

Readings for next weekend — The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
First reading: Numbers 21:4-9; *Second reading:* Philippians 2:6-11; *Gospel:* John 3:13-17

Franciscan Reflection

Pope Leo’s monthly prayer intention for September surrounds our relationship with all of creation. Together, we pray that, inspired by St Francis of Assisi, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

God loves all of His creatures large and small including the Southern Right Whales that visit southern Australian waters, our cuddly koalas sheltering in Eucalyptus trees, and plants such as the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. All of which have sadly found themselves on the endangered list because of entanglements, vessel strikes, underwater noise, infrastructure/offshore development, land clearing, deforestation, urbanisation, unprecedented droughts and bushfires.

These creatures may be just another animal or plant, but with a Franciscan lens, we are able to identify them as our brothers and sisters because of our common Creator. An extinction is a loss to humanity because we will lose a unique work of our Creator. We need to actively and peacefully prevent any forms of destruction to allow creation to flourish as originally intended.

In this Season of Creation (01 Sep - 04 Oct), let us pray for a conversion of heart to love and care for all creation – each other as humans and recognising that animals and plants are God’s self-expression in the world.

— Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Need for people to visit the Aged Care Facility
The Retirement Village now has enough drivers so thanks to those who volunteered. The Village now needs volunteers who want to sit and spend time with residents in our Aged Care Facility. If you can give a couple of hours once a week this would be a blessing for these residents. Please contact Sr Margaret 0431 303 738.

Help Needed at the Retirement Village
Some residents of the Southern Cross retirement village would like to pay anyone to do some gardening. Please see Sr Margaret or call her on 0431 303 738 if you are interested.

Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish
Children who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to join the Altar Servers Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office 9832 4461 or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au.

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



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 05/09/2025	
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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)		07 September 2025
1st Reading:	<i>Wisdom 9:13-18</i>	
2nd Reading:	<i>Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17</i>	
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>	
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.</i>	
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!</i>	
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.</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> 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 .	<u>Congratulations for last Weekends’ Baptism</u> Arabella Maina Leonardo Parker Jade Pozo Isla Rose Wroe
<u>Parish Based Youth Group – Antioch</u> 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.	“Patience is the companion of wisdom.” — Saint Augustine

<u>Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested</u> Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Celia, Claro, Dominga, Emanuel, Mario, Nena, Pablo, Salud, Samuel, Toridia, Danilo Bandian, Leonard Burney, Maria Libia Febicoski, Lorenza & Silvestre Gayo, Florencia Pineda, Corazon Rodil, Ariel Torralba and all the souls in purgatory Healing / Good Health: Mark, Michael, Lolita Bocasan, Gladys Marie Dado, Alexander Nguyen and Michelle Reyes Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Alyssa, Ceejay and William Calura

<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 DONOHUE, 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, Lilly SHAHOUD, 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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<u>JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER</u>	
Father in heaven, may the <i>faith</i> you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of <i>charity</i> enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed <i>hope</i> 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, <i>Pilgrims of Hope</i> , 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
<u>Parish & Diocesan News</u>	

<u>Morning Tea by the Legion of Mary</u> The Legion of Mary Plumpton Parish invites everyone to a morning tea after the 9:00am Mass this Monday the 8th of September to celebrate Our Lady’s birthday . All are welcome.
<u>Training for Liturgical Ministers: Starts 9 September</u> Training for NEW Lectors (Readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the Good Shepherd Parish will start this Tuesday 9 September at 7:30pm in the meeting room. The next two sessions will be on the 16th and 23rd of September. All CURRENT Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are welcome to attend the training as a refresher.
<u>Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve</u> This Father’s Day 7 September, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let’s also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code. Donation envelopes are available in the pews . Thank you.
<u>The International Artists League is presenting "MAKARIOS" (Supremely Blessed)</u> 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.
<u>Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: 14 September</u> Candidates for the next RCIA program will be accepted into the order of catechumens at the 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm Masses on the 14th of September.