

Readings for next weekend — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; 2nd reading: Romans 8:26-27; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-40

Liturgy and doctrine

A line from today’s 2nd reading is the very first scripture passage quoted by Pope Francis in his landmark 2015 encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*. After opening with a passage from Saint Francis of Assisi’s *Canticle of the Creatures* – ‘Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs’ – the pope continues: “This sister now cried out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste...groans in travail (Romans 8:22).” Indeed, Pope Francis returns to the very same words of Saint Paul when he closes the encyclical with what he calls a “Christian Prayer in Union with Creation.”

Today’s second reading (Romans 8:18-23) is not the only one from the lectionary today that refers to nature. Every one of today’s selections to be heard at Mass – the first from Isaiah 55, Psalm 65, Romans 8, and Matthew 13 – all draw heavily and beautifully on nature and humanity’s rich and challenging relationship with it in order to convey their teaching.

All of this makes today a good day to revisit Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si*, or at least to spend some time in contemplative prayer.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

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Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday August 29th, 9.30am to 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday September 1st, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday August 18th. For more information, please contact the Parish Office parishof@goodshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461.

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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After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440
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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 10/07/2026

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

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.*

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 26th July.** 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12 July 2026

1st Reading:	<i>Isaiah 55:10-11</i>	2nd Reading:	<i>Romans 8:18-23</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Matthew 13:1-23</i>		
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.</i>		
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!</i>		
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.</i>		

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.

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.

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.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION for JULY

For respect for human life.
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Carmelita, Celia, Dominador, Dominga, Mario, Nena, Pablo, Samuel, Cirilo Aclao, Daniel Allegacoon, John Apap, Georgia Baldacchino, Carmelita Bulaong, Randy Gunasekera, Bishop Joy, Fortunato Manalang, Ernesto & Ester Manlapid, Dolores Nemedez, Herbert Lance Orr, Myra Silva, Savio Vellis, Vicente Zaragoza and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Ivan, Aretha Aquino, Sophia Escueta, Felipe & Gloria Guanzon, Mariles Hollero, Emiliana Lagasca, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Jenny Taateo

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Charito & Gerard, Lloyd, Greg & Yvonne Champion, Sheila Del Monte, T Fernandes, Engineer & Mrs Crisanto Ogoy

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, 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

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Schedule for Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

- 03 August 2026, Monday – **Parent Information night and registration** at 7.00pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 August and 06 September 2026 – **Confirmation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST***)
- 12 September 2026 – Saturday, **Rehearsal with Sponsor** at 1.00 to 3.30pm in the Parish Church
- 17 September 2026 – Thursday, **Rite of Confirmation**, 7.00pm in the Parish Church

The **Registration form and Parent Information Sheet** will be available from **July 18** at the entrance of the Church or at the parish office.

Away on annual leave

Fr. Gerard will be away on annual leave (in glorious Queensland) from Tuesday July 14th to Wednesday August 5th.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: July 16th

On **Thursday July 16th** is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Legion of Mary invites Parishioners who want to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. This will be done by Fr. John after the 9.00am Mass.

Planned Giving Envelopes

There are some remaining planned giving envelopes ready to be collected at the entrance of the Church. **Thank you so much for your support and generosity.**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth—Holy Family Association & Friends Gathering

You are invited to the Association Gathering of The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth on **Saturday July 18th** at the Holy Family Services, Recreation Hall, 116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong from 9:30am. For more information and to **RSVP by July 13th**, please contact Sr Venus 0433 187 127 or email holyfamilyassociation2026@gmail.com

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PILGRIMAGE 2026: October 5th–16th 2026

Join **Rev. Fr Joshy Parappully OFM Cap**, Parish priest of **Guardian Angels Church, Wynnum QLD**, on a faith-filled pilgrimage to **Rome**: St Peter's Basilica & Square, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel; **Assisi**: Basilicas of St Francis & St Clare; Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli; **San Giovanni Rotondo**: Shrine of St Padre Pio; **Lanciano**: Eucharistic Miracle Shrine; and **Medjugorje**: Apparition Hill (Podbrdo). **Price: AUD \$8,880 per person (twin share) - this Includes:** Return airfares, transfers, 3-star accommodation, professional guides, breakfast and dinner. **Pilgrims from all Australian states and territories are welcome to join at the advertised group price.** Please refer to the parish notice boards for details. For enquiries & bookings, please contact iDestiny Travel: Suren 0431 791 285 / Tan 0413 485 411; or email: sales@idestinytravel.com.au

Coming Events:

- Antioch weekend – this weekend – please keep our young people in your prayers.
- Final Alpha for this season – Monday July 13th at 7.00pm.
- Next Alpha begins Thursday September 24th.
- Parish-in-Council #2: Saturday November 21st – save the date!