

Readings for next weekend — CHRIST THE KING
First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Second reading: Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Taking Stock of Our Journey

With the liturgical year drawing to a close next week with the celebration of Christ the King and 34th week in Ordinary Time, it's appropriate to take stock of what shape our parish is in.

We have been moving steadily to place ourselves on a missional path, seeking to strengthen and deepen our faith and to invite others to experience what we experience. A very successful "Alpha" was run this year and we will be repeating that again next year (beginning Monday May 4th 2026). Alpha is about introducing Jesus Christ to those who have not encountered him, and deepening the relationship of those who have. We now employ a "Social Media Officer", one of the first in the Parramatta Diocese. Catrina looks after our "before Mass" slides, our Facebook page and our parish website. There are other important initiatives which will be introduced in the coming months.

2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order, so it will be a special time of reflection and celebration for our parish as well as for the Capuchin Franciscan Friars.

And of course, we are still waiting (ever so patiently) for construction to commence on our new meeting room and toilet block.

Our Thursday nights, currently reflecting on the Gospel of St. Matthew, will shortly transition into an Advent reflection program – lasting the four weeks of Advent and will provide a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas, and a necessary antidote to all the retail hoopla and bother leading up to the celebration of the Incarnation. Friday January 2nd 2026 will be our Epiphany Carols evening, the selection of the baby to play the part of baby Jesus will be occurring soon.

We have much to be thankful for over this past year and much to look forward to in the year ahead.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

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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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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 14/11/2025

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

**THE PARISH OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
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.*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16 November 2025

1st Reading:	<i>Malachi 3:19-20</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>2 Thessalonians 3:7-12</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 21:5-19</i>
Entrance Antiphon:	<i>The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.</i>
GOSPEL Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.</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.

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.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **23rd of November 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Eliana Rose Bland
Harvey Adrian Bui
Meilani Kay McIntyre

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.

"The expectation of the Lord's return is the time of action — we are in the time of action — the time in which we should bring God's gifts to fruition, not for ourselves but for him, for the Church, for others "
— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Melvin Corpuz, Felicidad Dela Cruz, Lourdes Deray, Coreena Enriquez, Vilma Galan, Alejandro & Pepito Lagasca, Kumarika Misso, Leslie Sharp, Isabel & Domingo Valix and all the souls in purgatory

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

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Celine Anne Benicarlo, Gavin & Joyln D'Souza

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

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, 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, 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.

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"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 will be available on the weekend of 22/23 Nov. Thank you.



Rosary Making Workshop

Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on Tuesday 18 November from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Costs are \$10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish

We are currently in need of Altar Servers for the weekend Masses. If you have received your First Holy Communion and are interested in joining the Altar Servers Ministry, **please contact the Parish Office on 9832 4461** or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au.

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*.

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

- November 27th
- December 4th
- December 11th
- December 18th



Please register using the QR code or contact the Parish Office on:
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Coming events:

- Tuesday November 18th: Finance Committee 7.30pm.
- Thursday November 20th: Gospel of St. Matthew (last one for this year) 7.00pm supper, 7.30pm video and discussion.
- Saturday/Sunday November 22/23: Bishop's Christmas Appeal.
- Sunday November 23rd: 9.00am Mass Celebration of Reception into full communion with the Catholic Church. (Maria Asiata, Michael Krough and Matthew Outzen).
- Thursday November 27th: Advent program (reflecting on the Sunday readings) 7.00pm supper, 7.30pm discussion.