

## Readings for next weekend — The Epiphany of the Lord

**First reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6; **Second reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### Today's Feast: The Holy Family

Today's feast of the Holy Family serves as a reminder of the importance of family life and the call of every family to holiness. We can turn to the rich teaching of Pope Saint John Paul II, in his 1981 apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio* (on the role of the Christian Family in the Modern World). He insists that the Christian family is not closed in on itself, but remains open to the community, moved by a sense of justice and concern for others.

One way it does this, the pope says, is to practice 'hospitality'. More broadly he calls families to a dedication to social matters, through a preferential option for the poor and disadvantaged.

Finally, he says, this "social role of families" must "find expression also in the form of political intervention". That means supporting and helping those in need not only through material help, but also through the social-political causes we support and the way we choose to vote.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### Migrant Jubilee Cross visits the Diocese of Parramatta

To mark the end of the Jubilee Year, the Vatican's Migrant Jubilee Cross will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta from 5-11 January. For one week, the Diocese of Parramatta will come alive with celebrations that recognise the faith, gifts and resilience of migrant communities who have enriched our parishes, schools and communities. Bring your friends and family to experience the Migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage at a parish near you. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross](http://parracatholic.org/migrant-jubilee-cross).

#### 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](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au).

#### 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

Or visit our website:

[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

## 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.

#### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

#### Additional Toilets 24/12/2025

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year A)

28 December 2025

**1st Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**Entrance Antiphon:** *The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among 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.



### 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

Andrew Austin James  
Ralf Enrico Veloso

### Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** V T Aruputham & Arul Mary, Sr Catherine Bernard, Remegio Amoncio Deligero, Mr & Mrs Doraisamy, Anthony & Rita Haliburn, Antonette & Joseph & Kathleen Haliburn, Edward & Mary Haliburn, Daniel & Matilda Haliburn, Joseph & Patricia Haliburn, Yeida Guce Mangubat, Amelia & Francis Meyers, Thomas & Teresa Nathan, Ronald Navarro, Rodolfo Reyes Sr 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:** Christopher & family, Doris & Jay & John Barrett, Hunter, Jaz and Miki

### 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

### New Carpark and Disabled Parking Spaces

The carpark at the back of the Church is now open. **Please follow the signs and arrows:** Angle parking – nose in first, both sides. We also have 3 new disabled parking spaces close to the Church – please reverse park on these spaces.

### Bible Study in Our Parish Community

Young couples are invited to a monthly Bible Study starting February 2026 – exploring faith, love, and relationships through Scripture as we learn and grow together in Christ. At 33 Drysdale Crescent, Plumpton. Please contact Anto on 0470 245 477 if you are interested in joining the group. First Friday of every month starting February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 7:00pm.

### No Evening Mass on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 (First Friday)

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

### Santo Niño Fiesta Celebration

The 6<sup>th</sup> day Novena in preparation for the celebration of the Santo Niño Fiesta will be held at the Good Shepherd Parish Church on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 Tuesday at 7:00pm. The Santo Niño Fiesta celebration will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) before **Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**. Please visit [parracatholic.org/liturgical-ministry-course](http://parracatholic.org/liturgical-ministry-course) for more information about this course or contact the parish office on 02 9832 4461.

### Sing a New Song Music Workshop for Children: January 21<sup>st</sup>

Do you have a **child in Year 4-12**? Invite them to come along to our **'Sing A New Song Holiday Music Workshop'**, for a fun day of singing and exploration of sacred music. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 from 9:30am to 2:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta**. Morning tea and lunch provided. Student participants will form a choir that will sing at the Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Sunday 25 January at 11:00am. To register, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/OURuFAeThA>

### Coming events:

- January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Friday 7:30pm – Epiphany Carols in the Church courtyard. Supper will be provided. Bring your folding deck-chair or a blanket to sit on.
- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Capuchin student Br. Isaac Webb (and a fellow Queenslander) will be here from January 8<sup>th</sup> to February 16<sup>th</sup> for a summer parish assignment.
- January 11<sup>th</sup>: Sunday – Breaking Open the Word for our Catechumens resumes at the 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm Sunday Masses.
- January 27<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday 9:00am Mass – Mass with the staffs of the three schools of our parish.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monday 7.30pm – RCIA resumes in the Meeting Room.
- February 18<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday 2026.