

### Feast of St Pedro Calungsod

All are invited to join the St Pedro Calungsod Devotees for the 12th Fiesta Celebration in Honour of the Filipino Saint. There will be Novena Masses from 23 to 31 March at 7:00pm. The Good Shepherd Parish Church will host one of the Novena Mass on the 29th of March. The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at St Aidan's Parish Church on the 1st of April at 11:30am. For schedules of Novena Masses in other Parish Churches please refer to the posters or contact Gideon/Aline on 0416 876 912.

### Safeguarding training

The Office of Safeguarding through our Safeguarding Champion, Joe Fenech, has organized two training sessions to cover Modules 2 & 3. Training for Module 2 will be on 18 March (Saturday) 10:00–11:30am and Module 3 on 25 March (Saturday) 10:00–11:30am. These training modules are for all volunteers and ministers and must be completed prior to the Parish Audit.

### Diocese of Parramatta Mission Enhancement Team (MET) Adult Formation Programs

To all leaders of our parish communities. With all the needs and priorities of our parish community, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) would like to connect with you to offer any of their free adult formation programs and resources to serve the parish mission. The MET facilitators would love to hear stories from your current parish experience; and to be guided by you toward responses that meet the needs of your community in the space of adult formation. The key focus areas are family ministries, pastoral councils and parish welcome, with the capacity to create 'bespoke' workshops at your request. Please feel most welcome to contact the MET facilitators via 0459 133 665 or [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) to schedule a time that would suit for them to visit.

### Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule. Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject).

### 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**

# 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 10/03/2023

Donations	\$19,045.90
Raffle tickets	\$11,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$28,000.00
Total Amount	\$58,149.90
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

**12 March 2023**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5:1-2,5-8

**Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-42

**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:** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

### 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.

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap</b>	<b><u>Daily MASS Times</u></b>
<b>Assistant Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap</b>	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 6:00 am / 9:00 am
<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Mr Owens Reyes</b>	Wed 6:00 am / 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
<b>Parish Musical Director</b>	<b>Mr Jacob Wielgosz</b>	<b><u>Weekend MASS Times</u></b>
<b>Parish Council Chairperson</b>	<b>Mrs Rowena Villadolid</b>	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
<b>RCIA Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Bernie &amp; Yeng Banta</b>	Sun 7:00 am/9:00 am & 6:00 pm 12:00 pm <b>(Vietnamese)</b> <b>Spanish mass</b> Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
<b>Sacramental Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Priscilla Corpuz</b>	
<b>Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ms Therese Fuller</b>	<b><u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u></b>
<b>Finance &amp; Bingo Operator</b>	<b>Mr Romy Balite</b>	<b>Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon</b> Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

### **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

Tuesday 28th March 2023

### **Fridays of Lent**

Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm followed by a Mass

### **Saturday Mornings of Lent**

Morning prayer at 7:40 am followed a Mass

### **WYD 2023 Fundraising Events**

- 25 March - Dinner Dance
- 8 & 9 April - Easter Egg Sale
- 13 May - Mother's Day Flowers Sale
- 21 May - International Food Lunch
- Occasional Sausage Sizzle Sale

### **Death Anniversaries: We Remember**

Catalina Fortu, Mabini Fortu, Clarina Perez and Joey Villadolid

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

### **Holy Week Mass & Services**

**Palm Sunday** 01 & 02 April 2023:

- Saturday 6:00 pm (Vigil)
- Sunday 7:00 am
- Sunday 9:00 am – will start with the blessing of the palms from the statue of St Francis
- Sunday 6:00 pm

**Holy Thursday** 06 April 2023 (no morning Mass):

- Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm
- Evening Prayer at the Altar of Repose – 10:40 pm

**Good Friday** 07 April 2023:

- Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall) – 10:00 am
- Liturgy of the Passion – 3:00 pm
- Vietnamese Liturgy of the Passion – 5:30 pm

**Holy Saturday** 08 April 2023:

- Morning Prayer – 8:00 am
- Reconciliation – 11:00 am to 12 noon
- Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** 09 April 2023:

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 12 noon (Vietnamese)

Note: There will be no 6:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

### **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:** Ezekiel, Charmaine, Irene, Sandra, Stella Azzopardi, Jock Clark Sr, Joe & Pauline Conti, Irene Fernandez, Tesa Mejo, Jo Murray, Solidar Pascua, Maria Perez, Gabrielle Rumora, Benjamin Santiago, Waleed Walter & Ryan Walter

## **Announcements**

### **Couples for Christ Australia Lenten Retreat**

Couples for Christ Australia would like to invite you to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, 18 March 2023, from 1 to 4:30pm, at the Good Shepherd Parish Church. Lent is a season where we are given the opportunity to slow down, to pause, and to reflect upon our pursuit of holiness. Our desire to be holy should lead us to one thing - our personal transformation in Christ. Our theme for our Lenten Retreat, "**Journey to Transformation**" will help us look on the things we face on a daily basis - our struggles, our challenges and at the same time, the posture and the attitude that will guide us in handling such. He who called us holiness has given us nothing less but himself to help us in our journey! Please come and invite your friends and your families, and as one community, let us all "**walk together with God**" this Lent Season our journey to transformation - to holiness.

### **Caritas Project Compassion 2023**

This week we feature Priscilla. When Priscilla thinks of the future, she wonders what life her two grandsons will have. More than half of Zimbabwe's population, 7.9 million people, live in extreme poverty, with the average life expectancy in Zimbabwe being 61 years, due to a fragile health system and widespread food shortages. Climate change has caused an intense drought in the region where they live, exacerbating food insecurity in vulnerable communities like hers. With erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, poor agricultural soils and high temperatures, she worries what her two grandsons and other generations will inherit. Through the support of our partner, Caritas Hwange, and the Australian Government, through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP), Priscilla was able to learn vital conservation farming skills. Your compassion today can give more families like Priscilla's the chance for a better future. Thank you for standing with us and creating lasting change for **all future generations**. Please pick up a Project Compassion box or a set of envelopes at the entrance of the Church or donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

### **HIGH FIVE FOR LENT**

The House of Welcome and The Good Shepherd Parish have organised a Lenten Appeal which will run until the last week of March. Please check the 'High Five For Lent' flyers & posters for details. Thank you so much for your generous support.

### **Important Information before receiving Holy Communion**

The Holy Communion, if we are rightly disposed, produces an increase in sanctifying grace - the ability to take in the vision of God in the life to come - plus a special claim to actual graces as needed.

But dispositions are needed, for even though the Eucharist contains the very Author of all grace, it does not operate like magic: we must do what we can.

We must of course have the state of grace. Without it would be sacrilege, and an added mortal sin to receive. Right intention is also needed, i.e., to please God, to be more closely united with Him, to gain a remedy for our weaknesses.

Hence, would like to bring to your attention couple of false and sacrilegious practices which were observed recently.

1) Once a communicant receives Holy Communion they need to consume the Holy Communion immediately with reverence.

2) The Holy Communion is not to be broken and received.

3) It was observed recently that couple of parents were breaking the Holy Eucharist and distributing to their little children. Children should begin to receive Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason, but not before they have made their first confession.

Note: If parishioners observe such practices being followed please inform the priest and you have every right to correct the person in a Christian and prudent way.