

Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday of Lent

First reading: Joshua 5:9-12; Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Synod and Pastoral Plan

On Saturday April 5th 7:30 pm we will be holding our next “Table-talk” and the theme for this one will be “Mission”. Mission is one of the five priorities backing up the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The other themes are: Prayer, Formation, Listening, Dialogue and Discernment, and Community.

From “Behold I am always with you”, Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2024-28: *As our diocese moves towards becoming a more Synodal Church, ‘mission’ emphasises that the Church exists to evangelise, that is, to share the Good News. As such, the Church cannot be centred on itself. Its deeply missionary dimension, expressed through a commitment to the way of synodality, enables the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially to those on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical peripheries of our world.*

By prioritising ‘mission’, we aim to live out our call to be a sign of God’s Love in the midst of the human family, responding to the needs of our time with faith and compassion, and serving as a leaven for the coming of God’ kingdom.

Part of our Parish vision is that all of us would be able to live and share the Good news of Jesus. So, this upcoming table-talk is an opportunity to gather with fellow parishioners for a meal, listen to some stories about the being a **Mission Oriented Church**, and participating in conversation around this topic. The evening will begin with a meal directly after the 6:00 pm Mass on the Saturday evening – there is NO COST involved, we simply ask that you register your intention to come and participate so that appropriate catering can be provided. Saturday, April 5th 7:30 pm in the parish meeting room.

— Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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 Planned Giving Envelopes for the next four months 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 also 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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 21/03/2025

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

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
Celebrating Our 36th 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 (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.

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

23 March 2025

1st Reading:	<i>Exodus 3:1-8,13-15</i>	<i>Exodus 17:3-7 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	<i>John 4:5-42 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>

Entrance Antiphon: *My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon: *For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.*

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 & Diocesan News

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)**
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 **27th of April 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.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Izaak Brown Trine

"Yet only when we come to understand, in the light of the Cross, the evil we are capable of, and have even been a part of, can we experience true remorse and true repentance."

— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Patrick Champion, Rainer Cruz, Ann Gaffney, Robert Galea, Teresa Mariano, Gilbert Mendoza, Clyde Pereira, Nilo Piczon, Mary Piscopo, Susana Suasin, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Celestino Ulanday Jr, Robert Valentin, Arsenia Yutuc, Fe Zabala and all souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Martin, Amber Daniels, Erlinda & Sabine Escueta and Tesa Mejo
Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Mario & Lolita Bocasan, T Fernandes, Josie & Gabbie Flestado and Pelenato Sio-Lam Dam

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, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Donald MCKECHNIE, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, 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.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society (Vinnies) Leaving Collection

The St. Vincent De Paul Society are having a leaving collection after each Mass this weekend 22nd and 23rd of March. A tap machine will be available if you are not able to bring cash. Please give generously.

St Nicholas Festa Committee Variety Night: 12 April

Saint Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **Variety Night** on the **12th of April** at the **Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be food for purchase, entertainment by various artists, raffle & lots of fun for everyone. **TICKETS** are \$10 each & Children under 12 are **FREE**. To book your tickets please call **Stella on 0414 188 226**.

Youth for Christ (Australia) Entry Program

The Youth for Christ (Australia) is having an Entry Program for youths from year 8 and above, on **April 11–13** (first weekend of the school holidays) in Plumpton. It is run by Catholic youth leaders and couple coordinators. It is full of fun, fellowship, singing, talks, discussions, group activities, prayers, praise and worship. If any students want to strengthen their faith and relationship with Jesus, we would be happy for them to join us in April. For details, please contact Rose Vi Tungul on 0416 245254 or Jeff Tungul on 0405 153848 or Ermi Acallar on 0438 7176510.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. **Donation envelopes** will be available next weekend **29th & 30th of March**. Thank you



Celebrating 800 years of the Cantic of Creation

You are invited to a Zoom Session with Br Keith Douglass Warner—"How Laudato Si helps us live the Cantic of Creation"—on Saturday the 5th April 2025 at 10:00 am. Zoom Link (limited to 100): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83891801783?pwd=x5LPciUbNTWPIpbkxegJ8MhPPz4JiP.1&from=addon>
For link to the recording please email: franciscanfederationaustralia@outlook.com

Caritas Project Compassion

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. You can support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the **QR code**, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



HIGH FIVE FOR LENT

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion. We are continuing our partnership with HoW and ask for your support. Over the five weeks of Lent, we will focus on collecting five essential food items simple yet crucial staples for families living hand to mouth. Let us walk together this Lent, not only in prayer and reflection but also in action, extending Christ's love to those most in need.

Answers to last week's quiz:

- Only on Mondays
- St. Dmitrios
- Not without safety goggles