

Readings for next weekend — First Sunday of Advent
First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; Second reading: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Parish & Diocesan News continued

An opportunity to reflect on Advent in our Parish:

You are invited to reflect on the Sunday Readings for Advent 2025 using the book *In Holy Stillness*.

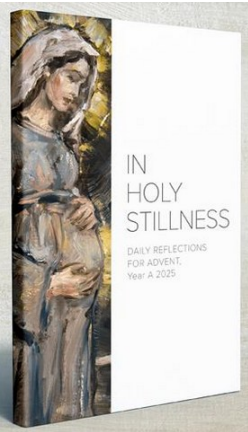
Mondays 10:00am Readings / Discussions (after 9:00am Mass and morning tea) in the Parish meeting room:

- December 1st
- December 8th
- December 15th

Thursdays 7:00pm Supper, 7:30pm Readings / Discussions in the Parish meeting room:

- December 4th
- December 11th
- December 18th

Please register using the QR code or contact the Parish Office on:
phone: (02) 9832 4461, email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



“Break Open the Word 2026” for Readers

The next edition of “Break Open the Word” is available from the sacristy or the parish office. All readers can get a copy.

Bishop’s Christmas Appeal—supporting Catholic Care Grief & Loss Counselling: 22/23 November

Christmas is drawing near, and with it the promise that God is with us. For many in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, that promise is needed right now. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty – wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the **QR code**. Donation envelopes are now available in the pews. Thank you.



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 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 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 21/11/2025

Donations	\$30,580.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$45,000.00
Total Amount	\$87,684.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

30 November 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

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: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

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 Social Media Officer	Miss Catrina Bautista
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.

Christmas 2025 Mass Times

24 December 2025 (Wednesday)

- Vigil Mass - 6:00pm
- Mass during the night - 9:00pm

25 December 2025 (Thursday)

- Mass at dawn - 7:00am
- Mass during the day - 9:00am
- Christmas Vietnamese Mass - 12:00pm
- **Please note: NO evening Mass**

New Year 01 January 2026 (Thursday)

- 9:00 am

Congratulations for last Weekends’ Baptism

Nathaniel Peter Nahas
Kalvary Korinito Tagiloa

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **25th of January 2026 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child’s **birth certificate**.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Philomena Bent, Mary Chan Bocasan, Joe Cardona, Cedric D’Souza, George Lazer, Anita Mendoza, Alberto San Pedro, Anthony Silva, Lionel Swift, Angelina Tandoc, Joseph Teuma, Consuelo Zaragoza and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Stella Azzopardi, Therese Foenander, Neil Mercado, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Irene Nimenzo, Ernesto Pacoli, Michelle Reyes and Tessie Rimando

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Baby Maya Camille, Alida & Loy D’Souza, Marietta Gomez and Matthew Gacila

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, 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, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

Advent at home: Here is prayer you can use when you light your Advent wreath (candles) at home:

**Lord God,
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour,
who enlightens our hearts
and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon our family
as we light the candles of this wreath;
may their light reflect the splendour of Christ,
who is Lord, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Advent at Church:

Today we embark upon a new Liturgical Year, and we open it be celebrating the season of Advent. Thanks to Advent, we begin our year in a spirit of deep and bracing hope. What the Church offers us and invites us to embrace at the beginning of each Liturgical Year is a spirituality of HOPE.

This word HOPE has a very general meaning, of course that can be watered down to almost nothing. “I hope I get a par-rise at work.” “I hope I can find a boyfriend.” “I hope the summer of cricket will quickly pass.” But HOPE has a rich and important theological meaning. Christian hope is centred on God, on God’s kingdom, and on God’s promises of justice, life, and salvation. And it means trusting in those promises even when all evidence seems to suggest otherwise.

A spirituality of hope is marking by joy, because of the strange reality that we already possess, as a foretaste. It is no accident, then, that one of the four Advent Sundays – Gaudete (3rd Sunday) is dedicated to joy.

But a spirituality of hope also calls us to conversion, as Advent figures like Isaiah and John the Baptist make clear. Holding on to our sinful habits, and the begrudging attitudes We use to justify them, are failures of hope.

Finally, Christian hope is not passive. It’s not about sitting around waiting for Gpd to “do his thing”. The God of Advent is a God who has already intervened in human history and continues to do so. Our experience of the final judgement, for which Advent calls us to prepare, will be – as Jesus tells us in a passage that will be our gospel reading on the final Advent Sunday – determi9ned by whether and how we engaged in our world, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick. Let us begin!

Advent in the Parish:

Gospel reflection groups take place – Mondays 10am and Thursdays 7pm in the meeting room. Alla re welcome.

The Blessing of Nativity scenes will take place at all Masses on the 3rd Sunday of Advent December 13th/14th.

Coming events:

- 1.Tuesday December 2nd: Liturgy Committee 7.30pm Meeting Room
- 2.Sunday December 7th: St. Nicholas Festa – Mass 3.30pm.
- 3.Monday December 8th: First Reconciliation 7.00pm.
- 4.Saturday December 13th: Parish pilgrimage to Mt. Schoenstatt (Mulgoa) 10.00am