

## Readings for next weekend — First Sunday of Advent

**1st reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; **2nd reading:** 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; **Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28,34-36

### **CHRIST the KING:**

Jesus confronts Pilate about the meaning of kingship in today's gospel. As the governor of Jerusalem, Pilate understands kingship in a strictly political sense and does not want anyone to challenge his reign. Jesus confronts Pilate with a new vision of kingship, one that is not of this world but very much *in* this world. Jesus came to usher in a kingdom of truth and justice, of peace and prosperity. And we are called to help bring about this kingdom in our corner of the world. In our homes and communities, we are called to make the love of God known.

Today we come to the end of another liturgical year. But, before we jump too far into the freshness of Advent, let us pause and take stock of this past year of Christian living. Where did we encounter Christ? When did we act as Christ for another person? What do we need to change in the coming year?

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

### 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:**

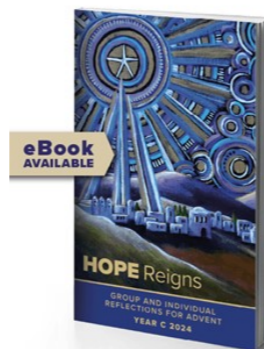
**Please register using the signup sheet at the entrance of the Church**

- Monday 25 November
- Monday 2 December
- Monday 9 December
- Monday 16 December

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

- Wednesday 27 November
- Wednesday 4 December
- Wednesday 11 December
- Wednesday 18 December

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



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

#### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 15/11/2024

Donations \$27,865.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$43,000.00

Total Amount \$82,969.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

# 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.

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B)

**24 November 2024**

**1st Reading:**

*Daniel 7:13-14*

**2nd Reading:**

*Apocalypse 1:5-8*

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 18:33-37*

**Entrance Antiphon:**

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

#### 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**

Jax Brian Jonathan Harland  
 Zaaya Jerish  
 Annabelle Tembeleski

**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.

"this is our king, the king of the universe, for He journeyed to the furthest confines of our human experience, entered into the black hole of hatred and abandonment, in order to bring light to every life and to embrace all reality," — Pope Francis

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Yolanda Aranas, Cecilio Benicarlo Sr, Joe Cardona, Remegio Centino Sr, Franquilito & Natividad Dungca, Nicolina Galea, Threasa Gomez, John-Mark & Luisa Gonsalves, Owen & Pilimilose Ohi, Florita & Nilo Piczon, Marilou Ramirez, Alberto San Pedro, George Vaz, Almanimfa Zaballero and all the souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Frances Apap, Bernardino Leopoldo Duran Dado, Mario Edwin Diaz, Franklyn Foenander, Jasmin Icaro, Margaret MacNamara, Pina Mendoza, Edna Onato, Emilia Aurora Rodriguez, Lala Ronquillo, and John Tabone

**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 CLEARLY, 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**

**Short Film Shooting Notice: 26 November to 29 November**

This week, the Good Shepherd Church premises will be used for a short film shoot. Principal photography will take place from Tuesday 26 November to Friday 29 November, outside the Church’s Mass schedule. Call times are projected for 5:00 pm/6:00 pm (Tuesday & Friday), and 8:00 pm/8:30 pm (Wednesday & Thursday), with an estimated wrap time of 4:00 am. The Good Shepherd Parish has granted permission to the production team to shoot at the premises. For any questions or concerns, please contact Viet Phan (1st AD – [phanfilms@gmail.com](mailto:phanfilms@gmail.com) / 0450 184 728) or Alyssa Dimarucut (Producer – [alysadimarucut@gmail.com](mailto:alysadimarucut@gmail.com) / 0414 713 620)

**Feast of Saint Nicholas: 01 December**

The St. Nicholas Festa Community are celebrating the Feast of Saint Nicholas on the 1st of December. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Gerard O’Dempsey at 3:30 pm followed by a Procession to the Bingo Hall. There will be the Maltese concert band, the Youth choir, and FREE Jumping Castle, Pony rides & Face painting for the kids. Also Santa will arrive at 8:00 pm and The Big raffle will be drawn on the night. Everyone is welcome.

**Bishop’s Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care’s Houses to Homes**

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop’s Christmas Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or **scan the QR code** to give your gift of a new beginning today. **Donation envelopes** will be available next weekend **30 November/01 December**. Thank you.



**Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November**

In what way would you say I’m ‘awaiting’ God’s presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday the 26th of November 2024 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm. RSVP via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**INFORMATION**

In 2023, the results from the 2021 government census were released – here are few items worthy of our reflection:

Good Shepherd Parish	2016	2021	
Catholic Population	11,335	10,142	decrease
Catholics aged 0-14	21.6%	18.8%	decrease
Catholics aged 65+	9.7%	14.5%	Increase
Catholic families	3,777	3,508	decrease
Total population	34,173	34,247	Increase

**Upcoming Events**

- Advent reflection – sign up for face to face or zoom.
- Next Sunday – 9:00 am Mass Baptism of baby Kehiani.
- Next weekend – Bishop’s Christmas appeal.
- Liturgy Committee meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm.
- Parish Council meeting – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm (with election of officers).
- Filming in Church – November 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.