

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Please be reminded that every volunteer/minister who have not recently submitted their **Working With Children Check Clearance Form** and **Working With Children Check Notification Form** are requested to do so at the earliest. Kindly send the forms to plumpton@parracatholic.org or hand in same to the parish office. Thank you for your action of this very important request and your attendance at one of the **Mandatory Training Sessions**.

Western Sydney Women's IntHERfaith Initiative - World Interfaith Harmony Week

Since 2010, the United Nations has declared 1-7 February as World Interfaith Harmony Week to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith. The General Assembly pointed out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue is necessary for a culture of peace. You can read about its origin and history at <https://bit.ly/3VuINQI>. The week is an opportunity for all interfaith groups to show the world what a powerful movement we are. Thousands of interfaith events often go unnoticed, so this is a time to raise awareness and strengthen our ties and recognise ourselves as advocates for peace. Please join us at **Max Webber Library Function Centre** in Blacktown on **Tuesday, 7 February, 11:30am-1:00pm** to share what harmony means for our different faith traditions. This is an opportunity to get to know each other more personally and deepen our understanding of each other's different religions.

Cardinal George Pell's Funeral

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has announced a Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal George Pell AC will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 2 February at 11:00am. Cardinal Pell's successor as Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will be the Principal Celebrant at the Requiem Mass, following which the Cardinal will be buried in a private ceremony in the St Mary's Cathedral crypt. Cathedral Dean, Father Don Richardson said screens will be erected in the St Mary's Cathedral forecourt to accommodate the large numbers of mourners expected to attend and pay their respects to the deceased Cardinal who served as Archbishop of Sydney from 2001-2014. For mourners unable to attend the Funeral Mass on 2 February, there will be a Masses for the late Cardinal at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 February at 1:10pm and 8:00pm. Cardinal Pell will lie in state at St Mary's Cathedral from 9:30am on Wednesday 1 February. There will also be Evening Prayer on Wednesday 1 February at 5:30pm.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

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

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 34th Anniversary

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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 20/01/2023

Donations	\$18,031.90
Raffle tickets	\$11,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$27,000.00
Total Amount	\$56,135.90
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023

1st Reading: *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

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 February 2023 at 2:00pm in the 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 (Antioch) every Sunday at 7:30 pm. We invite the youth for "Come and See" experience. (Currently on break)

Death Anniversaries: We Remember

Sister Jeanette, Erlinda Aromin, Allwyn Assey, Daisy Assey, Cecilia Bautista, Philomena Bellett, Francisco Dakila, Ivy Fellows, Patricio Guanzon, Jaime Nassif, Olga Thomas, Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas & Crisanto Uro

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

Sacramental Program for Holy Eucharist

The first lesson for the Sacramental program for First Holy Communion will be on the 5th of February (Sunday) 10:30 to 11:30am at the Good Shepherd School.

We remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Maureen BARTLEY, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Jure DALTO, David DILLON, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Maureen & John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Bernice McDERMOTT, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Gloria ROBERTS, Betty ROWE, Aida SADSAD, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA & Joan WREN.

For Good Health: Avelina Cabalar, Pauline Conti, Tesa Mejo, Jo Murray, Solidar Pascua, Maria Perez, Ezekiel, Waleed Walter & Ryan Walter

Announcements

Commencement of 6:00am Mass

To those who were waiting for the re commencement of the 6:00am Mass, there is good news. It will commence from the 6th of February.

9:00am Mass on Wednesday 01 February

There will be a 9:00am Mass on Wednesday the 1st of February 2023. Please join us for morning tea after the Mass.

Altar Society

The Good Shepherd Parish has an Altar Society which looks after the changing of Altar curtains and linens and arrangement and rearrangement of liturgical vessels and books. We need volunteers who could do this on a roster basis especially during weekdays after the 9:00am Mass and on Saturdays after 8:00am Mass. If you are interested please contact parish office.

Mass Etiquette

Fast before Mass. It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is considered impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Can you imagine the Pope popping gum in during Mass?

Cross yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church. This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church. Just try to remain mindful of what is happening when you do so and don't do it without saying a prayer.

Dress modestly and appropriately. Wear your Sunday Best. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why would we not dress up?

Temporary Phone Number for the Parish Office

Due to technical issues the Parish landline is currently unavailable. Our temporary phone number is 0402 303 624.

Change in Staff Leadership at Good Shepherd Primary School

We welcome Ms Anita Knezevic who will be the new principal at Good Shepherd Primary School and Mrs Jackie Willard who will act as her deputy. Both have a great resume and experience working in the Diocese of Parramatta. I am confident that they will continue shepherding the school in academic and spiritual excellence.

Thank you from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia

Thank you for welcoming us in your Church. We hope the talks and the Modern Martyrs exhibition helped the parishioners to grow in awareness of the oppressed and suffering Church, and of how much our prayers and commitment are needed to support our fellow Christians who suffer persecution. Thank you to all parishioners for it is only through your generosity and prayers that we are able to help those who still endure the Way of the Cross today. You will be remembered in the prayers of those who are helped by your love.

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.