

Readings for next weekend — SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 ; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; **Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38 ;

The **Canticle of the Creatures** was composed at three distinct moments in the life of St Francis of Assisi. This week we will reflect on the first part.

In a hut on the grounds of San Damiano in Assisi, Francis dictated his praise to God for the sun, moon, wind, water and fire. By naming them as his brothers and sisters, he was conveying his deep perception that we have a common Father. All animated and inanimate creatures share the same Father in heaven consciously or unconsciously.

In Genesis, God used the material elements of creation to make Adam – thereby encapsulating the world in man. Then, God instructed Adam “to cultivate and take care of the Garden of Eden,” both the physical garden and implicitly, the garden that is his body. By following these same instructions, we also praise God, Our Creator and we become relational as creatures who share the same Father.

-Father John Nguyen OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Music for Lent Workshop: 13 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Thursday 13 February from 7:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. Registrations are essential, please RSVP by 11 February via parracatholic.org/music-workshop

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 12-26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. Wednesdays, 12, 19, & 26 February. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> OR email met@parracatholic.org

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

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Celebrating Our 36th Anniversary

Parish Vision:

a place where all people are welcomed...

a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are put to use...

a place where people are empowered to live the good news of Jesus.

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 16/02/2025

Donations \$28,365.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$43,000.00

Total Amount \$83,469.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 February 2025

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Entrance Antiphon:

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.*

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/Tue/Fri 9:00 am
 Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
 Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
 1st & 2nd Friday 7:30 pm
 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.

Parish & Diocesan News

LENTEN Gospel Groups:

It’s that time of year again – start thinking about the Lenten Gospel groups. Consider running one in your own house with family and friends – books and DVD are available from the parish office.

Welcome Br. Duy Tran!

We are delighted to welcome Br. Duy (pronounced "Youi") Tran, a Capuchin student from Melbourne, who will be with us until March 4th.

VODAFONE problems:

A number of parishioners (on Vodafone) have experienced difficulties in calling the parish office – this seems to be a Vodafone issue and has nothing to do with the parish telephone system. If you have difficulties make it known to Vodafone!

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings online gathering: 13 February

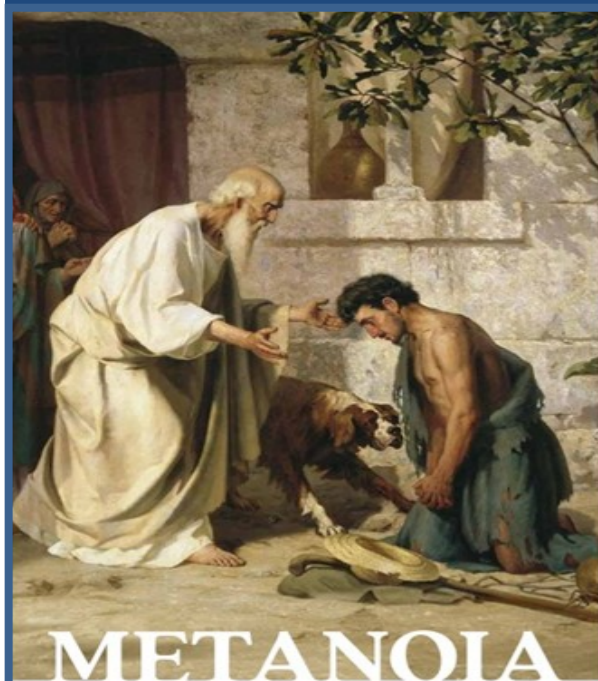
“Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings” are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what’s currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas’ Project Compassion. You are invited to join Thursday 13 February 2025, 6:30-8:00 pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org

Sydney Alliance - Federal Pre-Election Assembly 2025: 13 March

The Sydney Alliance is inviting you to register for the 2025 Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election assembly on the 13th of March from 5:40 to 7:40 pm at the Morley Centre (Catherine McAuley), 2 Darcy Road, Westmead. Join us to demonstrate the power of civil society and to take action on housing, energy and climate ahead of the Federal election. The Assembly will include a roll call of organisations, testimonies from our communities and negotiations with politicians attending. We will ask decision makers to commit to our asks for specific, concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, and climate resilience. We will close with an optional meal, joining members of the Muslim community who are observing Ramadan in an Iftar (breaking of the fast). Food provided by House of Welcome Catering, which provides employment pathways for people seeking asylum and refugees. All are welcome. Full information on registration link: <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025>

ASH Wednesday:

We have a later start to Lent and Easter this year – Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday March 5th Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday – April 17th, Good Friday – April 18th, Easter Vigil – April 19th.



Lenten Program 2025
Are you ready to experience
Metanoia this Lent?

Each year during Lent, we offer an opportunity to come together to pray and reflect as a community. You are invited to join one of our small groups or offer your own, with an easy to follow booklet.

Beginning the week of 3 March

Optional Times:
Face to Face
 Thursday 9:30 am Meeting Room
 Thursday 7:00 pm Meeting Room
 Thursday 7:00 pm on Zoom

For more information or to register your own Lenten group contact the Parish Office:

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Jane Almeida,Luz Millares,Patrick Neil Lim,Carmen Cassar,John Apap ,Joyeeta , Avelina Cabalar ,Jerome Almario,Lolita C.De Leon,Jacinta,Joseph Bac hoang

Healing / Good Health:

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Andreas Faamoe

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Foleletina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

Coming events for February:

1. Tuesday 18th: Finance Committee meeting 7:30 pm
2. Friday 21st Good Shepherd School Mass 9:00 am
3. Tuesday 25th: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:30 pm
4. Thursday 27th: Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm
5. Friday 28th: & March 1st Cantor’s workshop 7:30 pm
6. From March 5th Lent is approaching time to start thinking hosting a Lenten gospel reflection group in your home – contact the office for booklets and DVD