

Readings for next weekend — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; *2nd reading:* 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; *Gospel:* Luke 17:5-10

Franciscan Reflection

This Friday on the eve of the solemnity of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscans the world over and those who have a devotion to him gather for the Transitus - a commemoration of the passing of Our Founder from earthly life to eternal life in 1226. In this liturgy, an account of the final hours of St Francis is read including the context of the final two verses of the Canticle of the Creature.

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the *second death* shall do them no harm.

*Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.*

St Francis approached death not in fear but with open arms. While he was in the state of grace – a condition of a person who is free from mortal sin and pleasing to God – he was in friendship with God in order to attain heaven. Through sanctifying grace, God drew close to him. This state of grace, which began on earth at the moment of his baptism, responded during his lifetime as a child of God until his final breath, extended forever into eternity. He had nothing to worry about.

He greeted Sister Death as another expression of God’s presence.

No one can escape death. That said, hopefully, when Sister Death arrives, she will find us in friendship with God and fulfilling His most holy will just like St Francis.

— *Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap*

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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.

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
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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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**New Parish Projects—Meeting room and
Additional Toilets 26/09/2025**

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$45,000.00
Total Amount	\$87,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

**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.*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Entrance Antiphon:

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

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 **26th of October 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Greytan Zane Dizon
Xaryna Wanda Amar Hermosa
Anthony Michael Kidane

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.

"Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change." — Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Antoine, Bahia, Celia, Claro, Dominga, George, Leila, Mario, Melad, Mouna, Nena, Oula, Pablo, Salud, Samir, Samuel, Solomon, Violette, Maria Libia Febicoski, Anthony & Kathleen Haliburn, Aurea Martin, Marie Chantal Picon, Poligena Manuel Tolentino, George & Royan Vaz, Natividad Vergara, Edilberto Villadolid, Guellerma Villamin, Mameng Villaroza, Aida & Simon Walcott and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Marcelito, Mark, Michael, Tristan, Karen Barrett, Domingo Escueta, Tesa Mejo, Alexander Nguyen, Joseph Pascual, Rose Pereira and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Ace Boncato and T Fernandes

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**.

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.

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**.

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.

Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt – Spring Family Holiday Program

Holy Family Parish invites families to two exciting outings during the spring school holidays. Come along, connect with others and enjoy the day!

Activity 1: Sydney Observatory – Wednesday 1 October

Activity 2: Australian Museum – Friday 10 October

Cost: \$5.00 per person (children aged 0-2 travel free). Bus departs Holy Family Church at 9:00am sharp and departs the destination at 3:00pm. Please refer to the posters on the notice boards for details or contact the Holy Family Parish office on 02 9628 7272 or 0497 966 277.

Coming Events:

1. St. Francis of Assisi Celebrations: This year the Transitus (passing of Saint Francis to eternal life) will be celebrated on Friday October 3rd 7:30pm in the Church courtyard (consequently there will be no Mass that evening). On Saturday morning (October 4th) Morning Prayer will be at 8:30am followed by Mass at 9:00am (No 8:00am Mass this Saturday). Morning tea will follow the Mass. There will be Blessing of pets at 4:00pm in the Church courtyard.
2. Fr. John will be on annual holidays from October 6th to 28th.
3. On Sunday October 12th – 6:00pm Mass there will be a special blessing for those undertaking their HSC exams this year.
4. Also, on October 12th our Junior Choir will be singing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for the 9:30am Mass.
5. Interfaith Dialogue – with Fr. Pat McInerney (Columban priest) will be in the parish meeting room on Thursday October 23rd. Supper at 7:00pm, presentation at 7:30pm. All are welcome.
6. Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church will be on the weekend of October 25th/26th. There will be an International food lunch in the Hall on the 26th.