

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

— *Franciscan Media*

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



Phone: 02 9832 4461

Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

www.goodshepherd.org.au

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 35th 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.

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 17/11/2023

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$42,000.00
Total Amount	\$75,300.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 November 2023

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Entrance Antiphon:

*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.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.*

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 Priest	Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap	Daily MASS Times
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	Wed 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	Weekend MASS Times
Parish Council Chairperson	Mrs Rowena Villadolid	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	Sun 7:00 am/ 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz	12:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller	Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite	Reconciliation (Confession)
		Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon
		Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Plumpton Antioch - Youth Faith Retreat

Plumpton Antioch would like to invite **youth aged 16-25** to our **Outreach Weekend on Friday 24th November 6:30 pm until Sunday 26th November 9:00 pm** at the **Good Shepherd Primary School**. There will be talks, food and other activities to explore and deepen your faith over the course of the two days and three nights. If you would like to find out more information, please contact our weekend leaders **Elijah (0481 080 083)** or **Bek (0403 414 882)** or our parent couple **Russel (0433 121 381)** or **Nicole (0416 329 924)**. Come join our faith community on our journey to Know and Love Jesus more deeply.

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Ciana Elisse Lopez
Chanel Villanueva

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of November 2023 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Death Anniversaries: We Remember

Joseph Cardona, Edith Corpus-Seville, Melvin Roy Corpuz, Kumarika Misio, Domingo Valix & Isabel Valix

During this month of November we also remember all the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**May perpetual light shine upon them,
O Lord. Amen †**

We remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen & Mario BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Gary FERNANDEZ, Frances CARUANA, Gwen CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Remigio DELIGERO, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Maureen JACKSON, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, John RILEY, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT & Joan WREN.

For Good Health: Tesa and Gamil, Doris Barrett, Zenaida Castro-Roque, Rodney Lester, Jo Murray, Cora Murrell, Clem & Carmel O'Brien, Michael Pascal, Austin Michael Politono, Helen Recto, Joao Rosa, Eric Siale, Lita Stacey, Marvin Torres & Mercedes Valix.

Announcements

Chapter 2023

Next week starting **20th November to 24th November 2023**. The **Capuchin Friars** will gather at **Baulkham Hills for their Chapter**. Please keep them in your prayers as they navigate through an interesting phase of their life in Australia. The Capuchin Friars from Plumpton will also be away next week for the chapter. In their absence, **Fr Andrew will be celebrating the weekday masses**.

Feast of Saint Nicholas

The St. Nicholas Festa Community are celebrating the **Feast of Saint Nicholas** on the **3rd of December 2023**. Mass will be celebrated by **Fr Vincy at 3:30 pm followed by a Procession to the Bingo Hall**. There will be the Maltese concert band, Youth choir and Jumping Castle for the kids. Also **Santa will arrive at 7:30 pm and fireworks at 8:30 pm**. The Big raffle will be drawn on the night. **Everyone is welcome!**

Christmas Carols by Night

On the **15th of December**, we will be celebrating **Carols by night at The Good Shepherd Plumpton** starting at **7:00 pm in front of the church**. The important feature of this year's carols would be the **Live Crib** organized by Fr John Nguyen ofmcap, Vocation Promoter for the Capuchins. This is to commemorate the 800 years of the 1st crib prepared by St. Francis of Assisi. If anyone can help with providing **animals for the live crib** please contact the parish office: phone **02 9832 4461**, email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au; or **meet with one of our priests**.

Secondly, there will also be a **music launch of our Good Shepherd Children Choir**. More information will be shared soon.

Catholic Mission Appeal

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. Next weekend, **25 & 26 November**, the Catholic Mission, through the **appeal giving envelopes**, will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Thank you.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care Chaplaincy Services

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'—Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **You can donate** online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone **1800 024 413** or scan the QR code. Thank you.

