

## Franciscan Reflection

According to G K Chesterton, St Francis of Assisi was a man deeply in love. When people do extremely radical things such as leaving their comfortable life to live and serve the lepers, observers would view that as plain craziness. How often have you done something out of the ordinary when you fell in love with someone? You are not alone, that is what St Francis did because he was in love with God.

- Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### MET FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course: Tuesday Evenings 13, 20, 27 February

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Wanting expert guidance on interpreting Scripture for life & faith? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

#### \*\*NEW DATE\*\* Music for Lent Workshop: 8 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on 8th February 2024 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or call 0460 037 795 by 6 February 2024.

#### LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>  
Go to [BruceDownes.org](https://BruceDownes.org) for more information.

#### 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**



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

#### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 02/02/2024

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

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 February 2024

**1st Reading:** Job 7:1-4,6-7

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:29-39

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

#### 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:**

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap</b>
<b>Assistant Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap</b>
<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Mr Owens Reyes</b>
<b>Parish Musical Director</b>	<b>Mr Jacob Wielgosz</b>
<b>Parish Council Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Anthony Matthews</b>
<b>RCIA Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Bernie &amp; Yeng Banta</b>
<b>Sacramental Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Priscilla Corpuz</b>
<b>Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ms Therese Fuller</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Bingo Operator</b>	<b>Mr Romy Balite</b>
<b>Safeguarding Champion</b>	<b>Mr Joseph Fenech</b>

**Daily MASS Times**

Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am  
 Wed 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am  
 Thur 7:00 pm **(Vietnamese)**

**Weekend MASS Times**

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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

**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 **25th of February 2024 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child’s **birth certificate**.

**Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch**

The Sunday youth group meetings will be back soon!

**“Dear friends, may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world.”**

**— Pope Benedict XVI**

**Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested**

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Michael, Jane Almeida, Kevin Bates, Agustin Boncato Sr, Carolina Boncato, Edmund & Margaret D’Souza, Julian Masilungan, Ronal Navarro, Cyril Pereira, Emanuel Refalo, Jose Sebastian

**For Good Health:** Divina, Francisca Cruz, Antonia Little, Sandra & baby Josip Luburic, Shanida Macabuag, Elizabeth Mitchell, Andrew Nashwan and Felicidad Senia

**Wedding Anniversaries:** John & Jenny’s 40th and Chanel & Mary’s 7th

**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.

**Parish & Diocesan News**

**Parish Council Meeting: 8 February 2024**

There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 8th of February at 7:30 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. To all leader of the parish ministries and communities, please submit your reports to the parish council secretary, Christine Nathan, by the 6th of February. Email address: [khaliburn@gmail.com](mailto:khaliburn@gmail.com). Thank you.

**Lenten Reflection Groups**

Sign-up sheets for the Lenten Reflection groups are now available at the entrance of the Church. The **7:00 pm Tuesday sessions will start on the 13th of February** and **Thursday morning sessions will start on the 15th of February after the 9:00 am 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](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au); phone: **02 9832 4461**. Thank you.

**The Good Shepherd Junior Choir CD Project**

The **Junior Choir CDs** are still available to purchase at the Parish Office at \$15.00 ea. All proceeds go to support the parish. **Thank you for your support.**

**Farewell for Fr Vincy and Fr Bollar**

The farewell dinner for Fr Vincy and Fr Bollar with the Parish Community will be on Friday the **9th of February 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the **Parish Hall (Bingo Hall)**. **RSVP is not required**. Everyone is invited.

**Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik: 12 February**

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on **Monday 12 February 2024 at 6:00 pm** at **St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Parramatta**. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

**Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February**

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at **11:00 am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick’s Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown**. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. **RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024** to [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org)

**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.