

Readings for next weekend — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*; Second reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*; Gospel: *John 1:29-34*

The Baptism of the Lord.

There are two important proclamations of God's word in today's gospel: one is the message of John the Baptist to his disciples, and the other is the voice of God the Father to his Son. In his baptism, Jesus is acknowledged as the beloved Son of the Father. In our own baptism, we get this same message – that God has chosen us as his sons and daughters. Sometimes, we lose sight of this essential truth and get bogged down in other things – stress, our jobs, our families, even our desire to follow Jesus. All these things can get in the way of recognising that we are *beloved*. Spend some quality time in prayer this week allowing God to love you as son or daughter, and recognize God's love in your life so that you can effectively share it with others.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

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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 January 16th 2026**. Please visit 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 21st

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 21st 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>

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 09/01/2026

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 Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

1st Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 3:13-17

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2nd Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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.

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.

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. Back on February 1st 2026.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: John Apap, Cecilia Bautista, Dave Andrew Culala, Fr Alban D'Souza, Afra & Hilary Fernandes, Don Gaculais, Yaida Guce Mangubat, Antoinette Mansour, Ronaldo & Sophia Pereira, Ivan Patrick Quintos, Anthony Silva, Adib Tork, Marie Zammit and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Stella Azzopardi, George Cheriyadan, Mila Dadat, Cecil Graycochea, Rosalind Mahomet, Anne Miller, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Algeria, Mario, Jun & LC Benicarlo, Hoang's family, Aida Marner and Tessie Vella

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, Foleatina 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.

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be February 18th this year, if you have palms from last year you can bring them and leave them at the Church (or office during the week) so that they can be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Holy Communion from the Chalice

A reminder that Jesus said: take and eat, and take and drink... he did not say take and DIP! When you have consumed the host, move to the minister with the chalice, he or she will say "The blood of Christ", you reply "Amen", then take the chalice, take a sip and hand it back to the minister.

Welcome to Br. Isaac Webb

Fellow Queenslander and Capuchin student Br Isaac Webb will be with us for the next few weeks. Please make yourself known to him.

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 6th at 6:00 – 7:00pm.

Epiphany Carols

Thanks to all those who contributed to the CAROLS evening on January 2nd. It was obvious that a lot of time and work went into this excellent presentation: the choirs, the musicians, the actors and actresses, the setting up of the scene and the places for the audience, the food - the sandwich was delicious, and the boiling water for drinks etc. A special mention for the young family who played the roles of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus; what a perfect baby who seemed to be enjoying it all. **From us the audience.**

Rosary Making Workshop: February 9th

Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on Monday 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Plastic Tops of Bottles Needed for a Wheelchair

Stella Vella from the St Nicholas Festa Committee is saving the plastic tops of bottles in order to obtain a motorised wheelchair for a disabled person. There will be a box provided on the kitchen veranda (near where the boiling water is served for drinks). It takes a lot of tops to obtain a wheelchair so please help Stella and drop your bottle tops in the box provided.

Coming celebrations

- RCIA: Breaking Open the Word recommences today. Monday night meetings resume February 2nd.
- Tuesday January 27th 9:00am: Mass with the staffs of the three schools of our parish followed by morning tea (all are welcome).
- Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February: Sri Lankan fund raiser after Masses.
- Saturday 14th February 9:00 to 11:00am: Musician's workshop here.