

Readings for next weekend — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Second reading: Romans 9:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Liturgy and Justice:

Mother Teresa of Calcutta challenged Catholics to recognize Jesus not only in the eucharistic elements at Mass but also “ in the disturbing disguise of the poor.” Brazilian Archbishop Helder Camara insisted in his talk that true satisfaction of the hungers of the human family cannot be achieved unless justice is done. The American social activist Dorothy Day spoke of the role of the church’s liturgy in her decision to become Catholic many decades earlier. “It was,” she said, “the physical aspect of the Church which attracted me. Bread and wine, water . . . incense . . . all nature cried out to me.”

Another participant was a Polish cardinal named Karol Wojtyla, then archbishop of Krakow, who would be elected pope (and take the name John Paul II) just over two years later. Preaching at a Mass during the Congress, he said that the hunger for freedom dwells in the heart of every person, and that “we all, who participate in the Eucharist . . . must at the same time accept the messianic programme of liberation, according to which the best use of freedom is love . . . Jesus Christ is the true prophet of men’s freedom, and also of the liberty of nations and peoples, of all the oppressed who suffer from hunger for true freedom.”

— Living Liturgy 2026

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Diocese of Parramatta World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Launch: August 12th
Come and discover the pilgrimage to the 17th International World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea (26 July – 11 August 2027), themed “Take courage! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Join us for an inspiring evening to learn about the pilgrimage, hear testimonies from past pilgrims, explore the faith and culture of the Korean Church, and enjoy fellowship with other young people. Date: August 12th 2026, Doors open at 6:30pm. Venue: Nagle College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Register today at parracatholic.org/events/wyd27-launch/ We look forward to welcoming you!

Adult Confirmations 2026
The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday August 29th, 9.30am to 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday September 1st, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday August 18th. For more information, please contact the Parish Office parishof@goodshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461.

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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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 31/07/2026	
Donations	\$31,896.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$58,000.00
Total Amount	\$102,000.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		02 August 2026
1st Reading:	Isaiah 55:1-3	2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 14:13-21	
Entrance Antiphon:	O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.	
Responsorial Psalm:	The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.	
GOSPEL Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!	
Communion Antiphon:	You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.	

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.

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 share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Weddings
Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least **twelve** months in advance.

Holy Communion for the Sick
Please call the parish office to book a date and time.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office to book a date and time.

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 or church. **Next seminar is on 23 August.** Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate.
Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

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-ordinators	Mr Bernie Banta & Mrs 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.

Capuchin Young Adults Plumpton

We're the young adults of The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton! Seeking lives of simplicity, service, prayer and community with St Francis of Assisi. Find us on Instagram:
[instagram.com/capuchinyoungadultsplumpton/](https://www.instagram.com/capuchinyoungadultsplumpton/)

Legion of Mary Good Shepherd Praesidium

Meets every Saturday morning at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Please contact Christine on 0433 983 731 if you are interested.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Hudson Rey Amurao
Salvatore Kevin Romero

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for AUGUST

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Christopher, Virginia, Ivo Banovic, Nikola Banovic, Teresita Castaneda, Melvin Corpuz, Ronald Curry, Myrtle Fernandez, Cayetano Flestado, Emmilia Gali, Dionisio Garcia, Elaine Mason-Johnson, Consuelo Pacheco, Tomislav Pelikan, Victor Silva, Martin Tadic, Aurora Villabroza and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Ginette, Jess, Aretha Aquino, Armida Boncato, Antonio Borges, Sophia Escueta, Felipe & Gloria Guanzon, Mariles Hollero, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Joao Rosa

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Rebecca & Roberto Gutierrez, Hoang Family and Nuval Family

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Yvonne, Victoria ABAO, Emanuela AGIUS, Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, Patricia ALLERDICE, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, John BARRETT, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHUE, Matthew DORRAN, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda MCCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Philip PORKETT, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Lynette STITT, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE, Espedito & Kitty ZAMMIT

Parish & Diocesan News

Schedule for Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

- **03 August 2026, this Monday** – Parent Information night and registration at 7.00pm in the Parish Church
- 16, 23 & 30 August and 06 September 2026 – **Confirmation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30am at the Good Shepherd Primary School (*Attendance is a MUST*)
- 12 September 2026 – Saturday, **Rehearsal with Sponsor** at 1.00 to 3.30pm in the Parish Church
- 17 September 2026 – Thursday, **Rite of Confirmation**, 7.00pm in the Parish Church

The **Registration forms and Parent Information Sheets** are now available at the entrance of the Church or at the parish office.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation** celebrated annually on **August 15th** that commemorates the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Mass celebrations are **Friday (Vigil) August 14th at 7:30pm** and **Saturday August 15th at 9:00am**.

An Evening with St Clare of Assisi: August 11th



As part of the Jubilee Year of St Francis, The Good Shepherd Parish will host the first class relic of St Clare of Assisi brought by the Poor Clare Sisters. Gather with CYAP for a special evening of prayer and devotion as we reflect on the life of St Clare of Assisi on her feast day. 7:00pm Talk | 7:30pm Mass & Veneration of First Class Relic | Concludes with fellowship. At the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton Church 136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761.

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Saturday August 8th**. Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our **Feast Day Masses** at 8:00am & 6:00pm in the Chapel and 10:00am & 1:00pm at Glen Roy Green (outdoors). The **10:00am and 1:00pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted**, and the **10:00am Mass will be livestreamed** for those unable to attend in person.

St Carlo Acutis's Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Designed by St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, this exhibition documents reported Eucharistic miracles from around the world, and it is touring parishes right across our Diocese. Next, it comes to Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, from 9-23 August. Students, teachers and parishioners are invited, entry is free and no bookings are required. To see where the exhibition is heading next across the Diocese, visit <https://parracatholic.org/iec2028/>

From stories to solidarity – A table talk on Homelessness: August 9th

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, connection and community as we explore how relationships can inspire meaningful action on housing insecurity and homelessness. Sunday August 9th 1:00-4:00pm at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church Street, North Parramatta. What is the call to us as members of the Diocese of Parramatta? What strategies can we put in place? What to Expect: Light refreshments, Table conversations in mixed groups, Practical action we can take together. All are welcome! Please register at parracatholic.org/events/pje-table-talk-homelessness/

Coming Events:

- Saint Clare Mass: Tuesday August 11th – 7.30pm in the Parish Church.
- Next Alpha begins Thursday September 24th.
- Saint Francis of Assisi Week: October 3rd to 10th – mark this week on your calendar!
- Parish-in-Council #2: Saturday November 21st – save the date!