

Saint Leo the Great

With apparent strong conviction of the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world, Leo the Great displayed endless dedication as pope. Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities."

Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everything material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs.

A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker.

In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. One of his sermons is used in the Office of Readings on Christmas.

It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

— *Franciscan Media*

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



Phone: 02 9832 4461

Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 03/11/2023

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$41,000.00
Total Amount	\$74,300.00
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 35th 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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

05 November 2023

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Entrance Antiphon:

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!*

Responsorial Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

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 Priest	Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap	<u>Daily MASS Times</u>
Assistant Parish Priest	Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 9:00 am Wed 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
Business Manager	Mr Owens Reyes	
Parish Musical Director	Mr Jacob Wielgosz	<u>Weekend MASS Times</u>
Parish Council Chairperson	Mrs Rowena Villadolid	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm Sun 7:00 am/ 9:00 am & 6:00 pm 12:00 pm (Vietnamese) Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta	
Sacramental Co-ordinator	Mrs Priscilla Corpuz	
Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator	Ms Therese Fuller	<u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u>
Finance & Bingo Operator	Mr Romy Balite	Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

Plumpton Antioch - Youth Faith Retreat

Plumpton Antioch would like to invite **youth aged 16-25** to our **Outreach Weekend on Friday 24th November 6:30 pm until Sunday 26th November 9:00 pm** at the **Good Shepherd Primary School**. There will be talks, food and other activities to explore and deepen your faith over the course of the two days and three nights. If you would like to find out more information, please contact our weekend leaders **Elijah (0481 080 083)** or **Bek (0403 414 882)** or our parent couple **Russel (0433 121 381)** or **Nicole (0416 329 924)**. Come join our faith community on our journey to Know and Love Jesus more deeply.

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."
— Pope Francis

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of November 2023 at 2:00 pm** in the **parish meeting room**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Death Anniversaries: We Remember

Aloysius Barrett, Edmund & Margaret D'Souza, Gilbert Hidalgo, Kurt Pahlke, Daniel Renon, Petra & Rufina Sajor, Filomeno Serrano, Josefino Testor Sr

**May perpetual light shine upon them,
O Lord. Amen †**

We remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Gary FERNANDEZ, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Remigio DELIGERO, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Maureen JACKSON, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Maureen & John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, John RILEY, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Sesilia VAVE, Aida WALCOTT & Joan WREN.

For Good Health: Tesa and Gamil, Doris Barrett, Zenaida Castro-Roque, Rodney Lester, Jo Murray, Cora Murrell, Clem & Carmel O'Brien, Michael Pascal, Austin Michael Politono, Helen Recto, Joao Rosa, Eric Siale, Lita Stacey, Marvin Torres & Mercedes Valix.

35 Years Celebration of the Church Building

On the 11th of November, 2023, we plan to celebrate the 35th year of the consecration of the church at the 6:00 pm Mass. Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen will be the main celebrant. This is indeed a special occasion for us to gather as Good Shepherd Parishioners and celebrate.

I take this opportunity to invite various ethnic group leaders part of Plumpton parish to join in the Gospel procession. Could you please submit your name to Parish Office and the community you represent? Please do this as soon as possible.

On the day, after the Eucharistic celebration, there will be finger food, desserts, and a cultural program. Please put your name down if you are interested in performing.

Fr Vincy D'Costa ofmcap - Parish Priest

Announcements

Sacramental Program for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The **Parent Information night** for the First Holy Communion program will be held on **Monday, 6th of November at 7:30 pm in the Church**.

Parish Office Hours - 06 to 10 November

The parish office will be open **9:00 am to 2:00 pm** from **06 to 10 November 2023**. Normal office hours (8:00 am to 4:00 pm) will resume from 13 November 2023.

DINNER DANCE - St Nicholas Festa Committee

St. Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **DINNER DANCE** on the **18th of November at the Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be a 3 Course dinner, Entertainment by the Rockin Mustangs, Raffle & lots of fun for everyone. Tickets are Adults - \$50, Children under 10 - \$20 and Kids under 4 are Free. To **book your tickets** please call **Stella on 0414 188 226**.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Giving envelopes for the Catholic Mission appeal will be available on the weekend of **25 & 26 November 2023**.

Live Crib Event - Animals Needed

Animals are needed for the **Live Crib Event** on the **15th of December 2023**. Please contact the parish office: phone **02 9832 4461**, email parishof@goodshepherd.org.au; or **meet with one of our priests**, if you can help.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. 'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'—Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. **You can donate** online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone **1800 024 413** or scan the QR code.

