**Readings for next weekend — The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**
***First reading**: Isaiah 25:6-9; **Second reading**: Romans 5:5-11; **Gospel**: Luke 7:11-17*

## The Year of MATTHEW

Beginning this Thursday evening (October 30th) and running for four weeks is a presentation on the Gospel of Saint Matthew which we will be read in the coming year at Sunday Masses. The format for the evening will be similar to that of Alpha: 7.00pm supper, 7.30pm video presentation followed by table discussion. We hope to be finished by 9.00pm.

The Gospel readings for Year A are dominated by an almost continuous reading of Matthew's Gospel. Why does the Church look back to this ancient text and read it thoroughly throughout the course of a Liturgical Year? There were many other Gospels written in the early years of the Church. But something about the Gospel of Matthew gave it authority in the early Church, and still addresses the Church's life and liturgy today. Can this text, which was written to address a Jewish-Christian Church in the '80s of the 1st century, still be a word of life for us in the 21st century? Join us on Thursday nights in the meeting room!

## Schedule for Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion 2025/26

- 03 November 2025, Monday – **Parent Information night (Reconciliation) and registration** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 November and 07 December 2025 – **Reconciliation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST**)*
- 08 December 2025 – Monday, **Rite of Penance** (1st Confession), 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 27 April 2026, Monday – **Information Session (Eucharist) and Enrichment night for Parents only**
- 03, 10, 17 & 24 May 2026 – **Holy Eucharist classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a **MUST**)*
- 25 May 2026 – Monday, **Rehearsal** at 7.00 pm in the Parish Church
- 30/31 May, 06/07 June and 13/14 June 2026 – **1st Holy Communion Dates** – during the 6.00 pm Saturday, 9.00 am & 6.00 pm Sunday Masses

Registration forms are now available at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

## *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***
*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***

# 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.*

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***www.goodshepherd.org.au***

**New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets** **24/10/2025**

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| **Donations** | **$30,580.00** |
| **Raffle tickets** | **$12,104.00** |
| **Legacy Donation** | **$45,000.00** |
| **Total Amount** | **$87,684.00** |
| **Revised Target Amount** | **$100,000.00** |

**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.*

**37th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Church** **26 October 2025**

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| **1st Reading:** | ***Isaiah 56:1. 6-7*** |
| **2nd Reading:** | ***Ephesians 2:19-22*** |
| **Gospel Reading:** | ***Luke 19:1-10*** |
| **Entrance Antiphon:** | ***Wonderful are you, O God in your holy place. The God of Israel himself gives his people strength and courage. Blessed be God!*** |
| **Responsorial Psalm:** | ***How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord mighty God.*** |
| **GOSPEL Acclamation:** | ***Alleluia, alleluia! In my house, says the Lord, everyone who asks will receive; whoever seeks shall find; and to those who knock it shall be opened. Alleluia!*** |
| **Communion Antiphon:** | ***You are the temple of God, And the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God, which you are, is holy.*** |

**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:

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| 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 **23rd of November 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

*Masina Cielo Niko*
*Olivia Clare Dominguez*
*Talena Jamira Rosary Kennedy*
*Ronan Balite Noonan*

### 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.*

*"The beauty and harmony of Churches, destined to render praise to God, invites us, limited and sinners, to form a 'cosmos,' a well-ordered edifice, in communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies."*

*— Pope Benedict XVI*

### Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

***Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Pedro, Charles & Stella Dabare, Sleiman & Violet Freiji, Ann Gaffney, Antoine & Mouna Karam, Rosario Natividad, Leila & Melad Shaheen, Thelma Tate, Sydney Van Ross, Connie-Mae Vaughan, Agnes & John Walcott, Aida & Simon Walcott, James Walcott, Brian Wilkinson, Nazzarena Zahra and all the souls in purgatory*

***Healing / Good Health:** Ceejay Bergonia, Shirley Morcilla, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Michelle Reyes, Tessie Rimando, Peter Stanborough and Peter Walcott*

***Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving :** Dennis Escueta, Rowena Rosales and Lina Poasa Tuala*

### 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, Clare DONOHOE, 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, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Donald MCKECHNIE, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, 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, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.*

# Parish & Diocesan News

### Thank you from the Catholic Mission

*We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula. Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit **catholicmission.org.au/our-work**. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at **catholicmission.org.au/mission**. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.*

### Social Media Presence

*Our parish has become the first in the diocese to employ a director of Social Media. Catrina Bautista has begun working for us and she will be visiting the various groups and organisations of the parish over the next few weeks. This is about improving our "on-line" presence (Facebook, parish website, etc.) and enhancing the visual aids we use during the liturgy.*

### Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish

*Children who have received their 1st Holy Communion are invited to join the Altar Servers Ministry. **Please contact the Parish Office 9832 4461** or email **parishof@goodshepherd.org.au**.*

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

*The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on the following days:*

- *Saturday 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10am to 3pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Wentworthville.*

*Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: **https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training**. For more information, please email: **safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org***

### Design the next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover!

*We're inviting **you** to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas and Summer 2025 edition! People of all ages from across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork for consideration. Let's make this Advent and Christmas season a canvas of faith and joy – together. Please submit your entry by **Friday 7 November 2025** – with a short description of your artwork – via **parracatholic.org/artcomp***

### FaithLIFE Ministry: 5 + 19 November

*Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry? Seeking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Alison & Donnie from the Mission Enhancement Team (MET) on Wednesday 5 NOV + 19 NOV 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, cnr Flushcombe Road! Details via **https://tr.ee/sAMkSrihAl** OR get in touch with the team via **met@parracatholic.org***

### Meetings and events:

1. Liturgy Committee – Tuesday October 28th 7.30pm
2. Gospel of St. Matthew – Thursday October 30th 7.00pm
3. Sacramental program Parent's information night – Monday November 3rd 7.00pm
4. Pastoral Planning Committee – Tuesday November 4th 7.30pm
5. SVDP Christmas appeal – weekend November 8th/9th.
6. Antioch 40th anniversary – Sunday November 16th 6.00pm Mass.