

Readings for next weekend — Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; **Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45

Franciscan Reflection

Shortly after St Francis composed the first section of *The Canticle of the Creatures*, the Bishop of Assisi excommunicated the Local Mayor for his support of another war. In retaliation, the Mayor imposed sanctions on the Bishop. Dissention between people always disturbed Francis deeply. He preached peace and encouraged people to make peace. Since no one was intervening and moved by pity for the two leaders, he composed the additional two lines for *The Canticle*:

“Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.”

Then, he asked the brothers to sing this extended version to the two leaders. Francis trusted in the Lord that He would humble their hearts, they would make peace with each other and return to their earlier friendship and love. In the spirit of synodality and touched by *The Canticle*, both leaders were moved to great repentance and mutual embrace.

Trust in the Lord. Forgive and love each other. Be humble and instruments of peace.

— Fr. John Nguyen ofmcap



Lenten Program 2025 Are you ready to experience Metanoia this Lent?

Each year during Lent, we offer an opportunity to come together to pray and reflect as a community. You are invited to join one of our small groups or offer your own, with an easy to follow booklet.

Beginning the week of 3 March

Optional Times:

Face to Face (sign-up sheets are available at the back of the Church)

Tuesday 7:00 pm on Zoom

Thursday 9:30 am Meeting Room

Thursday 7:00 pm Meeting Room

For more information or to register your own Lenten group contact the Parish Office. Phone: (02) 9832 4461, Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au

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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

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

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 21/02/2025

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 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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23 February 2025

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Entrance Antiphon:

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*

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 **23rd of March 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

Frankie Dimech
Eli Ronald Locke
Lorelei Omay Mashavave
Remy Shelley Blancas Randall
Kruz Rory Wilson

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.

"What is perfection in love? Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers ..." — St. Augustine

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Deceased members of the Carney Family, Joselito Abuan, Cirilo & Rosalinda Aclao, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Cicily Abraham, Eugene Champion, Abraham Paulose, Domingo Ramos, Bernadette & Peresala Tuaimau, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Domingo Valix, Maria Zammit and all souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Thea & Hope Edades, Bernardino Leopoldo Dado, Baby Hajar, Billy Mitchell and Julius Uru

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Adrian Antony and Marygrace

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, 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, 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, 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.

Parish & Diocesan News

ASH Wednesday

We have a later start to Lent and Easter this year – Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday March 5th
Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday – April 17th, Good Friday – April 18th, Easter Vigil – April 19th.

Pilgrimage 2025 : Limited to 35 People

Join us on a spiritually enriching Jubilee Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi (3 nights), Manoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo (2 nights), Monte Sant'Angelo, Pietrelcina, Rome - Jubilee of Youth (7 nights), Lourdes (3 nights) and Paris (2 nights), where we will deepen our faith through prayer, reflection and shared community. Together with Frs John and Paul, let's embark on this meaningful journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

DEPARTURE: 22 July 2025

ARRIVE HOME: 10 August 2025

COST: AUD 10,190.00

To register your expression of interest and for more information, please email the Parish Office as soon as possible. Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au

FaithLIFE Scripture Short Courses for adults: 26 February

Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr Michele Connolly RSJ. The final session is on 26 February at 6:30 to 8:30 pm 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife>

Sydney Alliance - Federal Pre-Election Assembly 2025: 13 March

The Sydney Alliance is inviting you to register for the 2025 Sydney Alliance Federal Pre-Election assembly on the 13th of March from 5:40 to 7:40 pm at the Morley Centre (Catherine McAuley), 2 Darcy Road, Westmead. Join us to demonstrate the power of civil society and to take action on housing, energy and climate ahead of the Federal election. The Assembly will include a roll call of organisations, testimonies from our communities and negotiations with politicians attending. We will ask decision makers to commit to our asks for specific, concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, and climate resilience. We will close with an optional meal, joining members of the Muslim community who are observing Ramadan in an Iftar (breaking of the fast). Food provided by House of Welcome Catering, which provides employment pathways for people seeking asylum and refugees. All are welcome. Full information on registration link: <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-federal-assembly-2025>

VODAFONE problems:

A number of parishioners (on Vodafone) have experienced difficulties in calling the Good Shepherd parish office – this seems to be a Vodafone issue and has nothing to do with the parish telephone system. If you have difficulties make it known to Vodafone!

Upcoming Events:

1. Tuesday 25th: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:30pm
2. Thursday 27th: Parish Council meeting 7:30pm
3. Friday 28th: Cantor's workshop (repeated Saturday March 1st) 7:30pm
4. From March 5th: Lent is approaching, time to start thinking of hosting a Lenten gospel reflection group in your home – contact the parish office for booklets and DVD