LIFTED Launch: 29 February

LIFTED Launch 2024 is here! Join young people from across our Diocese for an evening of faith, live music, formation, and announcements. Learn about ways you can meet, connect and 'walk with' other young people | West HQ Rooty Hill, 29 February 2024, 7:00 to 9:30 pm. To register please visit www.parracatholic.org/liftedlaunch