

Readings for next weekend — the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3; **Second reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; **Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32

Advent is a Spiritual Discipline:

Do you find it difficult to separate yourself and your family from the Christmas mania happening in Advent? The season of Advent invites us to step away from the hysteria and into a holy wilderness.

Wilderness seasons are significant in the life of God's chosen people. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years before entering the Promised Land. God was silent for 400 years before the birth of Christ. Jesus fasted for forty days before beginning his public ministry. We need to experience seasons of wilderness too. Seasons of waiting and seasons of wandering can be uncomfortable, but God uses them to accomplish subtle work in our hearts, building muscles of discipline, patience, and faithfulness, readying us for what is to come. This year our parish will offer a number of ways to spiritually celebrate the season of Advent – both through face to face and “zoom” Advent reflections. Details will follow in the weeks to come.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

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Free Theology books: Clearing of Bishop Bede Heather Centre library

As the Bishop Bede Heather Centre will be undergoing renovations, the library books are available for collection, free of charge. There are many books in all categories – biblical studies, philosophy, ethics, spirituality, ministry, homiletics, parish renewal, liturgy, sacraments and MORE. You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10 AM to 4 PM: Wednesday 6 November, Tuesday 12 November and Friday 22 November. Contact met@parracatholic.org for more information.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 9th November at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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

Parish Envelopes for the new financial year are available for subscribers to collect from the Entrance of the church. 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. People wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can setup your own internet banking recurring payment to:

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

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130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761

Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least 6 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 (2) must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday 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 08/11/2024

Donations	\$27,665.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$82,769.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

10 November 2024

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Entrance Antiphon:

*Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.*

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 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)
1st & 2nd Friday 7:30 pm
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 **24th of November 2024 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.

"Needs increase because one thing calls for another. The result is uncontrollable dissatisfaction. Let us remain as empty as possible so that God can fill us up."

— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: John Apap, Marlene Hoffman Fabian, Elpidio & Roberta Garcia, Owen & Pilimilose Ohi, Carlito Salazar and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Isolde & Erlinda, Jasmin Andrew, Frances Apap, Bernardino Leopoldo Dado, Mario Edwin Diaz, Siuta Falani, Franklyn Foenander, Jasmin Icaro, Pina Mendoza, Edna Onato, Ethan & Ryan Walter

Thanksgiving / other intentions: Ezra Nuval and Vanessa

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIGE, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARLY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

Parish & Diocesan News

Tabletalk: "What is a Synod, what is Synodality all about?"

The Good Shepherd Parish will be hosting a Tabletalk on "What is a Synod & What is Synodality all about?" on the 16th of November at 7:30 pm in the parish meeting room. Supper will be provided. **Register via the QR code**



Catholic Mission Appeal: 09 & 10 November

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. **Donation envelopes are available in the Parish Church.**

MET Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 20 November

You are invited to Bishop Vincent's annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 20 November, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, corner Flushcombe Road. **Register for limited seating** via <https://parracatholic.org/events/vatican-ii-lecture/> for more information contact met@parracatholic.org.

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: 'Behold, I Am With You Always'

"Synodality is built on mutual listening, compassion without judgement, and a desire to understand and even celebrate differences. A synodal faith community knows itself to be imperfect and so fosters respectful listening, especially to the voices that have been marginalised or excluded. A Synodal Church cannot exist when unilateral decisions are made without adequate communal consultation and discernment, regardless of who is making the decision. What structures in the local community and training will be necessary to enhance communal decision-making for a Synodal Church?" (Pg. 51-52, Pastoral Plan). Explore how we can listen and discern together: www.parracatholic.org/synodality.

PJE Sharing meets Mercy Futures Gathering: 6 November

The next quarterly Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing coincides with a Mercy Futures Gathering. Anyone interested in attending either of the two series is warmly invited to learn more about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace", presented by Diocesan PJE Coordinator Sebastian Salaske-Lentern: 6 November 2024, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. **Find out more and register** at tinyurl.com/pjesharing-nov24.

Parish Contact for Pinegrove

If you are interested in buying a plot at Pinegrove much cheaper than you would from the Administration at Pinegrove please get in touch with **Sr Margaret Tisch - 0431 303 738**.

Christmas Mass times:

This year we will be trialling a changed Mass schedule for Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass
9:00 pm Mass during the night (formerly known as Mid-night Mass)
Christmas Day: 7:00 am Mass at Dawn
9:00 am Mass during the day
12:00 noon Vietnamese Mass

Each Mass has its own unique readings and prayers.