

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "sister, and brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

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 27/10/2023

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 October 2023

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Entrance Antiphon: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*

Responsorial Psalm: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.*

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 Wed 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	<u>Weekend MASS Times</u>
Parish Council Chairperson	Mrs Rowena Villadolid	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm 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
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	
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.

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 (0481 080 083)** or **Bek (0403 414 882)** or our parent couple **Russel (0433 121 381)** or **Nicole (0416 329 924)**. Come join our faith community on our journey to Know and Love Jesus more deeply.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day Masses

01 November—All Saints' Day: 6:00 am, 9:00 am and 7:30 pm

02 November—All Souls' Day: 6:00 and 9:00 am

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Glenn Eduard Kop

Death Anniversaries: We Remember

Dominic Apap, Fr Carl Ashton, Merardo Beltran Sr, Roxana Recto-Cavanagh, Mario Cruz, Salvador David, William Edwin Fernandes, Ditas Kahiwat, Andrea Rodgers, Jose Rommel, Antoinette Sultana, Josefino Testor Sr, Frank Vella & Krist Vella

**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, Gary FERNANDEZ, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Remigio DELIGERO, 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, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT & 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**.

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**.

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.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'—Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **You can donate** online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone **1800 024 413** or scan the QR code.



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**.