

Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday of Advent

First reading: Micah 5:1- 4; Second reading: Hebrews 10:5-10; Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

Advent with the Saints: John the Baptist

John the Baptist takes center stage in the Gospels in all three Lectionary cycles on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent. He strides dramatically onto the scene, preaching in the desert and calling people to baptism. His camel's hair clothing and diet of locusts and honey make him what a friend called "the kind of person who causes parents to draw their children closer as he passes."

John's message is indeed one of challenge. He makes it clear that to prepare for the coming of the promised Messiah, we must repent and make his paths straight. Here he echoes his Old Testament counterpart, and fellow Advent prophet, Isaiah. John appears on the Biblical stage for only a short time. He's eager to step aside and make way for Christ. But even Our Lord takes a moment in Matthew 11 (Thursday of the Second Week of Advent) to acknowledge John's place in the story of salvation. May we likewise find a place for the message of repentance as we make ready for Christmas.

— adapted from the book *Advent with the Saints: Daily Reflections* by Greg Friedman, OFM

Parish & Diocesan News continued

An opportunity to reflect on Advent in our Parish:

You are invited to reflect on the Sunday Readings for Advent 2024, using the book *Hope Reigns*.

Face to face Monday 10:00 am – 11:00 am in the Parish meeting room:

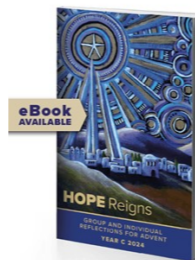
Please register using the signup sheet at the entrance of the Church

- Monday 16 December

On Zoom Wednesday night 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Wednesday 18 December

For the **Zoom Link**, please contact the Parish Office on:
parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



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

After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440

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 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.

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 13/12/2024

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

15 December 2024

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

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**.

Congratulations for last Weekend’s Baptism

Arch Gabriel Alonzo Flores
 Sienna Rose Labuson
 Ava May Nacorda
 Jharell Ancheta Urena

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.

“We understand ever more that it is precisely in virtue of Baptism that we possess a co-natural missionary vocation.” — Pope Benedict XVI

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Joseph, Sister Elaine Marie, Gomez B Adviento Jr, John Apap, Abraham Camilliri, Franquilito & Natividad Dungca, Rommel & Diana Hapin, Myrna Honculada, Esperanza Lobo, Fortunato Manalang, Nilo Mercado, Abdallah Shammass and Shane Paul Vaz

Healing / Good Health: Gimil Abraham, Franklyn Foenander, Iki Nasio, Bienvenido & Connie Recto, Helen Recto, Emilia Aurora Rodriguez, Lala Ronquillo and John Tabone

Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Czarina Cabalhin

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

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

Br. Lawrie’s Funeral Arrangements:

Monday, 16th December 10:30 am

Requiem Mass
 Nazareth House Chapel
 272 Wynnum North Road
 Wynnum QLD

Friday, 20th December 10:00 am

St Fiacre’s Church
 96 Catherine Street
 Leichhardt NSW
(time may be adjusted to 10:30 am depending on the timing of the burial TBA)

Followed by
 Burial at Rookwood Cemetery

Parish & Diocesan News

Thank You for Supporting our Catholic Care’s Houses to Homes

Fr Fernando Montano, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains thank you for your generous support of homeless mothers and children. The money raised ensures that Catholic Care can continue to provide homeless mothers and children safety, support, and a place to call home. If you haven’t had a chance to donate, please visit parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. **Thank you.**



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. Please **contact** the Good Shepherd **parish office** on **9832 4461** or email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au. **Registrations close 28th January 2025 but spaces are limited so enrol now to avoid disappointment.**

Christmas Mass times:

This year we will be trialling a changed Mass schedule for Christmas:

Christmas Eve: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass
 9:00 pm Mass during the night (formerly known as Mid-night Mass)
 Christmas Day: 7:00 am Mass at Dawn
 9:00 am Mass during the day
 12:00 noon Vietnamese Mass

Each Mass has its own unique readings and prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of our parish community who recently completed their Ministry Course at Blacktown.

Minister of the Word:

Marina ASSEY

Ministers of Holy Communion:

Jon ARROGANTE, Jeremiah BUSTRIA, Ciby KOONAMMAVU, Josie MUSA and Luke VANDERKLEY

Minister at the Altar:

Anthony PAAHI