**Readings for next weekend — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
***First reading:*** *Jeremiah 20:7-9;* ***Second reading:*** *Romans 12:1-2;* ***Gospel:*** *Matthew 16:21-27*

## Season of Creation and other things in September:

There is much to be excited about for the month of September. We will begin the Season of Creation by celebrating the Mass for the Care of Creation on the weekend of September 5th/6th at all the Sunday Masses. The scripture readings for the day will be different from the Ordinary Time Sunday as follows: Wisdom 13:1-9, Colossians 1:15-20 and Matthew 6:24-34.

We will mark the season by blessing seeds and seedlings at all Masses on the weekend of Sept 19th/20th. The Season of Creation continues up to the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Francis on the weekend of October 3rd/4th. (Which will be followed by a special week of celebrations honouring St. Francis).

"Laudato Si", begins the Canticle of St Francis of Assisi, in praise of God's Creation. In the words of our late Pope Francis, "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life, and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us."

Also in September, as part of our year of St. Francis, we shall have a special celebration of the Feast of the Capuchin Saint, Padre Pio on Wednesday 23rd September with a special presentation at 7.00pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm, which be followed by supper. Mark your calendar now!

*— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey*

## *Parish & Diocesan News continued*

### *Feast of St Pedro Calungsod*

*The St Pedro Calungsod Devotees will be celebrating the 15th Feast Day in honour of St Pedro Calungsod on* ***Saturday, October 17th****. As part of the celebration, a nine-day novena will be held from October 8–16 at 7:00pm in different parishes within the Diocese of Parramatta.* ***The 7th day Novena will be held at Good Shepherd Parish Church on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00pm****.*

### *Be The Witness Update*

*Be The Witness has now partnered with Aid to the Church in Need to bring you the* ***Holy Shroud Exhibition*** *as part of the incredible Be The Witness Experience. This remarkable exhibition detailing the intricacies of the Shroud of Turin will be on display at St Patrick's Cathedral from* ***Sunday September 6th to Sunday September 13th****.*

### *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***



# 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 share the Good News of Jesus with others.*

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**New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets** **21/08/2026**

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| **Donations** | **$31,896.00** |
| **Raffle tickets** | **$12,104.00** |
| **Legacy Donation** | **$58,000.00** |
| **Total Amount** | **$102,000.00** |
| **Revised Target Amount** | **$100,000.00** |

### Weddings

*Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least* ***twelve*** *months in advance.*

### Holy Communion for the Sick

*Please call the parish office to book a date and time.*

### Anointing of the Sick

*Please call the parish office to book a date and time.*

### 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 or church.* ***Next seminar is on 27 September.*** *Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.*

*Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.*

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)** **23 August 2026**

**1st Reading:** ***Isaiah 22:19-23*** **2nd Reading:** ***Romans 11:33-36***
**Gospel Reading:** ***Matthew 16:13-20***

**Entrance Antiphon:**
***Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;***
***save the servant who trusts in you, my God.***
***Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.***

**Responsorial Psalm:**
***Lord, your love is eternal;***
***do not forsake the work of your hands.***

**GOSPEL Acclamation:**
***Alleluia, alleluia!***
***You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;***
***the gates of hell will not hold out against it.***
***Alleluia!***

**Communion Antiphon:**
***The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;***
***you bring forth bread from the earth***
***and wine to cheer the heart.***

### 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:

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| 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-ordinators | Mr Bernie Banta & Mrs 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.*

### Capuchin Young Adults Plumpton

*We're the young adults of The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton! Seeking lives of simplicity, service, prayer and community with St Francis of Assisi. Find us on Instagram:*
***instagram.com/capuchinyoungadultsplumpton/***
*Email: **social.media@goodshepherd.org.au***

### October 2026 Baptism Seminar

*Due to our Parish Expo 2026 celebration on October 25th, the Baptism seminar has been **moved to October 18th** at 2:00pm in the Church.*

### Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

*Lio Arcana Perez Camo*

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for AUGUST

*For evangelization in the city.*
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

***Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:*** *Carmelita, Claro Sr, Danny, Dominador, Maria, Pablo, Sonie, Gil & Victoria Bacur, Philip Ball, Philomina & Rowland Bent, Tony Brewer, Ester Brillantes, Fr Aldan D'Souza, Cynthia & Joe D'Souza; Abigail, Maribeth & Rashida Felipe; Afra, Edwin & Hilary Fernandes; Audom Gomez, Jesus Felix Gonong; Angel, Dionisio & Marcela Laurencio, Solomon Pereira, Dino Mario Rafferty, Alberto Salas, Arce & Salud Samia, Amado & Herminia Sanchez, Michael Velicaria and all the holy souls in purgatory*

***Healing / Good Health:*** *Jess, Karim, Armida Boncato, Antonio Borges, Ivan Correia, Peter Nathan, Solidad Pascua, Maria Perez, Joao Rosa, Lina Sutherland and Jess Valix*

***Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:*** *Mica Pasaporte Chan, Alexa David & family, Sheena Marie Jones & family and Arianna Lepasi Samau*

### We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

*Yvonne, Victoria ABAO, Emanuela AGIUS, Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, Patricia ALLERDICE, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, John BARRETT, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Matthew DORRAN, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Philip PORKETT, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Lynette STITT, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE, Espedito & Kitty ZAMMIT*

# Parish & Diocesan News

### Readers and Commentators Refresher Workshop: 28 August

*There will be a refresher workshop for all current Readers and Commentators this **Friday August 28th at 7:30pm** at the Church. It is important to attend this workshop as it will be a refresher on how and what we practice at the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton.*

### Alpha Youth at The Good Shepherd Parish

*Come hang out with other young people searching for meaning at Alpha Youth. Alpha Youth caters to high school students aged 13 to 18 years and is run by the youth for the youth. Made for this generation, this series creatively unpacks the real questions young people have, particularly on the core ideas of the Christian faith. **Sessions**: 4:00 to 6:00pm Saturdays, **starts August 29th** and runs for 8 weeks at the Good Shepherd Parish Meeting Room. If you are interested, please fill out the form via the QR code or contact RoseVi on 0416 245 254.*

### Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish

*Our next Alpha is about to start – Thursday **September 24th** (the day after Padre Pio), registration is now available – use the QR code which is also on the posters around the church and meeting room area. Book early to avoid missing out. This is an opportunity for you to grow and strengthen your faith and to bring in those who are not yet part of our Church…. perhaps you have a friend or work colleague who might be interested… ask them! Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ! **Registration is important so that Fr. Gerard knows how much soup he has to prepare!!!!***

### Parish-in-Council 2

*Preparations are already underway for our next Parish-in-Council, to be held on **Saturday November 21st** 12noon to 4.30pm at St. Fancis School, Glendenning. Registration will open soon – and more information will be coming in the weeks ahead – for now just mark your diary.*

### St Nicholas Festa event for Vinnies: September 20th

*Join the St. Nicholas Festa Committee for a fun-filled afternoon on **Sunday, September 20th** from **12:00pm** at **The Good Shepherd Parish (Bingo) Hall**. Bring your family and friends to support **St Vincent De Paul Society Plumpton Conference** while enjoying live music! There will be fantastic prizes to win and plenty of delicious food and drinks for purchase, including BBQ, Pastizzi, and Hobz biz-zejt. Entry is a **$10 donation** (kids under 12 are free). Let's come together, enjoy great music, and make a difference! For details, contact Emanuel Vella (0405 677 064) or Stella Vella (0414 188 226).*

### Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

*Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt on **Sunday September 13th**. Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10:00am start. The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3:00pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. To RSVP and for more information please visit: **www.schoenstatt.org.au**.*

### Bishop Vincent Presents: Vatican correspondent Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Pique

*Bishop Vincent, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese, warmly invites all to a special public lecture featuring two of the world's most respected Vatican journalists, Gerard O'Connell and Elisabetta Piqué. Hear their insider's account of the historic transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV. **Wednesday August 26th, 6:00 to 8:00pm**, at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. All are welcome. Register at **parracatholic.org/oconnellpique**.*