

Readings for next weekend — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Second reading: Hebrews 12:1-4; Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Falling in love!

Vigilance is not just an Advent theme! Today’s gospel reminds us we must be vigilant and ready for the unexpected coming of Christ.

The gospel can raise some level of fear as we hear about the servant who is punished for his lack of preparedness upon the return of the master. But Jesus clearly states that we ought not be afraid, for the Father “is pleased to give (us) the kingdom.” It’s a reality he also emphasises with his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14).

Our preparedness of the inevitable coming of the kingdom is a posture of readiness – and therefore of faith – as we acknowledge the desire of the Father to take us to himself. Just like the Israelites celebrating the Passover in Egypt, we are asked to be in a state of departure on the basis of our faith in God who leads us out of the slavery (of sin) to the freedom of the kingdom (heaven). This faith is the realisation of what is Hoped for and evidence of things unseen.

On this side of heaven, our preparedness consists of *falling in love*, because our ultimate end is complete and perfect communion with love itself (God).

— Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

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Volunteer Communicators Network

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in Catholic Outlook, our websites and social media. Name/contact details are required: parracatholic.org/communicators

SmartLoving Fertility Course Year of Jubilee FREE Gift

Designed to inspire and inform, the course teaches the Sympto-Thermal method and is fully aligned with Catholic teaching. Incorporating a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology, the course fosters couple intimacy and supports marital flourishing. Use Coupon code: **Jubilee2025** for FREE access. The offer is available for all of August. Visit: www.smartloving.org/sf-jubilee

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 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.

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and
Additional Toilets 25/07/2025

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 10 August 2025

1st Reading:	Wisdom 18:6-9
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel Reading:	Luke 12:32-48
Entrance Antiphon:	Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
Responsorial Psalm:	Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
GOSPEL Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon:	O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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)**
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)

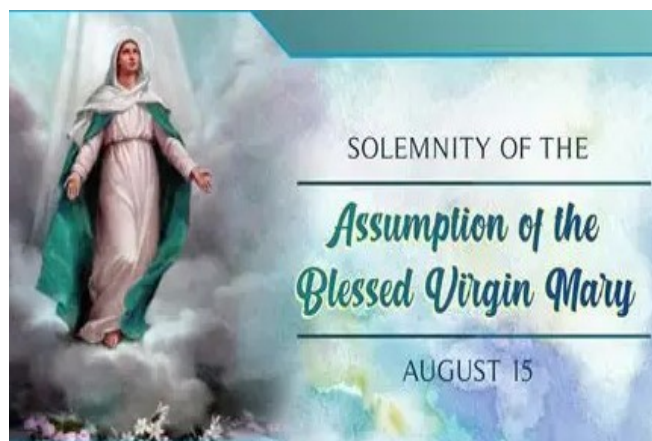
Saturday 10:30 to 11:30 am
Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

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.



Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Cristina Asuncion, Pepito Awayan, Daisy Bucaneg, Edmund & Margaret D'Souza, Richard Parcon, Aquilino Sumugat, Essel Andres Verbo and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Alexander, Connie, Dennis, Deo, Ding, Dominic, D'Vontay, Hunter, Patrick, Lamberto Balita, Lolita Bocasan, Michelle Reyes and Soly Swift

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Jasmin Javed and Lionel Joseph Pado

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, Randolph GUNASEKARA, 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, Mary MUSCAT, 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.

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Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th (Friday) in the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of two (only) holy days of obligation in Australia (the other is Christmas day). Masses will be celebrated as follows: Thursday 14th 7:30 pm Vigil Mass (Alpha will continue as usual), Friday 15th 9:00 am (with Good Shepherd School) and 7:30 pm. There will also be a 9:30 am Mass at Saint Francis School, Glendenning.

Alpha: Topic for this week is 'How can I have faith?'

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 or phone (02) 9832 4461.



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/ by 7 August for catering purposes. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings – 2025-26 Social Justice Statement: 13 August

“Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings” are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. The next gathering on **Wednesday 13 August from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** will break open the 2025-2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement: “Signs of Hope on the Edge – Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health”, which will be launched on the same day. To receive a **Zoom link**, please **RSVP** to met@parracatholic.org

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

- 16 August: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
- 15 November: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 1-3 September

The next sessions of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre:

- Monday 1 September for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm
- Tuesday 2 September for Renewal training (Modules 4 and 5) from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 3 September for Refresher training (Module 6) from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

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

Coming Events:

- Monday 11th 7.00 pm: Confirmation Mass.
- Tuesday 12th 7.30 pm: Pastoral Planning Committee.
- Tuesday 19th 7.30 pm: Finance Committee.
- Thursdays 7.00 pm: Alpha. All are welcome.
- Tuesday 26th 7.30 pm: Parish Council.
- Saturday 30th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Alpha retreat day at St. Francis Glendenning.