

Readings for next weekend — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First reading: Genesis 18:1-10; Second reading: Colossians 1:24-28; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Who Is My Neighbor?

The brilliance of Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan is evident not only in the power of the story itself but also in its timeless and universal application.

The question “Who is my neighbor?” receives an answer that will confront every future encounter between all of us and any person in need. In that moment and circumstance, that person becomes our neighbor. If we want to inherit eternal life, we must love that person as ourselves, for this is the first and most important commandment, the Great Commandment that makes love of God inseparable from love of neighbor.

We know the story. The failure of the priest and the Levite to stop and help the victim only heightens the question of who will be his neighbor. The shocking answer is lost on us if we do not imagine ourselves as the victim and our rescuer as the last person in the world we would expect to help us — our worst enemy.

The scholar of the law must have felt that way as the trap he hoped to set for Jesus closes in on him. His desire for a legal definition of neighbor that would set limits to his obligation is made irrelevant by the limitless demands of love when faced with need. Jesus makes him answer his own question. Compassion defines neighbor, both for the one in need of it and the one who shows it. All other distinctions, limits, qualifications and excuses disappear in the encounter between mercy and need. If we want compassion we must be compassionate.

The parable of the Good Samaritan ends with the question Jesus poses for us today, “Which of these, in your opinion, was neighbor to the one who was suffering?” The scholar answered, “The one who showed mercy.” If we answer the same way, then we must go and do likewise.

— National Catholic Reporter

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Catholic Outlook Feedback survey!

Do you engage with Catholic Outlook through our magazine, website or social media? We invite you to tell us what you enjoy, what you’d like more of and how we can continue to engage and inspire all people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Complete the anonymous survey by Friday 25 July by scanning the QR code or by visiting [www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9J5Y5Z).



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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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761  
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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 13 July 2025

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20  
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.

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 **27th of July 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.

“Being missionaries means loving God with all one's heart, even to the point, if necessary, of dying for him... Being missionaries means stooping down to the needs of all, like the Good Samaritan, especially those of the poorest and most destitute people.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Daniel Allegacoon, John Apap, Victor Raul Cano, Sr Gail Colquhoun, Rose Formosa, Randy Gunasekera, Bishop Joy, Ernesto & Ester Manlapid, Rudy Reyes, Myra Silva and all the holy souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Fr Gerard, Mark, Michael, Isabelle Brillantes, Lourdes D'Souza and Michelle Reyes

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:** Antioch Youth Plumpton

### 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, 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, 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

### Friars Away — 14th to 18th July

The Friars of the Good Shepherd Parish will be away from Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July. There will be **NO weekday Masses** during the week.

### Alpha at The Good Shepherd Parish: Begins 24th July

Try Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton and Explore Life's Big Questions. **Begins 24 July at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Registration is essential as limited spaces are available. Please scan the **QR code** to register or contact the parish office, email: [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or phone (02) 9832 4461. Find out more about Alpha: <https://www.alpha.org.au/>



### Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Good Shepherd Parish Office on [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or (02) 9832 4461 before Monday 4 August.

### Secure your seat! Bishop Vincent Presents Mauricio Lopez: 23 July

Mauricio López Oropeza – a leading Latin American lay voice – will share powerful insights on synodality, justice, and the Church's mission as part of the Bishop Vincent Presents series of lectures. Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, at 6:00 pm or watch the livestream for free. Secure your spot and be inspired! Register now: [parracatholic.org/lopez](http://parracatholic.org/lopez)

### Children's Liturgy Workshop: 24 July

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 24 July at 7:00-8:30 pm. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795. Please RSVP via [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) by 18 July.

### Liturgical Ministry Course – Starts September 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or (02) 9832 4461. **Registrations close 19 August**, but **spaces are limited** so enrol now to avoid disappointment. Minimum age is 16 (18 for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion). Under 18's will require an adult with them.

### Rome from Home (Youth and Young Adults): 2 August

A retreat for young adults aged between 13 and 35, who want to grow in faith, find community, and be inspired on their journey. To be held on Saturday 2nd of August (12:30 pm – 6:00 pm) at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. **Register by 26 July:** <https://parracatholic.org/events/rome-from-home/>

### Volunteer Drivers needed at the Southern Cross Retirement Village

We are looking for volunteers to drive the Southern Cross Retirement Village 11 seater bus. You can volunteer for half day trips or for full day trips. If you have an ordinary driver's licence then you are covered to drive an 11 seater bus. We would like a team of drivers so if you are interested please contact Sr Margaret Tisch - 0431 303 738, email - [margaretantisch@gmail.com](mailto:margaretantisch@gmail.com).