

Readings for next weekend — Fifth Sunday of Lent

First reading: Isaiah 43:16-21; **Second reading:** Philippians 3:8-14; **Gospel:** John 8:1-11

The EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday (April 17th) brings the end of Lent. That night we begin the Three Days that are the centre of our year. You are invited to make these three days different from all the days of the year.

We are invited to plan ahead (now) so that the whole time from Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, work, entertainment and other distractions. We are asked to fast (and abstain from meat) on Good Friday and to maintain that fast through Holy Saturday in anticipation of the Easter Vigil.

On these three days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we gather a number of times to hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and opportunities for prayer.

This year, the Parish Youth Choir will lead the singing for the Holy Thursday Mass, the Parish choir will lead the Good Friday singing and the combined Youth and Filipino choirs along with the orchestra will lead the singing at the Easter Vigil.

We return our **Project Compassion** boxes and envelopes at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's supper. They form an important part of the Offertory procession for this Mass – all are invited to bring forward their Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes at this time.

— Fr. Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

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Celebrating 800 years of the Cantic of Creation

You are invited to a Zoom Session with Br Keith Douglass Warner—“How Laudato Si helps us live the Cantic of Creation”—on Saturday the 5th April 2025 at 10:00 am. Zoom Link (limited to 100):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83891801783?pwd=x5LPciUbNTWPIBkxegJ8MhPPz4JiP.1&from=addon>

For link to the recording please email: franciscanfederationaustralia@outlook.com

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 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



Phone: 02 9832 4461

After hours emergency #: 0493 969 440

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 28/03/2025

Donations	\$28,365.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$83,469.00
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 Lent (Year C)

30 March 2025

1st Reading:	<i>Joshua 5:9-12</i>	<i>1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>
Gospel Reading:	<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i>	<i>John 9:1-41 (Year A - 9am Mass)</i>

Entrance Antiphon:

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon:

*You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.*

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 **27th of April 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 parable of the prodigal son leads us to God's heart who always forgives compassionately and tenderly. God always forgives. We are the ones who get tired of asking for forgiveness, but he always forgives."

— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Dina Abdo, Dominador Bulaong, Aracelli Escueta, Policarpio Fabian, Anthony Farrugia, Felina Garcia, Manuel & Carlita Gueco, Mamay Maguad, Laura & Leslie Pinto, Rebecca Sarza and all souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Martin, Amber Daniels, Erlinda & Sabine Escueta, Tesa Mejo and Ethan & Ryan Walter

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Faustina, John, Janine Aberin, Lydia delos Reyes Faner, T Fernandes, Tesa Mejo, Adelaida Mercado, Josie Simon & Family and Bienvenido Zaragoza

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.

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Parish Table talk "Mission"

The next table-talk will be held on **Saturday April 5th at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Meeting room. Please let the parish office know if you are attending or scan the QR code to register – this is for catering purposes as we will begin with a shared meal. The topic for this evening is "Mission".



St Nicholas Festa Committee Variety Night: 12 April

Saint Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **Variety Night** on the **12th of April** at the **Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall**. There will be food for purchase, entertainment by various artists, raffle & lots of fun for everyone. **TICKETS** are \$10 each & Children under 12 are **FREE**. To book your tickets please call **Stella on 0414 188 226**.

Youth for Christ (Australia) Entry Program

The Youth for Christ (Australia) is having an Entry Program for youths from year 8 and above, on **April 11–13** (first weekend of the school holidays) in Plumpton. It is run by Catholic youth leaders and couple coordinators. It is full of fun, fellowship, singing, talks, discussions, group activities, prayers, praise and worship. If any students want to strengthen their faith and relationship with Jesus, we would be happy for them to join us in April. For details, please contact Rose Vi Tungul on 0416 245254 or Jeff Tungul on 0405 153848 or Ermi Acallar on 0438 7176510.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's chaplaincy services

This Lent, will you be a pilgrim of hope to people who may break in the face of suffering? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help our chaplains at Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains offer pastoral care, comfort and Christian companionship that can bring healing and transformation. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. **Donation envelopes** are available in the Church pews. Thank you.



Caritas Project Compassion

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family. You can support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the QR code, or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



Coming events in APRIL

- 1st (Tuesday) Liturgy Committee.
- 2nd (Wednesday) Pastoral Planning meeting.
- 5th (Saturday) 7:30pm Table Talk in the Meeting Room.
- 12th (Saturday) 9am Servers rehearsal for Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- 12th/13th: Palm Sunday.
- 13th BBQ after the 6pm Mass Sunday.
- 14th (Monday) "What is the Easter Triduum all about?" Fr Gerard 7:30pm Meeting Room.
- 15th (Tuesday) Meeting of Triduum Readers 7:30pm Meeting Room.
- 16th (Wednesday) Chrism Mass – Cathedral 7:30pm.
- 17th Holy Thursday – Mass 7:30pm.
- 18th Good Friday – Stations 10am / Liturgy of the Passion 3pm.
- 19th Holy Saturday – 9am Servers rehearsal for the Vigil.
- 19th Holy Saturday – Vigil 7:30pm (with Adult Baptisms).
- 20th Easter Sunday – Masses 7am and 9am (12noon Vietnamese) **No evening Mass.**