

Readings for next weekend — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3; 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Franciscan Reflection

It's official, the Jubilee of Saint Francis has begun!

Last weekend on 10 January 2026, the Solemnity of Baptism of Jesus, Pope Leo XIV surprised all the members of the Franciscan Family and all devotees by proclaiming a Franciscan Jubilee Year for the 800th anniversary of the transit (death) of St Francis of Assisi. For a whole twelve months, the Church will celebrate the 'Year of St Francis.' Everyone is invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.



If the above news wasn't enough, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants the plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) to those who participate in a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis in any part of the world. (See: www.ofmcap.org/en/anno-giubilare-francescano-2026/)

One understanding of a 'Franciscan church' is one that is under the care of a Franciscan Order. According to this logic, Good Shepherd Church Plumpton under the care of the Capuchin Franciscan Order can be considered a place to receive a plenary indulgence. Very convenient! The little-known church of St Francis in Lilyfield, that is also under our care definitely qualifies and is worth a pilgrimage to in this Jubilee Year!

— Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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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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 16/01/2026

Donations	\$30,780.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$46,000.00
Total Amount	\$88,884.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18 January 2026
1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **25th of January 2026 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. Back on February 1st 2026.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Ignatius, Joachim, Maria, Nena, Pablo, Sr Jeana Abejuela, Mauro Almonte, Gliceria Banta, Gil & Zenaida Cornista, Emerito & Estrella Corpuz, Balbino Dela Rea, Stella & Stanley Duff, Edward Haliburn, Sandra Jonadoss, Joshep Lee, Falaniko Leo, Clarence Nichols, Mary Pereira, Arce Samia, Anthony Silva, Crisanto Uru and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Mark, Michael, Stella Azzopardi, George Cheriyan, Mila Dadat, Cecil Graycochea, Ann Gonsalvez, Rosalind Mahomet, Gliceria Manalang, Anne Miller, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Anabel, Samia Abedo, Catrina Bautista and Michelle Reyes

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Matthew DORRAN, 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, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda MCCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, 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.

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.

“It is good for us, too, to cultivate, like John (the Baptist), the virtue of setting ourselves aside at the right moment, bearing witness that the point of reference of life is Jesus.”

— Pope Francis

Parish & Diocesan News

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be February 18th this year, if you have palms from last year you can bring them and leave them at the Church (or office during the week) so that they can be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Gospel Groups

Ash Wednesday is February 18th – time to start thinking about forming or joining a Gospel discussion group.

Sri Lankan Fundraiser: February 7th & 8th

To raise funds for the building construction of the Holy Rosary Church at Waga, Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan Community will be having a fundraiser on Saturday February 7th after the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday February 8th after the 9:00am Mass. Please refer to the poster on the parish notice board for details or contact Moira on 0408 869 114.

Holy Communion from the Chalice

A reminder that Jesus said: take and eat, and take and drink... he did not say take and DIP! When you have consumed the host, move to the minister with the chalice, he or she will say “The blood of Christ”, you reply “Amen”, then take the chalice, take a sip and hand it back to the minister.

Rosary Making Workshop: February 9th

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on Monday 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Diocesan World Day of the Sick: February 11th

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on February 11th 2026 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.

To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/

Plastic Tops of Bottles Needed for a Wheelchair

Stella Vella from the St Nicholas Festa Committee is saving the plastic tops of bottles in order to obtain a motorised wheelchair for a disabled person. There will be a box provided on the kitchen veranda (near where the boiling water is served for drinks). It takes a lot of tops to obtain a wheelchair so please help Stella and drop your bottle tops in the box provided.

Coming Events:

- Tuesday January 27th 9.00am: Mass with the staffs of the three schools of our parish followed by morning tea (all are welcome).
- Thursdays February 5th and 12th: Final two installments of the Gospel of Saint Matthew – 7.00pm soup followed by video and discussion. All are welcome.
- Saturday February 7th 6.00pm Mass: Farewell to the Immaculatae Sisters. The Sisters who worked in Plumpton Parish in the mid 2000s are returning to the Philippines. Refreshments after the Mass.
- Saturday February 14th 9.00 to 11.00am: Musician's workshop at the Church.