

Readings for next weekend — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7; *Second reading:* 1 Timothy 6:11-16; *Gospel:* Luke 16:19-31

Franciscan Reflection

Spring is in the air! September is the first month of Spring and gardeners are busy sowing capsicums, carrots, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuces, pumpkins and eggplants to name a few. Watermelon, strawberries and blueberries are also being planted this time of year. With the right amount of tender, love and care – that is, good soil, watering, sunlight, fertilising and keeping the pests and chickens at bay – these plants will yield an abundant harvest (Psalm 85:12).

This weekend, seeds and seedlings will be blessed. These seeds will eventually produce edible food.

In the Book of Genesis, God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food” (1:29).

We thank God for these seeds and seedlings and ask Him to look with merry countenance and fair eyes on these seeds and seedlings. We also ask Him to be merciful and pour out the blessing upon them which in His benevolence brings forth to sustain life. Let nothing destroy them, but keep them unharmed until they reach their full growth and produce an abundant harvest for the service of body and soul.

Happy gardening!

May the sowing of garden seeds inspire us to sow seeds of faith and love in the world.

— 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.

Rosary Making Workshop: 25 September

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals in our Diocese via the Camillian Hospital chaplains. The craft evening will be held on Thursday 25 September from 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/rosary-beads-workshop-25-september/>

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



Phone: 02 9832 4461
After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440
Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
www.goodshepherd.org.au

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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.*

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 19/09/2025

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$44,000.00
Total Amount	\$86,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) **21 September 2025**

1st Reading:	<i>Amos 8:4-7</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>1 Timothy 2:1-8</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 16:1-13</i>
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.</i>
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.</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.

Congratulations for last Weekends’ Baptism

Emilio Sol Rosario Hernandez
Lorenzo John Martinez
Aubree Ruth Papasidero
Rylee Rose Papasidero

“Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the Kingdom of God - the rest will be given.”
— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Antoine, Bahia, George, Melad, Samir, Violette, Rosalinda Aclao, Rufino Bartolome, Guy Farla, Maria Libia Febicoski, Felix Fernandez, Mouna Karam, Florante Laus, Patrick Neil Lim, Joyce Littlemore, Aurea Martin, Ernesto Miranda, Elena Concepcion Osmena, Olga Quinn, Benjamin Recto, Benjamin Recto Jr, Epifania Saludez, Leila Shaheen, Sleiman Solomon, Benjamin Soriano Sr, Aida & Simon Walcott and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Mark, Michael, Gladys Marie Dado, Domingo Escueta, Tesa Mejo, Alexander Nguyen, Joseph Pascual and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Montana, Yvonne, Gimil Abraham, Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Chloe Cabalhin, Benjamin Core, Sol & Linda Escueta, T. Fernandes, Ezra Jacob Nuval, Jesun Tandoc and Jonathan Tandoc

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, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

Parish & Diocesan News

Parish Car Park

During the next school holidays (end of this month) it is hoped (weather permitting) to repaint the parking spaces in the parish carpark. We need some consistent dry weather to do this. Meanwhile **your courtesy and patience is greatly appreciated.**

Celebrating the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

This year we will celebrate this important Solemnity with the “**Transitus of St. Francis**” to be celebrated at **7.30pm on Friday October 3rd**. This will take place outdoors in the courtyard in front of the Church. It is a liturgy of the word and story-telling of the night St. Francis passed from this world to the next. Then on Saturday **October 4th** we will celebrate **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** followed by **Mass at 9am**. (Note the usual Saturday morning times have been changed for this day!) Mass will be followed by morning tea. The “**Icon of the Canticle of Creation**” which was inaugurated here in May will be returning for these celebrations. It’s a great way to celebrate the conclusion to the Season of creation and the 800th anniversary of St. Francis’ Canticle of Creation.

Create an Artwork for the Season of Creation

To celebrate the World Day of Creation and the 10th Anniversary of the Encyclical ‘Laudato Si’, **all children (under 18) within the Parish** are invited to create an artwork based on this year’s theme: “Seeds of Peace and Hope” or “Peace with Creation”. **Submit your A4-size artwork to the Good Shepherd Parish Office between 1 September to 4 October 2025**. A selection will be displayed around the Parish and published on Parish social media platforms. Please refer to the posters on the notice boards for more details.

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

Thank you for caring for our spiritual fathers. Because of your compassion, our Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal donations will provide much-needed care and support for those who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity and love ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. If you haven’t had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this **QR code**. Thank you.



Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish

Alpha continues on Thursday nights – for those who missed out this year **we will be running Alpha again next year.**

HSC Students Mass: 12 October 6:00pm

At this Mass there will be a blessing for all who are taking the HSC exams this year.

Interfaith Dialogue

On **Thursday October 23rd** there will be a special presentation on the work of Interfaith dialogue by guest speaker Fr. Pat McInerney, a Columban Missionary Priest — **7:30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. **Mark your calendar now!**

Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church

This will take place on the **weekend of October 25 and 26** — at all Masses with an **International Food lunch** in the parish (bingo) hall after the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

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.