

Readings for next weekend — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14; 2nd reading: Colossians 3:12-21; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Excerpt #2 from the Parish Priest's November Report:

To help us share the good news of Jesus with others we have conducted a very successful Alpha this year. Alpha is about developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The next Alpha will run here beginning Monday **May 4th 2026**.

From a liturgical point of view our parish has experienced some great initiatives this past year. Very significant is the return of Holy Communion under both forms. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal #281 says: Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds (bread and wine). For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident.

A new floor in the choir area has greatly improved the quality of the sound, especially when the orchestra is playing. We have also seen a big uptake in the number of parishioners offering themselves to take on a liturgical ministry. It's important to remember that every liturgical ministry - reader, server, minister at the altar, extraordinary minister of communion, welcomer, choir/musician - is always about putting to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the building up of Christ's body the Church (The third element of our parish vision).

Our ministry to children with special needs will see the live-streaming of the Sunday evening Mass on the last Sunday of the month into the meeting room so that these children and their families can participate in the liturgy in a way that is appropriate to their circumstances.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap



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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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 19/12/2025

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

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.

21 December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Entrance Antiphon:

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.*

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.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Luca Levi Banta
Sage Wynter Chua
Dreamina Olivianne Lafaele
Waitaha Joseph Rota

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Philomena Bent, Joseph Buttigieg, Chris Gabel, Frank Gerisch, Myrna Honculada, Veronica Howard, Esperanza Lobo, Harold Psaltis and all the holy souls in purgatory

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

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Romeo B, Gliceria Manalang and Cornelius 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, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, 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, Falaniko and Lima LEO, 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

A message from the Plumpton Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society

On Saturday morning, December 13th, we delivered Christmas hampers and children's presents to our clients. A large number of our clients asked us to express their gratitude to all of our parishioners and the staff & families of Good Shepherd Primary School, St Francis of Assisi Primary School and St Clare's Catholic High School. Thank you for your generosity and for sharing your blessings to families in need. You have also helped stock our pantries so we can serve our clients for the next 6 months. Our conference would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped sort, pack and deliver these precious gifts to our brothers and sisters. Special shout out to our youth in Antioch who helped us every step of the way. May you all experience the joy, peace, hope and love that the birth of Baby Jesus brings!

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.

No Evening Mass on January 2nd 2026 (First Friday)

As we are having the Epiphany Carols on February 2nd at 7:30pm, there will be NO evening Mass on this 1st Friday. There will still be a 9:00am Mass.

Santo Niño Fiesta Celebration

The 6th day Novena in preparation for the celebration of the Santo Niño Fiesta will be held at the Good Shepherd Parish Church on January 13th 2026 Tuesday at 7:00pm. The Santo Niño Fiesta celebration will be on January 18th 2026 Sunday with a Mass at 2:00pm at St Patrick's Church Blacktown. For more information regarding other Novena days and venues please refer to the poster on the parish notice board.

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:

- Carols night – Friday January 2nd 7.30pm in the church courtyard. Supper will be provided. Bring your folding deck-chair or a blanket to sit on.
- January 8th: Capuchin student Br. Isaac Webb (and a fellow Queenslander) will be here from January 8th to February 16th for a summer parish assignment.
- January 11th: Sunday – Breaking Open the Word for our Catechumens resumes at the 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm Sunday Masses.
- January 27th: Tuesday 9:00am Mass – Mass with the staffs of the three schools of our parish.
- February 2nd: Monday 7.30pm – RCIA resumes in the Meeting Room.
- February 18th: Ash Wednesday 2026.