

## Readings for next weekend — the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*First reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 ; Second reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 ; Gospel: Mark 12:28-34*

### ADVENT (Part 1)

The season of Advent begins on Sunday 1st December. While the days and weeks of advent traditionally close our calendar year, they are, in fact, the very beginning of the liturgical year. The First Sunday of Advent is the Church's New Year's Day! Advent is also the preparatory period of the Cycle of Light (very appropriate in the Northern Hemisphere as the days get shorter). At the heart of this cycle we focus on God with us in the three comings of Christ: 1. Jesus' arrival in historic time as Mary's son. 2. Jesus' promised return at the end of time, and 3. Jesus' entrance into our own lives.

Here in Australia, in the southern hemisphere, we face a challenging set of circumstances that envelope our celebration of Advent. Lengthening days, summer weather, end of year BBQs and parties, endless shopping and general busy-ness. How do we prepare for the coming of the Lord in the midst of all these "other" things?

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### Free Theology books: Clearing of Bishop Bede Heather Centre library

You are welcome to visit on the following days, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm:

- Monday 21 October
- Wednesday 30 October
- Wednesday 6 November
- Tuesday 12 November
- Friday 22 November

Address: Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, 2148

For any enquiries please contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

#### 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**



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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# 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 25/10/2024

Donations \$27,665.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$43,000.00

Total Amount \$82,769.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

#### 36th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

27 October 2024

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30

**2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:13-19

#### Entrance Antiphon:

*God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, mighty God!*

#### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!*

#### Communion Antiphon:

*My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord:  
in that house, everyone who asks receives,  
and the one who seeks finds,  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

#### 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 **24th of November 2024 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

Kaliana Raya Caoile  
Sadie Violet Raine Luke  
Amaria Skye Papa

### 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 Church has ever proved indestructible. Her persecutors have failed to destroy her; in fact, it was during times of persecution that the Church grew more and more."  
— Saint Thomas Aquinas

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Victor Gulapa Amurao, Yolanda Aranas, Avelina Ariola, Zorito Ariola, Frances Brady, Jesus Calvo, Nicolas Casagan, Victoria Casagan, Edwin Fernandes, Arturo Osmena, Laura & Leslie Pinto, Roxana Recto-Cavanagh, Edgardo San Pascual, Thelma Tate, Bernadette Tecson, Sydney Van Ross and Nazzarena Zahra

**Healing / Good Health:** Isolde & Erlinda, Jasmin Andrew, William Calura, Bernardino Leopoldo Duran Dado, Erlinda Escueta, Franklyn Foenander, Tesa Mejo, Owen Ohi, Bienvenido Recto, Nestor Casanova Reyes, Miguella Estella Asolacia Soto, Ethan & Ryan Walter and Geronimo Zaragoza

**Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Lina Poasa Tuala

### 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, 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.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### Upcoming 1st Holy Communion Program

**Parent Information night on the 5th of November, Tuesday at 7:00 pm** at the Parish Church. Completed registration form and copy of your child's baptism certificate must be submitted on this night. **Registration forms and Parent Information sheet are now available** at the entrance of the Church and at the parish office.

### NOSTRA AETATE

Nostra Aetate is Vatican II official declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian religions and was promulgated on 28 October 1965. This groundbreaking declaration formalized and encouraged the Catholic Church to engage in open and respectful dialogue with believers from other religions. As we enter the **60th year of Nostra Aetate**, the **Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta** brings this document to life with a special 'human library' interreligious event, where a representative from each of the faiths named in Nostra Aetate - Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism will share about their beliefs and practices. Monday, **28th October** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at **Bishop Bede Heather Centre**, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP: [info.cccmr@columban.org.au](mailto:info.cccmr@columban.org.au)

### From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: 'Behold, I Am With You Always'

"From the ancient truism, *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi* (as we worship, so we believe, so we live), we are challenged that liturgy is not just an add-on to our faith lives but an essential expression of it. We recognise the need to continually renew and strengthen our liturgical celebrations so that all the baptised may truly participate in the life of the Church." (Pg. 43, Pastoral Plan). Learn how the Synodal Church invites us to strengthen our liturgy :

[www.parracatholic.org/synodality](http://www.parracatholic.org/synodality).

### MET FaithLIFE Ministry Leaders Short Course: Starting 29 October

**Wanting to refresh your skills in ministry?** Looking or currently involved in ministry with your faith community? Curious about learning from the experience of an international Catholic movement? Sign up now for the 2-session FaithLIFE Ministry short course with Young Christian Workers (YCW) on **Tuesdays 29 October and 5 November!** For more information and to registration visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/events/faithlife-ministry> or contact [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### ACBC: Synod on Synodality Prayer Resources

A range of liturgical resources have been prepared for parishes as we enter the second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website has a range of related resources here:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>

### **Parish EXPO Timetable:**

10:30am—Expo begins outdoors at the Hall  
10:48am—Hall doors opens  
11:00am—1st Scavenger hunt & Petting Zoo opens  
11:15am—Junior Choir  
11:30am—Good Shepherd Primary School  
11:40am—Parish Choir  
11:50am—St Francis Primary School  
12:00noon—2nd Scavenger hunt & Tongan Choir  
12:30pm—YFC  
1:00pm—St Clare's High School  
1:15pm—Youth Choir  
1:30pm—drawing of raffles  
2:00pm—Conclusion.