

Readings for next weekend — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; 2nd reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Lord, will only a few be saved?

The virtue of humility is fostered in our ability to take on the mind of Jesus – to think, see, and act as he does. “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He doesn’t answer the question but reframes it saying: “Try your best to enter by the narrow door.” In other words, you’re asking the wrong question. Don’t spend your life evaluating and qualifying your own efforts, planning how you might earn admittance to the kingdom of God...focus instead on the ultimate end: God himself.

Nor can we waste time worrying about where we are in the queue (last first, and first shall be last!!!) Focus on the ultimate end: Christ the door.

Jesus invites us to strive to enter the narrow door because he knows we are capable of doing so. But our entrance does not rely on our own efforts; it relies on our ability to focus solely on Christ.

Humility, then, is not something we accomplish ourselves. It is a gift for those who strive to enter the narrow door. Point for consideration this week: *God is more generous and merciful than we could ever hope to understand. What helps you to remember the vastness of God’s love?*

— Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Season of Creation TABLE TALK on Ecological Spirituality: 6 September

Want to learn how our Catholic faith invites us into a relationship with God’s creation? **The Good Shepherd Parish and the Diocese’s Mission Enhancement Team** invite you to a Table Talk about **Ecological Spirituality & Conversion**. At the start of the Season of Creation, hear powerful testimonies and participate in engaging small group conversations. All parishioners and people from across the Diocese are welcome: **Saturday the 6th of September 2025, 7:00-9:30pm (after 6:00pm Mass)**, 136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton. Light refreshments provided. Please register at tinyurl.com/ecospirituality-tt

The International Artists League is presenting "MAKARIOS" (Supremely Blessed)

An exhibition that will showcase the excellent works of art by Mon Coloma, highlighting the beauty, goodness and truth about God's creation and inculcating the fact that all creation is supremely blessed by God. The presentation will include audio-visual and music from the Good Shepherd Parish Filipino Choir. Through this event, we endeavour to raise funds for different charitable organisations by way of selling tickets, portraits-for-a-cause and art auction. Entrance ticket is \$10 per person. All ticket holders will get a \$50 discount on any artwork purchased during the event. Saturday 13 September, 6:30 to 8:30pm (door opens at 6pm) at the Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall (132 Hyatts Road, Plumpton). **For tickets, please contact Deanah on 0404 883 204.** We will be selling tickets on 31 August and 7 September after the 6:00pm Mass (cash and PayID accepted). Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the event.

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

<u>Additional Toilets</u>	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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) **24 August 2025**

1st Reading:	<i>Isaiah 66:18-21</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 13:22-30</i>
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.</i>
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.</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.

<u>Parish Team:</u>		<u>Daily MASS Times</u>
Parish Priest	Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap	Mon/Tue/Fri 9:00 am
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap	Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration)
Parish Council Chairperson	Mr Anthony Matthews	Saturday 8:00 am
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	<u>Weekend MASS Times</u>
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
Parish SRE Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller	Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite	12:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Safeguarding Champion	Mr Joseph Fenech	Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
		<u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u>
		Saturday 10:30 to 11:30 am
		Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

<u>Baptism Seminar</u>	<u>Congratulations for last Weekends’ Baptism</u>
The next seminar will be held on the 28th of September 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Parish meeting room . Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate .	Maverick Pave Mutuc
<u>Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch</u>	<p>“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus - a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you. ”</p> <p>— Saint Teresa of Calcutta</p>
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.	

<u>Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested</u>
Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Maria, Jane Almeida, Florina Baldoz, Ester Brillantes, Pelagio Cazeñas, Thelma Evangelista, Stephen McDougal, Marie Zammit and all the holy souls in purgatory
Healing / Good Health: Alexander, Connie, Dennis, Deo, Ding, Dominic, D’Vontay, Hunter, Michael, Mark, Patrick, Lolita Bocasan, Gladys Marie Dado, Michelle Reyes and Soly Swift
Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving : Dino & Marizza De Guzman

<u>We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters</u>
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 DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, 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.

<u>Season of Creation:</u>
Today we begin the Mass of Creation – with the Gloria and the Gospel Acclamation:
<div> <div> Glory to God (Creation) Marty Haugen </div> <div> Voice </div> </div> <div> <div> Gospel Acclamation Marty Haugen </div> <div> Voice </div> </div>

- Activities for this season: Consider the following...**
1. Get your hands dirty for a good cause: organize a clean-up, plant trees, start a home garden, or host an educational event. These actions—big or small—help us live out our faith.
 2. This year’s advocacy focus is powerful: support climate justice by calling for fair debt relief for countries suffering both climate impacts and unjust economic burdens.
 3. Sign up for the next **Table Talk** here on Saturday September 6th “Ecological Spirituality”. Registration via QR code (see posters), or call in at the office. (the night begins with supper at 7.00pm followed by talks and discussion at 7.30pm – all are welcome).

<u>Parish & Diocesan News</u>
<u>Property Development Behind the Church</u>
The workers have departed and the site is almost ready for sales to begin. We will be extending the parish carpark towards the back fence – this will be covered with road-base and lines will be marked. There will be NO access from the housing estate into the parish property (no short cuts!).
<u>Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish</u>
Children who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to join the Altar Servers Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office 02 9832 4461 or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au .

<u>Coming Events:</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday August 26th – Parish Council 7.30pm Meeting Room. 2. Thursday August 28th – Alpha, topic: ‘Why and how should I read the Bible?’ 3. Saturday August 30th – Alpha “Holy Spirit” retreat 9.00am-4.00pm at St. Francis School, Glendenning. 4. Tuesday Sept 2nd – Liturgy Committee 7.30pm Meeting Room. 5. Thursday Sept 4th – Alpha. 6. Saturday Sept 6th – “Table Talk” 7.00pm Meeting Room.