

Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of people.

The death of John the Baptist marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. John the Baptist's mission to prepare the way has concluded: Jesus' mission must begin in earnest. Likewise, as a Church we must enter into the "substance" of Ordinary Time: the teaching, proclaiming, and curing works of Jesus. So, we return this week to Matthew's Gospel (where we will remain until nearly halfway through the approaching season of Lent) and hear the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.

The Good news of Jesus starts with an invitation to the first apostles "Come follow me". We are invited to follow Jesus the way this liturgical season, which is far more than an in-between for Christmas, Lent, and Easter. As these apostles come to know Jesus in his ministry and teaching, so will we. (Lenten Reflection Groups, Alpha, Christian Life program) Each teaching from Jesus and each miracle that Jesus works is an invitation to see more clearly who God is for us.

The task for each of us is to welcome Jesus into our day-to-day experiences, that we, in the words of Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church says: "may work for the sanctification of the world from within. (Lumen Gentium 31).

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

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Plastic Tops of Bottles Needed for a Wheelchair

Stella Vella from the St Nicholas Festa Committee is saving the plastic tops of bottles in order to obtain a motorised wheelchair for a disabled person. There will be a box provided on the kitchen veranda (near where the boiling water is served for drinks). It takes a lot of tops to obtain a wheelchair so please help Stella and drop your bottle tops in the box provided.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick: February 11th

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11:00am on February 11th 2026 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals.

To register, please visit parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-world-day-of-the-sick-mass/

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



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 16/01/2026

Donations	\$30,780.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$46,000.00
Total Amount	\$88,884.00
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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1st Reading: *Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:12-23*

25 January 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.*

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 **22nd of February 2026 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 on February 1st 2026.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Joseph, June, Maria, Norma, Philomena Bent, Primitiva Fabian, William Edwin Fernandes, Edgar Ladios, Falaniko Leo, Larry Rebada Sr, Arce Samia, Lebrada Vicuna, Jose Villadolid Sr and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Mark, Michael, Harvey Almeida, Stella Azzopardi, George Cheriyadan, Mila Dadat, Cecil Graycochea, Ann Gonsalvez, Rosalind Mahomet, Glicerio Manalang, Anne Miller, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Michelle Reyes

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Francis, Dalena Kennedy and Michayla Rebada

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Matthew DORRAN, 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, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, 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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Lenten Gospel Reflection Groups

Why not gather a group of your friends and form a group, call the parish office for more details and for the ordering of books and CD.

Fundraising Project to help the building construction of Holy Rosary Church, Waga, Sri Lanka

A fundraiser will be held on **Sunday 8th February after the 9.00am Mass** and **Saturday 14th February after 6.00pm Mass** to raise funds for the building construction of Holy Rosary Church in Waga, Sri Lanka. Please check the **noticeboard** for further information or contact **Moira on 0408 869 114**.

Rosary Making Workshop: February 9th

Come along for a fun evening 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 on **Monday 9 February at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown**. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials).

To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops

Be The Witness Auditions

Be The Witness, a production being brought to life by a team at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is gathering momentum across our Parish and the Diocese with vocal auditions now having commenced. We would love to extend the invitation to all parishes to our **open auditions** on **Sunday 1st from 11.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm** and **Monday 2nd of February from 6.00-8.00pm**, which will take place at the Parish Office at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please register to audition by emailing music@bethewitness.com.au. We would also love to invite anyone who is interested in assisting in any way in any of our teams – production, event management, communications, finance, fundraising, and prayer – get in touch by using the QR code provided. We are also currently looking for a director and choreographer. Musicians and dancers can also scan the relevant QR codes to register their interest and be kept informed of upcoming Live Band and Dance auditions.

Core Teams



Dancers



Musicians



Volunteer Communicators Network

Are you savvy with a camera, writing or social media? We want to hear from you! Share your interest with us to support our storytelling in Catholic Outlook, our websites and social media. Name/contact details are required: parracatholic.org/communicators

Coming Events:

- Tuesday 27th January** – the school staffs from our three parish schools will join us at the 9.00am Mass – this will be followed by morning tea. Everyone is welcome.
- Liturgy Committee – meeting **Tuesday January 27th 7.30pm**.
- RCIA restarts **Monday nights – February 2nd 7.30pm**.
- Pastoral Planning Committee – meeting **Tuesday February 3rd 7.30pm**.
- Matthew's Gospel – part 5 of the DVD – **Thursday February 5th, Soup at 7.00pm**.
- Farewell to the Immaculatine Sisters – **6.00pm Mass Saturday February 7th, followed by refreshments**.