

Readings for next weekend — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Isaiah 6:1-8; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

Music and Liturgy

Music is not an embellishment or a “gloss” on ritual activity; it is an intrinsic aspect of ritual activity itself. To put it another way, music is just as essential a part of the environment of Christian worship as presider and people, altar and font, plants and banners, candles and crosses. (*Nathan Mitchel*)

Singing is the most human, most companionable of the arts. It joins us together in the whole realm of sound, forging a group identity where there were only individuals and making a communicative statement that far transcends what any one of us could do alone. (*Alice Parker*)

The treasury of sacred music is to be preserved and cultivated with great care. Choirs must be diligently developed, especially in cathedral churches. Bishops and other pastors of souls must do their best to ensure that whenever a liturgical action is to be accompanied by music and singing, the whole body of the faithful may be able to take that active part which is rightly theirs. (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 114*)

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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



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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 31/01/2025

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

The Presentation of the Lord (Year C)

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1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Entrance Antiphon:

*Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.*

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.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **23rd of February 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.

"Christ willed to be thus offered as a sign of humility; so that by the merit of humility He might teach us to become worthy of Divine favour."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Sister Nahida, Sister Teresa, Norma, George Calata, Ernesto Garcia, RJ Leonardo, Araceli Lorenzo, Teresita Macabuag, Aquilina Mapa, Elise Rozari, Cyril Silva and all souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Mark, Michael, Tess, Bernardino Leopoldo Dado, Thea & Hope Edades, Tesa Mejo, Julius Uru

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Owens, Bergonia Family, Reyes family, Lucy 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 BUTTIGIGE, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARLY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina 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.

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A Word of Thanks

Thank you to all who contributed in some way to the 30th anniversary Celebration of my Ordination. Our guests from Queensland were made particularly welcome. Great music, great food, great community. — Fr. Gerard

Civil Works at the Back of the Church Property

The Diocese of Parramatta have started civil works at the back of the Church property in preparation for subdividing the land.

Christian Music Concert with Van Serano and His Band

7:00 pm Friday the 7th of February at the Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall. A live concert featuring original contemporary Christian music. \$10 entry—**half of the proceeds will be donated to the Good Shepherd Parish.** Please refer to the posters on the notice boards for details.

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February

A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 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 the 6th of February 2025 via parracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

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>

Coming events for February:

1. Tuesday 11th: Pastoral Planning meeting 7:30 pm
2. Tuesday 18th: Finance Committee meeting 7:30 pm
3. Tuesday 25th: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:30 pm
4. Thursday 27th: Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm
5. Friday 28th: Cantor's workshop 7:30 pm
6. Saturday March 1st: repeat of Cantor's workshop 9:00 am