

## Readings for next weekend — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10; 2nd reading: 1Corinthians 12:12-14,27; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

### Evangelisation

In response to the 2012 Bishops' synod, Pope Francis set out a plan for change. In "Joy of the Gospel", he said that our primary job is to evangelise. All the popes since Pope Paul VI in the 1970s have been saying this. But so far, our focus has remained "upmarket", ministering to those of us who have already been evangelised.

Pope Francis insists that we focus on evangelisation not just because that teaching is in line With a long tradition of the Church, dating back to Jesus' last words to his disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Pope Francis sees a real danger in the world: *The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. (Joy of the Gospel #2)*

To evangelise is to literally announce good news. Sometimes however, we can get so caught up in all the details of the Good News that we turn it into boring news. Or even worse, we turn it into daunting news, a list of doctrines and precepts that must be assented to before one can be saved. Pope Francis is telling us we have to focus on the essentials of the faith. [to be continued]

(From "Field Hospital Catechesis" by Nick Wagner)

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### MET Natural Fertility Creighton Model Introduction Session: 19 February

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore the Creighton Model FertilityCare System – a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This free session will be held on Wednesday 19 February from 7:15 to 8:15 pm via Zoom and is valued at \$125. To register or for more information, contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605.

#### 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**



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#### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 17/01/2025

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.

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

19 January 2025

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11

#### Entrance Antiphon:

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.*

#### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!*

#### Communion Antiphon:

*You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

#### 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.

### 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**.

### 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. (back in February)

"Do whatever He tells you'. Serving the Lord means listening to His Word and putting it into practice. It is the simple but essential recommendation of the Mother of Jesus and it is the programme of life for the Christian."

— Pope Francis

### Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Virginia Cabrerros, Felipe Dela Cruz, Franklyn Foenander, Ester Immatong, Shannon Vincent Pena-Sayson, Mary Pereira, Agustin & Loreta Quismorio, Sr Julienne Santos, Anthony Silva, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Basilia & Petronio Tomas, Crisanto Uro and all souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Mark, Michael, Tess, Matthew Caraica, Bernardino Leopoldo Dado, Gervy Espino, Emiliana Lagasca, Tesa Mejo and Julius Uru

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Alicia & Joseph, Tonel Family and Michelle Reyes

### We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLETT, 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.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### 30th Anniversary of Fr. Gerard's Ordination to the Priesthood

All are welcome to join the Good Shepherd Parish in celebrating Fr. Gerard O'Dempsey's 30th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday the 25th of January 2025 commencing with a Mass at 6:00 pm in the parish Church. A program will follow at the Church courtyard after the Mass and refreshments will be served.

### Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in 2025 in Blacktown and Penrith. This free formation is open to anyone in the Diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. **Enrolment forms are available from the sacristy after Mass or from the parish office. Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.** For more information please contact the parish office on **9832 4461** or email [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au).

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 29 January at St Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong for Cycle 1 (Module 1). More training opportunities will be available throughout January and February. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by following this link on the training event: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### Christian Music Concert with Van Serano and His Band

7:00 pm Friday the 7th of February at the Parish Bingo Hall. A live concert featuring original contemporary Christian music. \$10 entry—part of the money raised will be donated to the Good Shepherd Parish. Please check out the posters on the notice boards for details.

### 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.

### January:

1. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm Mass — Fr. Joseph Pham (formerly of this parish and Antioch group) recently ordained will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving.
2. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 pm — Liturgy Committee meeting
3. Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: 9:00 am Mass — with the staff from the three schools of the parish. Morning tea will follow.

### February:

1. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: Pastoral Planning meeting.
2. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Finance Committee meeting
3. Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy Committee meeting
4. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: Parish Council meeting
5. Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Cantor's workshop (repeated Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>)