

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunity for Cycle 1

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet? Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.

- Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10:00 – 11:00 am)
- Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10:00 – 11:30 am)

To register, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

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

Project Compassion 2024

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. 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 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.



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



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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 01/03/2024

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

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

03 March 2024

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

Entrance Antiphon:

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon:

*The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O lord of host, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in the house,
for ever singing your praise.*

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.

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.

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.

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Nora Gege Cabangca-Crauck
Kenzo Grey Centeno
Keily Ariah Villasor

"If money and material things become the center of our lives, they seize us and make us slaves."

— Pope Francis

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: Nick, Eduardo Aquino, Jesus Balasa, Aveline Simon Bhundoo, Joseph Camilleri, Petra Jajor and Aurora Suasin

For Good Health: Ayen Romana Alviar, Jojie Aquino-Jacobe, Algeria Elkateb, Shanida Macabuag, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Brendan O' Brien, Divina Patiag & Vincensa Zahra

Anniversaries / Thanksgiving: Emma Barrion and Pine Vaifale

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, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

RCIA – THE SCRUTINIES

At the 9:00 am Mass today (and for the next two Sundays) we will celebrate the Rite of Scrutiny with the elect (those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil) We will be using the Year "A" readings over these three Sundays. As the elect (Thomas and Alita) journey into the heart of Lent, they prepare ever more intensely for their sacramental initiation. On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent the whole community intercedes with and for the elect, that they may be set free from the power of evil and confirmed in the spirit of Christ. For it is Christ who is their living water, their light and their resurrection and life.

After the homily the elect and their godparents will be called forth, we will pray for them in a litany – our response is Kyrie leison. There will then be a prayer for the elect and the laying on of hands by the presider, godparents and catechists. After this we will sing 1 verse of the hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus." At the conclusion of the rite the elect will be sent out to reflect more deeply on today's liturgy of the word. Meanwhile we will continue with the creed and the prayers of the faithful.

I invite you to offer prayer and sacrifice for Thomas and Alita as they make this journey to the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil (March 30th).

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our young parishioners who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Please pray that they may feel the presence of Jesus as they take Communion for the first time knowing He is with them always. May they grow in their relationship with Him forever.

Evening Mass on Mondays

Starting Monday the **4th of March**, there will be evening Mass at **7:30 pm** 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.

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.