

Readings for next weekend — Third Sunday of Advent

First reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*; Second reading: *James 5:7-10*; Gospel: *Matthew 11:2-11*

Evangelisation and Catechesis

Following on from last Sunday's homily, a total of 10 children across four Masses made their First Communion this year (out of a total of 90), where are the other 80? And out of 60 children who were Confirmed this year, only 11 were at our weekend Masses. This suggests that our sacramental programs are not producing fruit... we've put a lot of money, time and effort into these programs but for very little long-term gain. Time for a re-think. Evangelisation rather than catechesis needs to be our focus and for this reason we will be promoting ALPHA again next year as means for people to either meet Jesus Christ for the first time, or to have their relationship with him deepened and strengthened. Our future as a parish depends on this.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

An opportunity to reflect on Advent in our Parish:

You are invited to reflect on the Sunday Readings for Advent 2025 using the book *In Holy Stillness*.

Mondays 10:00am Readings / Discussions (after 9:00am Mass and morning tea) in the Parish meeting room:

- December 8th
- December 15th

Thursdays 7:00pm Supper, 7:30pm Readings / Discussions in the Parish meeting room:

- December 11th
- December 18th

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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:

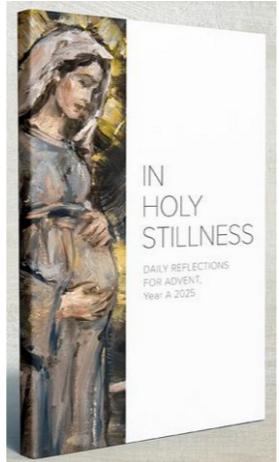
BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 00000495

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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Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 05/12/2025

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$46,000.00
Total Amount	\$88,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

1st Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

2nd Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

Entrance Antiphon:

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

Responsorial Psalm:

*Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.*

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

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.

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761

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.

07 December 2025

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.

Christmas 2025 Mass Times

24 December 2025 (Wednesday)

- Vigil Mass - 6:00pm
- Mass during the night - 9:00pm

25 December 2025 (Thursday)

- Mass at dawn - 7:00am
- Mass during the day - 9:00am
- Christmas Vietnamese Mass - 12:00pm
- **Please note: NO evening Mass**

New Year 01 January 2026 (Thursday)

- 9:00 am

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Baptism

Anya Denise Lumanta
Lily Ranola Vu

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.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Joseph, Erlinda Bermudez, Issac George, Rene Palacio, Paul Peters, Benjamin S Recto, Benjamin C Recto Jr, Eligio Solomon, George Zahra and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Stella Azzopardi, Therese Foenander, Neil Mercado, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Irene Nimenzo, Ernesto Pacoli, Michelle Reyes and Tessie Rimando

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Rodel, Reyes family and Edgardo Nuval

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, 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, 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.

2nd Sunday of Advent:

Both Isaiah and John the Baptist speak directly of God's Kingdom to come, though in very different language. This invites us into the frequent "both/and" nature of Catholic faith. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul invites the community to hold on to hope in the fullness of the kingdom, and to live in its "harmony" in the present.

Given the broken and war-torn state of our world, it might be difficult to trust that the peace and justice of God will ever come to fruition. Violence and conflict seem to prevail and this can overwhelm us and make us feel useless in the face of evil. Today's readings invite us to trust above all in the kingship of Christ, who will bring peace and justice. The Christian faith is one of hope rather than despair, life rather than death, and light rather than darkness.

Parish & Diocesan News

New Carpark

The carpark at the back of the Church is now open. Please follow the signs and arrows: Angle parking – nose in first, both sides.

First Rite of Reconciliation: December 8th

The children who are currently taking their Sacramental program for Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion will be having their First Rite of Reconciliation on Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Church.

Parish Pilgrimage to Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

Fr John will be leading a Parish Pilgrimage on **Saturday December 13th**. Please assemble in the Church carpark for a **10:00am departure**. BYO picnic lunch. No set departure time from Mulgoa.

Good Shepherd Junior Choir at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa: December 14th

The Good Shepherd Junior Choir will be singing at the 11:00am Mass in Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa on December 14th.

Blessing of Nativity Scenes: December 13th & 14th

Bring your nativity set/ parols (Christmas lanterns) to Mass next weekend – there will be a blessing of Nativity scenes/ Christmas cribs/ parols at all Masses.

"Break Open the Word 2026" for Readers

The next edition of "Break Open the Word" is available from the sacristy or the parish office. All readers can get a copy.

Thank you for helping heal broken hearts this Christmas

Because of your compassion, our **Bishop's Christmas Appeal** has raised money to support Catholic Care's counsellors to continue bringing comfort and hope when it's needed most. Your kindness provides professional counselling, tailored care plans and the training that equips our team to serve with wisdom and compassion. If you haven't had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish

We are currently in need of Altar Servers for the weekend Masses. If you have received your First Holy Communion and are interested in joining the Altar Servers Ministry, **please contact the Parish Office on 9832 4461** or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au.