

Readings for next weekend — Second Sunday of Advent

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9; Second reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Liturgy Point

Christmas Mass times:

Now is the time to start planning for which Mass you will attend at Christmas. It's a good time to start praying for the person(s) you intend to invite to come with you for Christmas Mass. It's a great time to invite either members of your own family who have been away from Church for some time, or maybe its co-worker who might appreciate the invitation. You never know until you ask!

This year we are trialling something new – we have removed the old mid-night Mass from the schedule (Pope Benedict did so during his pontificate and Pope Francis has continued the practice of a 9:00 pm Christmas Mass). If it's good enough for the Vatican, it's good enough for us! The actual title of the Mass changed in 2010 with the new missal – it's now officially called "Mass during the night".

Our other consideration, and this is a very important one, is that we (parish) need to be good neighbours – no-one would want 400 cars starting up at 2:00 am in the neighbourhood, nor do they need to have 700 people making a lot of noisy conversation at 2:00 am! Similarly the outside P.A. speakers on our Church carry the sound all across the area.

Each of the Christmas Masses has its own distinct scripture readings and Mass prayers which highlight aspects of the incarnation – God becoming human (The Word became flesh). The doctrine of the Incarnation lies at the heart of the Christmas celebration when eternity irrevocably merges with time, the eternally begotten one is born, the author of life is subjected to death. It's about the moment God loved humanity so much that he permanently became like us so we could become like him.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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

Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 29/11/2024

Donations	\$28,365.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$83,469.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 36th Anniversary

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.

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

01 December 2024

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Entrance Antiphon:

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

Responsorial Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.*

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.

Parish & Diocesan News

Parish Council Executive Committee

We Congratulate the newly elected Parish Council Executive Committee for The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton. Anthony Matthews is our Parish Council Chairperson with Rowena Villadolid the Vice Chairperson and Anna Magele the Council Secretary. We wish them all the best.

Bishop’s Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care’s Houses to Homes

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop’s Christmas Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or **scan the QR code** to give your gift of a new beginning today. **Donation envelopes** are now available in the Church pews. Thank you.



Christmas Gifts from Palms Australia

Merry Christmas! Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference? Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one’s home, you’ll find that perfect GIFT here! **Just scan the QR** or visit: palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop



Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Charles Hyson: 7 December

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta invites you to the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr Charles Philip Hyson on Saturday 7 December at 10.30 am at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral on the Memorial of Saint Ambrose. Please RSVP to Hannah Portelli at Hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you wish to attend.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of January 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child’s **birth certificate**.

Congratulations for last Weekend’s Baptism

Arabella Louise Fajardo
 Jiannah Salon
 Skylah Rose Kaye-Smith

Congratulations the new CFCA Christian Life Program graduates

George and Ricxie Aguila
 Mario and Lolita Bocasan
 Gervy and Donna Espino
 Roldan and Joy Tizon

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: Abraham, Cicily, George, Sharmini Mercia Anandappa, Mary Bocasan, Lucena Gloria, Harry Shalou, Junior Visinia and all the souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Gimil Abraham, Frances Apap, Bernardino Leopoldo Duran Dado, Mario Edwin Diaz, Franklyn Foenander, Margaret MacNamara, Edna Onato, Emilia Aurora Rodriguez, Lala Ronquillo, and John Tabone

Birthday / Thanksgiving: Ann Gonsalvez, Marietta Gomez and Edgardo Nuval

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 CLEARY, 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.

ADVENT:

Tips for finding a bit of silence amidst everything else...

- Go somewhere quiet – silence the phone, turn off any distractions.
- Start small – two to five minutes – set a timer – work up to ten minutes (or more).
- Offer yourself to the Lord with the words of the prophet Isaiah “Here I am, Lord”.
- If you have something for which you are really seeking the Lord’s help, ask him now.
- If your mind wanders, notice the wandering and return to the Lord. Maybe a piece of scripture might help.
- Close your time by telling the Lord how the period of silence made you feel, and thank the Lord for his presence.