

**Readings for next weekend — Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
*First reading:* Acts 14:21-27; *Second reading:* Apocalypse 21:1-5; *Gospel:* John 13:31-35

**Eastertide:**  
Just as Christmas day is the opening of the feast of Christmas, Easter Sunday is an overture of the coming season rather than the grand finale of Lent. Eastertide is fifty days stretching from the First Sunday of Easter until the Eighth Sunday (Pentecost). It's all Easter – one continuous celebration of resurrection. And just as we set aside one-seventh of our week the Sabbath day of rest, we set aside the season of Easter – approximately one-seventh of the year as consecrated time.

When Christ walks out of the tomb, his death is revealed to be the ark of salvation: the dead wood of the cross become a tree that bears fruit; and those who were dead to sin become a new creation in Christ.  
So, having made it through the wilderness of Lent to the glorious promised land of Easter...what's next? H. Boone-Porter writes: "It's a strange irony that many people try to live faithfully during Lent to observe forty days of preparation, yet virtually abandon Eastertide after going to Church on Easer Day!" Everything we have done so far in the liturgical year has its meaning because of the resurrection of Christ. Rejoice! The Lord is risen.

- 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 are now available at the entrance of the Church or from the parish office.

**Parish & Diocesan News continued**

**St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park - School Tour**  
We'd love you and your family to join us for St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park's Tour. Our caring Catholic school is a great place for your child to learn and grow. We have a strong commitment to academic excellence and are ready to welcome your family. **Wednesday, 14 May 4:00 to 5:00 pm.** Please register via: <https://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.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**  
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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[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

**New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 09/05/2025**

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.*

**4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday (Year C)** **11 May 2025**

<b>1st Reading:</b>	<i>Acts 13:14, 43-52</i>
<b>2nd Reading:</b>	<i>Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17</i>
<b>Gospel Reading:</b>	<i>John 10:27-30</i>
<b><u>Entrance Antiphon:</u></b>	<i>The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.</i>
<b><u>Responsorial Psalm:</u></b>	<i>We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</i>
<b><u>GOSPEL Acclamation:</u></b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!</i>
<b><u>Communion Antiphon:</u></b>	<i>The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.</i>

**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**.

### 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 has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd 'calls His sheep by name.' “

— Saint John Paul II

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Joachim, Glen Aclao, Daniel Allegacoon, John Apap, Avelina & Filomena Cabalar, Pacita Garcia, Angelito Mercado, Bernardita Paredes, Aurora Reyes, Jeremy Rudder, Maria Zantua, Corsino Zaragoza and all the holy souls in purgatory

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

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Almeida Family, Lolita Bocasan, Mr & Mrs Edgardo Nuval and Maria Anna Zammit

### 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: Ambah Falconer, Tesa Mejo, Yaremo Montarde, Jaxton Morton Sardis, Agnes Nguyen, Scarlett Nguyen, Allison Ramos, Olivia Rivera, Joshua Robles, Madeline Rodriguez, Hunter Romero, Sienna Ruiz, Chase Salamera, Chloe Salamera, Clark Salamera, Agnes Stephy George, Kiesha Suarez-Chand, Christopher Taungakava, Charlotte Vere and Andrei Zabat.

Sunday 9.00 am: Mikayla Cuello, Xander Lambo, Deeana Ngaronga, Johan Saria, Owen Schembri, Rosa-Sina Siasaga, Gabriel Sta Ines, Samuel Sta Ines, Skye Staunton, Jannica Tawatao, John Tsumhpawng, Memphis Tupou, Daniel Vanderkley, Nicholas Vella, Gideon Villasis and Samantha Wy.

### Parish & Diocesan News

#### 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/)

#### Aid to the Church in Need - Seeking volunteers

The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need is seeking for regular volunteers to assist at their national office in Penrith. Days and times as mutually suitable. The office is close to public transport and has parking. For more information contact Peter Harrop, [peter@aidtochurch.org](mailto:peter@aidtochurch.org) or phone 9167 9526.

#### FREE Gift - SmartLoving BreakThrough Course - Year of Jubilee

To celebrate the Jubilee Year which is marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, Catholic marriage ministry, SmartLoving, is offering its BreakThrough online course as a free gift. This course is designed to help an individual to understand the struggles they are facing in their marriage, and to equip them with powerful tools to restore love, communication, and connection. Use Coupon code: **Jubilee2025** for FREE access to BreakThrough. The offer is available from now until the Feast of Pentecost. Visit: [www.smartloving.org/jubilee](http://www.smartloving.org/jubilee)

### Coming Events:

- Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>: reflection morning for liturgical ministers... Mass at 8:00 am followed by Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be a time for prayer and reflection. Any readers, extraordinary ministers, servers, ministers of the altar, acolytes, choir members and welcomers are welcome to attend. The morning will finish with shared morning tea at about 10 am.
- Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>: 7.30 pm Finance committee.
- Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>: 7.30 pm Meeting with Morning Tea providers.
- Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>: 7.30 pm Liturgy Committee.
- Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>: 7.30 pm Parish Council.
- Clergy Conference – all the priests of the diocese (including Frs Gerard and John) will be attending the Parramatta Diocesan Priests assembly from the afternoon of May 20<sup>th</sup> to the afternoon of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no Masses in the parish on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of that week.
- Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>: 9.00 am Mass: Blessing of the Creation Icon – commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis' “Cantic of Creation”.
- Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>: 6:00 pm Mass: Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (Mass followed by refreshments).
- Save the Date: next Table Talk – September 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm.