Readings for next weekend — Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
***First reading**: Malachi 3:19-20; **Second reading**: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; **Gospel**: Luke 21:5-19*

The Temple of His Body, the Church:

In every diocese, a cathedral stands as a symbol of the unity of the local church gathered around its bishop. The cathedrals throughout the world also witness to the communion of the church universal, with the Holy Father, the Pope, as her chief shepherd. This is why the anniversary of a cathedral's dedication is celebrated as a feast day in each diocese. Since the pope is uniquely charged with the care of the entire Church, his cathedral – St. John Lateran, is not simply the diocesan cathedral for the city of Rome; it's the mother of all other cathedrals and has been since the year 324AD.

Both the Lateran Cathedral and this special feast celebrate our Christian unity. Jesus founded the church to gather us into one under the successors of Saint Peter, and to this day, Masses are celebrated at Saint John Lateran on the high altar, under which rests the remains of a small wooden table on which St. Peter is said to have celebrated the eucharist. The witness and the ministry of the Holy Father continues to connect and unite us to Christ, the cornerstone of the church.

Jesus' comments about the temple in today's gospel were not understood at the time to refer to his own body. Not until these words were recalled in the light of resurrection faith were they truly comprehended by the disciples. "He was speaking about the temple of his body." For ages, we longed for a sanctuary where God would reside and where his glory would be revealed to the nations. Jesus is the realization of this dream.

With Christ as the cornerstone, we are built up as living stones into a people chosen and set apart by God. Now we belong to Christ, the true foundation, and are recipients of his gift of mercy. His Holy Spirit now dwells in us, his holy temple.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

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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

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

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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.

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 07/11/2025

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.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica **09 November 2025**

1st Reading:	***Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12***
2nd Reading:	***1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17***
Gospel Reading:	***John 2:13-22***
Entrance Antiphon:	***I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.***
Responsorial Psalm:	***The waters of the river gladden the city of God.***
GOSPEL Acclamation:	***Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!***
Communion Antiphon:	***Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.***

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 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**.*

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's mission is to spread hope "contagiously" among all peoples... It is only in this mission that the true journey of humanity is understood and attested."

— Pope Benedict XVI

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: *Emanuel, Giovanna, Joseph, M'Angelo, Edmund & Margaret D'Souza, Mary Rose Formosa, Nicolina Galea, Corazon Mazo, deceased members of the Teuma family and all the souls in purgatory*

Healing / Good Health: *Neil Mercado, Peter Nathan, Alexander Nguyen, Ernesto Pacoli, Michelle Reyes, Tessie Rimando, Peter Stanborough and Peter Walcott*

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: *Almeida family, Lupe Alaia and Cecilio Benicarlo Jr*

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, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

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St Vincent De Paul Society 'Vinnies' Christmas Appeal: 8 & 9 November
This weekend Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 November, our Giving Tree will be available. Each tag lists an item or a cash donation that will help fill our Christmas hampers for families in need. Please consider taking one and contributing. Columban calendars and Vinnies Christmas cards will be sold after all weekend Masses. Eftpos donations will be accepted. Your generosity will help provide food, clothing, and essentials — bringing comfort and care to those who need it most this season.

"Break Open the Word 2026" for Readers
The next edition of "Break Open the Word" is available from the sacristy or the parish office. All readers can get a copy.

Annual Bishop Vincent Vatican II Lecture: 12 November
*How does Vatican II continue to inform the work of becoming a synodal church? Recently back from meeting Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Vincent will unpack his annual lecture on Vatican II on Wednesday 12 November, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Register for limited seating and share with others via **https://tr.ee/xzetr5kVl-** OR get in touch with the team via **met@parracatholic.org***

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities
The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 15 November for Initial training (Modules 1-3) from 10:00am to 3:00pm 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***

Rosary Making Workshops throughout November
Come along for a fun day of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft days and evenings will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown on the following days.
- *Monday 10 November from 10am to 11:30am*
- *Monday 10 November from 1pm to 2:30pm*
- *Tuesday 11 November from 7pm to 8:30pm*
- *Tuesday 18 November from 7pm to 8:30pm*

*Costs are $10 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit **parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops***

Altar Servers Needed at the Good Shepherd Parish
*We are currently in need of Altar Servers for the weekend Masses. If you have received your First Holy Communion and are interested in joining the Altar Servers Ministry, **please contact the Parish Office on 9832 4461** or email **parishof@goodshepherd.org.au**.*

Coming events:

- Wednesday November 12th: 6.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta: Bishop Vincent Long's Vatican II lecture: *Gaudium et Spes*.
- Thursday November 13th: Gospel of Matthew: 7.00pm Supper, 7.30pm video and discussion.
- Sunday November 16th: 6:00pm Antioch 40th anniversary Mass.
- Tuesday November 18th: 7.30pm Finance Committee