Readings for next weekend — ALL SAINTS

First reading: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14;* ***Second reading:*** *1 John 3:1-3;* ***Gospel:*** *Matthew 5:1-12*

Parish-in-Council 2

The word 'synodality' means 'walking together' and is an ancient reality, drawn from the early communities of Christian believers. The practice of synods is evident in the writings of the first Christians who gathered in church assemblies to discern various doctrinal and pastoral concerns of their time.

More recently, under the pontificate of Pope Francis, all the people of God have been invited to walk the path of synodality to realise "what God expects of the Church of the third millennium." Responding to this invitation, the Parramatta diocese held its first diocesan synod in 2023.

Parish-in-Council is natural extension of the synodal way of being Church into the ordinary lived experience of a parish community. When we come together on Saturday November 21st at St. Francis School, Glendenning, we will be participating in a local version of such a gathering. It will be time to pray together, to listen to two great keynote talks, and to spend time reflecting on and discussing the important issue of "Participation". And to make sure it isn't just talk – there will be a practical application to the results of discussion and reflection. *[The practical application from PiC 1 – name tags for everyone, enhanced welcoming ministry.]*

Synodality begins, not with structures or programs, but with trust, listening and mutual respect. It invites active participation in the life of the church – the whole people of God have a voice, not just the confident, the articulate, or the appointed. And because synodality is never inward looking, we listen and discern so that we can be sent to serve, to heal and to witness to the Gospel in our part of the world.

Parish-in-Council is not… a town hall meeting or information session, it is not a forum for operational matters, it is not a debate or talk fest. Instead, it is a space where the parish community gathers together. Not just to one another, but to listen for where God the Holy Spirit is leading the parish.

Parish-in-Council is for all ages. Kid-in-Council will be available for those with children aged 4 – 13. **Registration opens this weekend. (QR code or call the office.)**

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey

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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

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Celebrating Our 38th Anniversary

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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets **23/10/2026**

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 at 2:00 pm in the Parish meeting room or church. ***Next seminar is on 22nd November in the meeting room.*** *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.

Anniversary of Dedication of Our Church **25 October 2026**

1st Reading:	***Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12***
2nd Reading:	***Ephesians 2:19-22***
Gospel Reading:	***John 2:13-22***
Entrance Antiphon:	***Wonderful are you, O God in your holy place. The God of Israel himself gives his people strength and courage. Blessed be God.***
Responsorial Psalm:	***The waters of the river gladden the city of God.***
GOSPEL Acclamation:	***Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon:	***You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God, which you are, is holy.***

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-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***

Legion of Mary Good Shepherd Praesidium

Meets every Saturday morning at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Please contact Christine on 0433 983 731 if you are interested.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Nathan John Nathanael

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for OCTOBER — *For mental health ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: *Oscar, Philomina & Rowland Bent, Sr Catherine Bernard, Maria Libia Febicoski, Ann Gaffney, Heaneal Henriques, Eric Lindsay, Gilbert Manahan, Don McKechnie, Rosario Natividad, Laura Pinto, Marie Purcell, Connie Recto, Francisca San Pedro, Rodroy Valladares, Sydney Van Ross, Brian Wilkinson, Nazzarena Zahra and all the holy souls in purgatory*

Healing / Good Health: *Alicia, David, Kelly, Samuel, Louise McKechnie Abood, Virgilio Felipe, Teresa Ganac, Marie Lambo, Peter Nathan, Rogelio Ordinario, Riwal Panchal, Bienvenido Recto, Jaimee Santos, Georgette Semaan and Hazel Villavert*

Anniversaries / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: *Bob, Colin, Giselle, Ivan, Sean, Sebastian, Wayne, Dennis Escueta and Rowena Rosales*

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, 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, Ibrahim Michael IBRAHIM, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Philip PORKETT, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Vicki SPITERI, 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

Parish Expo: October 25th

*Join us in celebrating our 38th Year of Dedication this **Sunday 25th October**, after the 9am Mass. This year's theme focuses on '**Participation**'. There will be many activities for the whole family to participate in such as pony rides, music performances, stalls of our parish groups/ local initiatives, international food and raffle prizes. Bring along your family and friends— All are welcome!*

Light Night Event: October 30th

WORSHIP. ENCOUNTER. BE EQUIPPED. LIVE IN HIS LIGHT. Come and encounter Jesus. Receive the Holy Spirit. Be equipped to live out your faith boldly, with Mary and all the saints and angels by your side. Friday October 30th from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Good Shepherd Parish Plympton. This is a free event. Supper will be provided afterwards. All are welcome!

Parish-in-Council 2: November 21st

*All are invited to our second Parish-in-Council, on **Saturday November 21st** 12noon to 5.00pm at St. Francis School, Glendenning. This is for anyone and everyone! Each Parish-in-Council builds on the previous one. From our previous topic of 'belonging' and 'welcome', we now focus on '**participation**'. **Please scan the QR code to register.***

Design the *Catholic Outlook Magazine* front cover for Christmas 2026!

*We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2026 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Submit your entry by **Friday 6 November 2026** – with a short description of your artwork – via **parracatholic.org/artcomp***

WYD27 Songwriting Competition: Submissions close December 16th

*Young people of the Diocese of Parramatta, we want your original song to inspire our pilgrims on their journey to World Youth Day! Open to individuals or groups aged 16–35. All musical genres welcome. Find out more and submit your song via our WYD27 website: **parrawyd.org***

Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2026/27

- 09 November 2026, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation) and registration** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 15, 22 & 29 November and 06 December 2026 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST***)
- 07 December 2026 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 08 February 2027, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only** at 7.00 pm
- 14, 21 & 28 February and 07 March 2027 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST***)
- 06 April 2027 – Tuesday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 10/11, 17/18 & 24/25 April 2027 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms are now available at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

Coming Events:

- Tuesday October 27th: Liturgy Committee 7.30pm.
- Wednesday October 28th: Parish-in-Council 2 workshop 7.00pm in the Church.
- Friday October 30th: "Light Night" praise and worship – Church 6.00-9.00pm (QR code for registration).
- Saturday November 7th: Alpha Retreat (St. Francis Glendenning).

TODAY October 25th:

- Parish Expo at the Hall – following 9.00am Mass – wear your name tag please!