

**Readings for next weekend — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First reading:* Amos 8:4-7; *Second reading:* 1 Timothy 2:1-8; *Gospel:* Luke 16:1-13

**Franciscan Reflection**

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross” (Col 1:19-20).

This weekend we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. He reconciled “all things to himself.” He restored broken relationships not only between humans but the entire creation (all things), which have suffered due to the effects of sin. Jesus did not limit Himself to us, but extended the scope of reconciliation to include the entire universe.

Discipleship includes following and imitating Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are called to reconcile relationships between ourselves and all of God’s creation. The state of the earth has deteriorated since The Fall with the majority of the damage done in more recent centuries. We have inherited this destruction. Surely, it is something we don’t want to pass on to future generations. It is our responsibility to restore harmony and order according to our respective states in life and within our means.

When peace is lacking, both the people in our lives or the current condition of the environment in which we live can be some of the crosses we carry. Let us restore these broken relationships. When it comes to the latter, it is a difficult and necessary task to transform ourselves in order to reduce consumption and live more sustainably. We carry our crosses when we deny ourselves and willingly accept hardships, sacrifice and suffering in following Jesus.

— Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap

**Parish & Diocesan News continued**

**Need for people to visit the Aged Care Facility**

The Retirement Village now has enough drivers so thanks to those who volunteered. The Village now needs volunteers who want to sit and spend time with residents in our Aged Care Facility. If you can give a couple of hours once a week this would be a blessing for these residents. Please contact Sr Margaret 0431 303 738.

**Help Needed at the Retirement Village**

Some residents of the Southern Cross retirement village would like to pay anyone to do some gardening. Please see Sr Margaret or call her on 0431 303 738 if you are interested.

**Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish**

Children who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to join the Altar Servers Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office 9832 4461 or email [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au).

**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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*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 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.*

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Year C)** **14 September 2025**

<b>1st Reading:</b>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i>
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	<i>Philippians 2:6-11</i>
<b>Gospel Reading:</b>	<i>John 3:13-17</i>
<b><u>Entrance Antiphon:</u></b>	<i>We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.</i>
<b><u>Responsorial Psalm:</u></b>	<i>Do not forget the works of the Lord!</i>
<b><u>GOSPEL Acclamation:</u></b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!</i>
<b><u>Communion Antiphon:</u></b>	<i>When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.</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 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 **28th of September 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 Cross to me is certain salvation. The Cross is that which I ever adore. The Cross of the Lord is with me. The Cross is my refuge."

— Saint Thomas Aquinas

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Peter, John Apap, Belen Barquez, Gerry Elmidulan, Maria Libia Febicoski, Mary Rose Formosa, Ma. Elena Garcia, Pearl Livera, Theresa Nathan, Efren Reyes, Rolando Suello Sr, Eliseo Tandoc, Rachel Ymalay and all the souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Mark, Michael, Lolita Bocasan, Gladys Marie Dado, Alexander Nguyen, Joseph Pascual and Michelle Reyes

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:** Aaron, Erlinda & Sophia Escueta and Leizl Laluan

### 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, Randolph GUNASEKARA, 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, 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, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: 14 September

Candidates for the next RCIA program will be accepted into the order of catechumens at the 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm Masses this Sunday 14th of September.

### Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – Thank you for supporting our Senior Priests

Thank you for supporting our spiritual fathers, who guide our lives with compassion, hope, and love. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity will help ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you did not get a chance to donate yet, you can visit [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan the **QR code**. Thank you.



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### Bishop Vincent Presents Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ: 15 September

The second of two Bishop Vincent Presents public lectures in September will feature Cardinal Stephen Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong and one of the most senior Church leaders in Asia. He will be presenting on Monday 15 September at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on the topic of 'Bridge Building'. With a background in psychology and education, and a deep pastoral heart, Cardinal Chow brings wisdom, courage, and compassion to the challenges facing the Church in our time. Register today by visiting <https://parracatholic.org/cardinalchow/>

### Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 20 September

St Patrick's Cathedral and the Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team invite you to the annual Season of Creation Mass with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. The entire universe speaks of God's love (Pope Francis) and all of creation praises our God (Psalm 148). Let us join in this praise and in Jesus' own mission to care for creation (Pope Leo) on Saturday 20 September 2025, 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Morning tea will be served in the Cloister Hall after Mass.

### Coming Events:

1. Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings – will take place at all Masses next weekend (Sept 20/21). As part of our celebration of the 'Season of Creation' bring along whatever you intend to plant in your garden – and have the seeds / seedlings blessed.
2. There will be a special Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta next Saturday 10am – celebrating the 'Season of Creation'. All are welcome.
3. Alpha continues on Thursday nights 7pm in the meeting room.
4. October 4<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of St. Francis: (Saturday) Morning Mass will be at 9am that day, followed by morning tea. Blessing of pets at 4pm in the courtyard.