

Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday of Advent
First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Second reading: Romans 1:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Excerpt from the Parish Priest’s November report:

Over the past twelve months we have been working at moving our parish from a position of maintenance to one of mission. A number of initiatives have taken place - mostly behind the scenes. Earlier this year, I formed a senior leadership team whose task is help keep us all focused on the parish vision: Our Parish...a place where all people are welcomed...a place where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are celebrated and put to use...a place where people are empowered to share the good news of Jesus with others.

To that end we have initiated a welcome booth at the entrance of the church – this will be a place to gather information, registration forms and welcome booklets (especially for new parishioners and visitors). We will also be placing a renewed emphasis on the ministry of welcome before Mass.

In the coming year we hope to be able to offer prayer for people, once a month, after the Sunday Mass. This will be an opportunity to have someone pray for you, and over you. More details in the coming months.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

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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*.

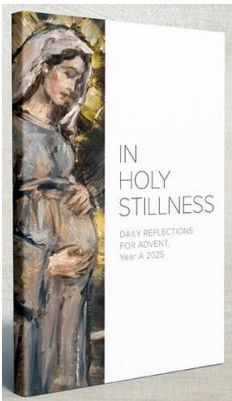
Mondays 10:00am Readings / Discussions (after 9:00am Mass and morning tea) in the Parish meeting room:

- December 15th

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

- 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



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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 12/12/2025**

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

14 December 2025

1st Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*
2nd Reading: *James 5:7-10*
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:2-11*

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, come and save us.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

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.

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

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**.

"The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give."

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Gomez Adviento Jr, John Apap, Hope Dias, Tony & Rena Fernandes, Mary Rose Formosa, Ambrocio Francisco, Antonette Haliburn, Kumarika Misso, Dominga Nuval, George & Shayne Vaz, Clement Silva, Marie Sylvestre, Stephen Woodhouse, Frank Zammit, Consuelo Zaragoza and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Stella Azzopardi, Therese Foenander, Neil Mercado, Peter Nathan, Irene Nimenzo, Ernesto Pacoli, Maria Perez and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Jasmin, Marianne, T Fernandes, Leviticus Kavana and Tutis & Colin Pereira

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 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, 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.

Parish & Diocesan News

St Nicholas Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of last Sunday's raffle draw:

First Price – \$500: **Robert Cutajar**

Second Price – \$300 Gift Voucher: **Sol Andres**

Third Price – Lawn Mower: **Pauline Mifsud**

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.

Blessing of Nativity Scenes: December 13th & 14th

There will be a blessing of Nativity scenes/ Christmas cribs/ parols at all Masses this weekend.

Santo Niño Fiesta Celebration

The 6th day Novena in preparation for the celebration of the Santo Niño will be held at the Good Shepherd Parish Church on January 13th 2026 at 7:00pm. For more Novena days, venue and other information please refer to the poster on the parish notice board.

Grab your FREE copy of the Catholic Outlook Magazine!

The latest quarterly edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine - Advent/Summer edition is out now, keeping you connected with exciting news and events in the Diocese of Parramatta. Please take a copy at the back of the Church as you leave.

"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.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course returns for 2026

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course will be returning in February 2026. Enrolment forms are available at the parish office or see one of the priests. To avoid disappointment, **please submit the signed enrolment forms** to the parish office or email to parishof@goodshepherd.org.au **before Friday 16 January 2026**. Please visit parracatholic.org/liturgical-ministry-course for more information about this course or contact the parish office on 02 9832 4461.

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.

Coming events:

Monday 15th December: 6:00pm St. Francis School Mass – [Church]
7.30pm Final RCIA meeting for this year

Thursday 18th December: 9:00am Mass with the staff from St. Clare High school.
7:00pm Final Advent Gospel reflection.

Monday 22nd December: 7.30pm RCIA team meeting.

Comings and goings...

- Fr. Paul will be making his home visit from January 3rd to Feb 5th.
- Br. Isaac Webb will be here from January 8th to February 16th for his summer assignment. (He is one of our Capuchin Student Friars)
- Br. Gerard O'Brien will be on holidays January 5th to 18th.