

Readings for next weekend — The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
1st reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; Gospel: John 2:13-22

The month of the Holy Souls

Every November the Church is invited to remember the faithful departed, especially on November 2nd. Throughout the world on this commemoration, the Church is praying for the dead. We lovingly entrust their souls to God and pray for their redemption. For the souls in Purgatory who still await God’s salvation, we recall their promise of eternal life and ask God to bring them into his loving embrace.

We also pray for ourselves. Our Reflection on our mortality is a reminder for us who remain to live with our death always before our eyes. Saint Ambrose, in a book on the death of his brother Satyruys wrote, “Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ.”

In the recalling of our memories, we recall our reason for hope. Along with out beloved dead, we entrust ourselves to the loving care of God and call upon all of the angels and saints to intercede on our behalf for the Lord’s mercy and forgiveness.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the Faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025/26

- 03 November 2025, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation)** and registration at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 November and 07 December 2025 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 08 December 2025 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 27 April 2026, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only**
- 03, 10, 17 & 24 May 2026 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 25 May 2026 – Monday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 30/31 May, 06/07 June and 13/14 June 2026 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms are now available at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

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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

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. For people wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can also setup your own internet banking recurring payments to the following account:

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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130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
Celebrating Our 37th 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 12 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 must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm 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 31/10/2025

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$45,000.00
Total Amount	\$87,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed **02 November 2025**

1st Reading:	<i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Romans 5:5-11</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 7:11-17</i>
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.</i>

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 Social Media Officer	Miss Catrina Bautista
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)**
First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration)
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 **23rd of November 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch

Young people are empowered & 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.

“The Saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others.

To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone.”
— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Daniel, Filomina, Petra, Rufina, Fr Hugo, Sr Madonna, John Beris, Vicente Layson, Eddie Lucas, Anthony Muscat, Joseph Monneron, Ning-ning Olegario, George Vaz, Shane Vaz, Simon Walcott and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Neil Mercado, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Ernesto Pacoli, Michelle Reyes, Tessie Rimando, Peter Stanborough and Peter Walcott

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Elizabeth, Hnith, Maria, Dado & Dalupang Family, Edmund & Margaret D'Souza, Cecille Flestado, Kenny Mascarenhas and Claudine Pacantes

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHUE, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Alamita HALA, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda MCCARTHY, Donald MCKECHNIE, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

- Saturday 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.
For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Design the next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

We're inviting **you** to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by **Friday 7 November 2025** – with a short description of your artwork – via parracatholic.org/artcomp

FaithLIFE Ministry: 5 + 19 November

Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison & Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesday 5 NOV + 19 NOV 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road! Details via <https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAI> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Coming events:

- November 3rd Monday 7.00pm: Registration and parent information for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church.
- November 4th Tuesday 7.30pm: Pastoral Planning Committee.
- November 6th Thursday: “The Gospel of Matthew” part 2, 7.00pm Supper, 7.30pm video and discussion. *This is a great way to prepare spiritually for the coming year as Matthew's gospel will be read at Mass throughout 2026.*
- November 8th/9th: Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.
- November 16th Sunday 6.00pm Mass: 40th anniversary of Antioch in our parish.
- November 18th Tuesday 7.30pm: Finance Committee.