

## Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday of Easter

*First reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Second reading: Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; Gospel: John 10:27-30*

### **Spend your life for Christ:**

Christian martyrdom is not something limited to the experience of the Early Church. We might reflect, for example, on the witness of Saint Theresa Benedicta of the Cross or Saint Oscar Romero. In very recent years, we have seen the example of fidelity in the lives of the six members of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor who died in 1995 after contracting Ebola while ministering to those suffering from that virus.

To be a martyr is to be a witness to one's faith in death but also in life. Martyrdom is not something that is sought after; it is simply a consequence of living an authentic witness of the faith. Mindful of the risks, we seek to live as authentic witnesses of Jesus in our respective vocations, wherever we find ourselves. Our vocation is a response of love to the God who first loved us.

St. Peter, in today's gospel, is back in the very setting where the denial of Jesus took place; early morning, near a charcoal fire, the three questions. Christ is attempting to redeem this place of disappointment, hurt and failure in the heart of St. Peter.

It is hard to come face to face with our sinfulness. But it is precisely in that place that Christ desires to heal and reconcile so that we can live out our vocation with authenticity. Jesus' triple question about the love of Peter places the truth of Peter's heart within the wounds of his denial. Jesus not only forgives Peter, he also gives Peter the gift of himself. Having received the Spirit of peace, Peter is ready to follow Jesus without reserve. When we offer to God the truth of our being in freedom, Christ Jesus offers us his peace and dispels our fears with his love.

Something to think about: How do you respond when your faith is challenged or questioned? What will help you to share Jesus' story lovingly with those who may need to hear it?

### **Schedule for the Sacrament of Confirmation - 2025**

- 02 June 2025, Monday – **Parent Information night at 7.00 pm**
- 15 June, 22 June, 29 June, 06 July – **Confirmation classes**, 10.30 to 11.30 am
- 09 August 2025 – Saturday, **Rehearsal** from 1.00 to 4.00 pm
- 11 August 2025 – Monday at 7.00 pm, **Rite of Confirmation**

Registration forms will be available from May 10 at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

### **How to Support Our Parish Family Financially**

Parish Planned Giving Envelopes for the next four months 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 also 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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### **New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 02/05/2025**

Donations	\$28,665.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$83,769.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

# THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761  
*Celebrating Our 36th 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.*

### **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 (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.*

### **3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

**04 May 2025**

**1st Reading:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41      **2nd Reading:** Apocalypse 5:11-14  
**Gospel Reading:** John 21:1-19

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.*

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.*

### **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)**  
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 **25th of May 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish Church**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

**Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism**

Creed Hemi Brooks  
Artorius Baldwin Caballero  
Aurellia Elloise Sison  
Alannah Mae Rodriguez  
Ethan Reid Rodriguez

**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.

*"God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God's love for us." — Saint Peter*

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Antonio, Prisca, Cirilo Abel Bautista, Dennis Garcia, Robert Maxwell, Buenaventura Perez Sr, David Pisani, Cosimo Roberti and all the holy souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Levi, Gimil Abraham, T Fernandes, Andrew Javed, Anet Mejo, Zack Rohail, Lala Ronquillo and Ethan & Ryan Walter

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Nicole, Alyssa, AJ, Ceejay, Akileo Halatokoua, Joyce & Rufino Padua

**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, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Donald MCKECHNIE, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, 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.

**We congratulate the following children as they celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend:**

Saturday 6.00 pm: Sophia Aba, Olivia Aguas, Rein Alcober, Jessica Almazan, Michael Baissary, Michaiiah Binwag, Meisef Brimon, Jaymee Bulaong, Kaelan Camongol, Ryan-Jacob Caraig, Aidan Cayetano, Ramsay Corpuz, Marian Correa.

Sunday 9.00 am: Emily Brockway, Lianna De Guzman, Mia Epselis, Mahaliah Fakatava, Macy Gatus, Neesa Isagon, Roel John, Loata Tuli Kalavite, Nash Mamon, Carmina Mangonon, Olivia Manacho, Archie McEvoy, Jacob Medina, Grayson Nasio, Telesia Mafi, Risheka Ruban, Kaizinachidi Nlemadim.

Sunday 6.00 pm: Jinky Aquino, Castiel Del Rosario, Logan-Vilai Leo, Cannon-Falaniko Leo, Melody Nalapo, Justine San Jose, Xavier Talaeai.

**Parish & Diocesan News**

**Good News!**

The Blacktown City Council has finally approved the parish Development Application for the construction of the new meeting rooms and toilets. Thank you! We also thank Sheela Del Monte, our volunteer architect, and Nathaniel Murray from NSW Town Planning for their help in the application process. Our next step is to engage with a certifier to have a construction certificate issued, then followed by an occupation certificate once completed. Thank you for all your prayers.

**Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: 13 May**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope all liturgical ministers - readers, servers and extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. To register your attendance and guests please visit:

[parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/](http://parracatholic.org/events/liturgical-ministers-commissioning-mass/)

**Children's Liturgy Workshop: 15 May**

Are you a part of children's liturgy or looking to get started? Come along to this informative workshop to learn more about the Diocesan guidelines, meet children's liturgy teams from other parishes, and ask any questions you may have about this rewarding ministry. This workshop will be held at Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown on Thursday 15 May at 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please RSVP via [parracatholic.org/events/OFW](http://parracatholic.org/events/OFW) by 12 May. For enquiries, please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

**Coming Attractions!**

- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Good Shepherd Sunday
- May 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30 pm – Finance Committee
- May 16/17 Friday 7.30 pm / Saturday 9.00 am – Choir directors meeting
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.00 am Mass – Blessing of the Creation Icon
- May 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> – Clergy conference (No Masses in the parish 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Weekend BBQ after Masses - Antioch fundraiser  
– Christian Life Programme begins
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30 pm – Liturgy Committee
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30 pm – Parish Council
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Friday 6.30 pm – Faith Feed (meeting room)
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9.00 am – Reflection morning for all liturgical ministers (Church)  
6.00 pm Mass – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of founding of Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.