

Franciscan Reflection

One day, St Francis of Assisi turned away a poor man begging alms for the Lord's sake. Touched by grace, he realised his rudeness because if the poor man asked in the name of any other person, he would have granted him his request. He resolved never to refuse a request from anyone asking in the name of the Lord. He called the poor man back and gave him a generous alms. This is how St Francis began to serve God. Ultimately, he was honoured and glorified by the Father.

- Fr John Nguyen ofmcap

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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 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

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. 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.



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 35th Anniversary

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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 15/03/2024

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

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.

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17 March 2024

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Entrance Antiphon:

*Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

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 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.

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**.

“Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.”
— Saint John XXIII

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.

Congratulations for last Weekend’s Baptism

Keanu Isaiah Gormley
 Eliza Josephine Notley-Placido
 Valerie Jill Notley-Placido

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Marceline & Stello Ah-Kow, Catalina Balasa, Henry D’Souza, Davis Henriques, Monica Padani Josen, Felisa Mendoza Lasmarias, Pilar Manuel, Antoine Mavisa, Kumarika Misso, James O’Brien, Clyde Pereira, Idea Tailly, Emiliano Vallesfino, Anne & Arnold VanRoss and all the souls in purgatory

For Good Health: Andrew, Mark, Michael, Ayen Romana Alviar, Jojie Aquino-Jacobe, Algeria Elkateb, Sr Colleen Foley, Rosa Luppino, Tesa Mejo, Brendan O’ Brien & Vincensa Zahra

Birthdays / Thanksgiving: Sr Maureen Keady

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

HOLY WEEK AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

1. Easter Triduum Liturgies:

- Holy Thursday—28 March: Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7.30 pm
- Good Friday—29 March: Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 pm
- Holy Saturday—30 March: Easter Vigil 7.30 pm
- Easter Sunday—31 March: Masses 7:00 and 9:00 am, 12 noon (Vietnamese)
- **There is no 6:00 pm Mass on Easter SUNDAY.**

2. Next Sunday, the 24th of March, we enter **HOLY WEEK** by celebrating **Palm Sunday** of the Lord’s Passion. Holy week culminates in the **Easter Triduum**, the Great Three Days of the Church’s year.

3. Gathering for Easter Triduum Readers (9:00 am); and Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar & Altar Servers (10:00 am): next Saturday 23 March in the church.

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Third Scrutiny

Today (Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass) we celebrate the **third scrutiny** with the elect (Thomas and Alita) as they prepare for the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, confirmation, First Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time of preparation. We continue to use the **Year “A” readings** for the 9:00 am Mass.

St Nicholas Festa Variety Night – 27 April 2024

The St Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **Variety Night** on the **27th of April** at **The Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be food for purchase, entertainment by various artists, raffle & lots of fun for everyone. **TICKETS** are \$10.00 each & Children under 12 are **FREE**. To book your tickets please call **Stella on 0414 188 226** or **Emanuel on 0405 677 064**

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities at The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton will be hosting face-to-face Safeguarding trainings in the parish meeting room on the following dates:

- Module 4: Friday 17 May (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 18 May (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Module 5: Friday 14 June (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 15 June (10:00 – 11:30 am)

Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 29 March

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty in recent years. Make your donation on Good Friday via the envelopes available at the Liturgy of the Passion.

RCIA – ELECT PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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

