

**Readings for next weekend — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*First reading:* Wisdom 18:6-9; *Second reading:* Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; *Gospel:* Luke 12:32-48

**Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. The season begins on September 1st – a world day of prayer for Creation and concludes with the Solemnity of St. Francis on October 4. This year the theme will be “Peace with Creation” inspired by the “Garden of Peace” from Isaiah portrays a desolate Creation, devoid of peace due to injustice and the broken Relationship between God and humankind. And although God’s plan for Creation is rooted in justice and peace, human sin disrupts this leaving Creation in ruin. Isaiah vividly describes the results of human estrangement from Creation. Peace is more than just the absence of war. In the Bible, Shalom represents a far deeper Concept – one that extends beyond the absence of conflict to the full restoration of Broken relationships. The restoration encompasses our relationship with God, each other, and the rest of Creation. Our Parish Community, during the season of Creation, will be reflecting on our contribution to this restoration – let us be aware of the things we use each day in our homes and places of employment – the ‘throw-away’ culture of excessive consumption and pollution. This year we will again celebrate the blessing of seeds and seedlings. Let us be mindful of excessive waste from functions like parish morning teas. Saturday September 6th will be our next “Table Talk” the theme being Ecology. And at the end of the season, the icon of Creation will be returning for October 3rd, 4th and 5th. More details in the coming weeks.  
— Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

**Parish & Diocesan News continued**

**Diocesan Pastoral Plan First Anniversary: 14 August**

Bishop Vincent invites you to the First Anniversary of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan on Thursday 14 August 12:30 pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta with a Thanksgiving Mass and Gathering. Light lunch will follow at the Cloister Hall. If you’re attending the lunch gathering, please RSVP via [parracatholic.org/events/first-anniversary-of-the-diocesan-pastoral-plan/](http://parracatholic.org/events/first-anniversary-of-the-diocesan-pastoral-plan/) by 7 August for catering purposes. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

**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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**New Parish Projects—Meeting room and**

**Additional Toilets 01/08/2025**

Donations	\$28,665.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$44,000.00
Total Amount	\$84,769.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

**THE PARISH OF  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761  
*Celebrating Our 36th 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.*

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)** **03 August 2025**

**1st Reading:** *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

**2nd Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:13-21*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

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

**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:**

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap</b>
<b>Assistant Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap</b>
<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Mr Owens Reyes</b>
<b>Parish Musical Director</b>	<b>Mr Jacob Wielgosz</b>
<b>Parish Council Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Anthony Matthews</b>
<b>RCIA Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Bernie &amp; Yeng Banta</b>
<b>Sacramental Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Priscilla Corpuz</b>
<b>Parish SRE Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ms Therese Fuller</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Bingo Operator</b>	<b>Mr Romy Balite</b>
<b>Safeguarding Champion</b>	<b>Mr Joseph Fenech</b>

**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 **24th of August 2025 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.

**Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism**

Bailey Christopher Adams-Packham  
Aria Lucia Dalton  
Zara Rose Dalton  
Mia Grace Zammit  
Olivia Jade Zammit

"Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure: where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness" — Saint Augustine

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Emmanuel Aguis, Rosario Almonte, Danilo Barrion, Melvin Corpuz, Irene Fernandez, Cayetano Flestado, Restituta Gan, Geraldine de Leon, Angelita Opulencia, Consuelo Pacheco, Larry Ramos, Mariano Sayson, Victor Silva, Thelma Tate, Philo Van Ross, Essel Andres Verbo, Godfrey Vergara and all the holy souls in purgatory  
**Healing / Good Health:** Alexander, Connie, Dennis, Deo, Ding, Dominic, D'Vontay, Hunter, Patrick, Lamberto Balita, Lourdes D'Souza, Soly Swift and Ethan & Ryan Walter  
**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:** Rohail Agnesius, Ignacio De Castro, Bam & Brian Chanyungco, Julie Kristin & Rommel Flestado

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

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHUE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Alamita HALA, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda MCCARTHY, Donald MCKECHNIE, Rita & Victor MELI, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

**JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER**

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the  
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

**Parish & Diocesan News**

**Alpha: Topic for this week is 'Why did Jesus die?'**

All are welcome! You can still register for Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton. Please scan the **QR code** to register or contact the parish office, email: [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or phone (02) 9832 4461.



**August 15th Holy Day of Obligation**

The **Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is one of two (only) Holy Days of Obligation in Australia (the other is Christmas). **Masses** will be Thursday 14th August at 7:30 pm (Vigil), Friday 15th August at 9:00 am with Good Shepherd School; 9:30 am at St. Francis Primary School, Glendenning; and 7:30 pm in the Good Shepherd Church.

**Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August**

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Good Shepherd Parish Office on [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or (02) 9832 4461 before Monday 4 August.

**Communion under both kinds will begin from this weekend at the 6:00 pm Saturday Mass. (Practical matters)**

1. If you are feeling unwell, have a cold, or are running a temperature, then it would be advisable for you NOT to receive from the chalice. Common sense!
2. The Australian bishops have mandated an appropriate reverence before receiving Holy Communion – the bowing of the head – as you bow your head before receiving the body of Christ, similarly you need to bow your head before receiving from the chalice. Similarly if you are not receiving from the chalice you will still need to make a reverence (bowing of the head) as you pass by the chalice – Christ is present in both the bread AND the wine.
3. Having received and consumed the sacred host – you then proceed to the minister holding the chalice, he or she will say to you “the blood of Christ” to which you will respond “Amen”, the chalice will be passed to you for you to take a sip of the precious blood, you then hand the chalice back to the minister and make your way back to your place in church, joining in the singing of the communion song. You may NOT dunk the host in the wine. Jesus said take and drink...he didn't say take and dip!