

Readings for next weekend — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19;2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18;Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Anniversary of the Dedication October 25th/26th

The anniversary of a Church’s dedication is celebrated with the rank of a solemnity. This will be marked by special readings for the occasion: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7, Ephesians 2:19-22 and Luke 19:1-10.

In the early stages of humanity’s religious development, people thought of the whole world as sacred, but, as they came to realise that there were forces hostile to the sacred in the world, places and spaces were set apart where worship could take place and where those forces could be excluded. In the rite of dedication (celebrated here in 1988), the Church is made a sacred place as a symbol, and as the prayer indicates, because of what goes on within it. It is the place where the waters of Baptism overwhelm the shame of sin...God’s people die to sin and live again through grace his adopted children. Here, “prayer, the Church’s banquet,” is made and continual prayer for the salvation of the world ascends to God.

The Church building is holy because of the praise of God’s holy people in it.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025/26

- 03 November 2025, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation) and registration** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 November and 07 December 2025 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 08 December 2025 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 27 April 2026, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only**
- 03, 10, 17 & 24 May 2026 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 25 May 2026 – Monday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 30/31 May, 06/07 June and 13/14 June 2026 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms are now available at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

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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 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.*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 19 October 2025

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: *To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.*

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

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**.

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

- Eirianne Clarisse Banaag
- Maverick Kaze Bautista
- Octavia Alina Chironna
- Sylvanna Tutua Gama
- Lachlan Elias Khorami
- Kyrie Leandro Marques

“But Jesus assures us: unlike the unjust judge, God promptly answers his children, although this does not mean he does it in the time and manner that we would like.” — Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Dominga, Teresa Adviento, Ricardo Barcena, Benjamin & Lucille Familiara, Juanita & Rosa Fermin, Sleiman & Violet Freiji, Nieves Guinto, Antoine & Mouna Karam, Dominador Lobo, John McCarter, Juanita Mendenilla, Arturo Osmena, Carmen & Fred Ramos, Mercy Ramos, Jose Say, Leila & Melad Shaheen, Agnes & John Walcott, Aida & Simon Walcott, James Walcott and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Marcelito, Tristan, Karen Barrett, Ceejay Bergonia, Shirley Morcilla, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Rose Pereira, Michelle Reyes, Tessie Rimando, Peter Stanborough and Peter Walcott

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Joshua Nuval, Reyes Family and Faustina Taateo

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, 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, Teresa MESSIANA, 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.

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Catholic Mission Appeal: 18 and 19 October

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. Donation envelopes are available at the weekend Masses. The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can **support** this work by using the **appeal envelope** in the Church pews, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the **QR code**. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Interreligious Dialogue

“Each member of the faithful and all Christian communities are called to practice dialogue,” (Pope St. John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, #57, 1990). On Thursday October 23rd 7.30 – 9:00pm we have the opportunity to hear from Fr. Patrick McInerney, director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on this very important topic. Australia is a multi-cultural (multi religious) society. This presentation will help us understand our neighbours better. Use the QR codes around the Church or call the parish office to reserve your place.

Social Media Presence

Our parish has become the first in the diocese to employ a director of Social Media. Catrina Bautista has begun working for us and she will be visiting the various groups and organisations of the parish over the next few weeks. This is about improving our “on-line” presence (facebook, parish website, etc.) and enhancing the visual aids we use during the liturgy.

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.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:

- Saturday 25 October for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Coming events and meetings :

1. Thursday October 23rd: Interfaith Dialogue 7.30pm.
2. Saturday/ Sunday October 25th/26th: Anniversary of the dedication of our parish church – celebrated at all Masses over the weekend and International Food in the parish Hall – 12 noon October 26th, all are welcome.
3. Tuesday October 28th: Liturgy Committee 7.30pm.
4. Thursday October 30th: “The Gospel of St. Matthew” (4 week program – 7.00pm).
5. Monday November 3rd: Sacramental Program Parent information night 7.00pm.
6. Tuesday November 4th: Pastoral Planning Committee 7.30pm.