

## Readings for next weekend — Palm Sunday

No First reading; Second reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

## Good News for all

Lent is this time set apart for reflection and conversion. Holy Week, which begins next Sunday (Palm Sunday) intensifies that journey as we hear the story of Jesus' Passion and Death not once, but twice (Good Friday). In our imagination, we can walk these last few days with Jesus. We are at the Last Supper and at his betrayal. We witness Peter deny Jesus. We walk with the women who accompanied him from Galilee, and we stand with them at the tomb, daring to look his death in the face and doing what needed to be done for him – preparing his body for burial. There is something that empties us out this week, and we ask ourselves questions in the depths of our hearts: "How far will I go with this teacher, Jesus? Who is He for me? Do I believe that God can take something as awful as death on a cross, and turn it into good?"

(From *Breaking Open the Word* by Mary Katharine Deeley)

## Parish & Diocesan News continued

### Office of Tenebrae, St Patrick's Cathedral: 14 April

All are welcome to attend the annual Office of Tenebrae at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 14 April at 7:30 pm. The Office of Tenebrae is a Holy Week reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets and will feature the Cathedral Choir. As the Diocese and the global Church prepares for Holy Week, the Tenebrae service is a reminder of the eternal light and hope brought into the world through Christ's Resurrection. Catholics are invited to attend the Office of Tenebrae at least once in their life.

### Study of Luke's Gospel with Dr Laurie Woods: Fridays 2–30 May

Join us for an enriching study of Luke's Gospel, led by Dr Laurie Woods and hosted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Sessions will take place each Friday in May from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All parishioners are welcome to attend. For more information or to RSVP by 30 April, contact [ccd.training@parracatholic.org](mailto:ccd.training@parracatholic.org)

### 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**



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# 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.

### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

### Additional Toilets 04/04/2025

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

### 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

06 April 2025

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21

*Ezekiel 37:12-14 (Year A - 9am Mass)*

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14

*Romans 8:8-11 (Year A - 9am Mass)*

**Gospel Reading:** John 8:1-11

*John 11:1-45 (Year A - 9am Mass)*

### Entrance Antiphon:

*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### Communion Antiphon:

*Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.  
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.*

### 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.

### Holy Week Mass & Services

**Palm Sunday** 12 & 13 April 2025:

- Saturday 6:00 pm (Vigil)
- Sunday 7:00 am
- Sunday 9:00 am – will start with the blessing of the palms from the statue of St Francis
- Sunday 6:00 pm

**Monday** 14 April & **Tuesday** 15 April: 9:00 am

**Wednesday** 16 March (NO evening Mass in the Church):

- Morning Mass – 9:00 am
- Chrism Mass at Parramatta Cathedral – 7:30 pm

**Holy Thursday** 17 April 2025 (NO morning Mass):

- Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm
- Evening Prayer at the Altar of Repose – 11:00 pm

**Good Friday** 18 April 2025:

- Morning Prayer – 7:30 am
- Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall) – 10:00 am
- Liturgy of the Passion – 3:00 pm
- Vietnamese Liturgy of the Passion – 6:00 pm

**Holy Saturday** 19 April 2025:

- Morning Prayer – 7:30 am
- Reconciliation – 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday** 20 April 2025:

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 12 noon (Vietnamese)

Note: There will be NO 6:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

### Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Liliana Lasalo  
Levi Arturo Matia  
Ezio Quispe  
Fa'avae Karcsi Upu

“Judge our neighbour's deeds, and only their deeds. We cannot know their intentions or motives, so we must find an excuse for them.”  
— St Bernard of Clairvaux

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

#### **Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:**

Dominic, Mariano Davila, Sheri Rimando-Esteras and all souls in purgatory

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

#### **Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:**

Chris & Maria, Hunter Icaro and Tonel Family

### 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.

Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** and all Masses will begin with the blessing of palms. At the 9:00 am Mass we will begin out in the courtyard (weather permitting) for a solemn procession into the Church. Once inside the liturgy continues directly with the opening collect (there is no penitential rite next Sunday) and the liturgy of the Word. At all Masses, this year, we will exercise the option of using just one reading before the reading of the Passion. We have elected to use just the reading to the Philippians (Phil 2:6-11), Followed by the psalm (Ps 22) and the Gospel Acclamation. That will be followed by the reading of Luke's passion narrative using several readers. At the 9:00 am Mass this will be the last time we dismiss the Elect as they will be Baptised and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. Keep them in your prayers this week!

### Parish & Diocesan News

#### Additional Car Parking for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

The Parish Bingo Hall carpark will be opened for parking on Palm Sunday 9:00 am Mass, Good Friday 3:00 pm Liturgy, Easter Sunday 9:00 am Mass and **possibly** Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass – please follow the marshal's instructions.

#### 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](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this **QR code**. Thank you.



#### Caritas Project Compassion

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities. You can support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the **QR code**, or online at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion). Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



### Reminders:

- ♦ **Chrism Mass:** Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Parramatta, 7:30 pm (there will be NO Mass in the Parish that evening).
- ♦ **Easter Sunday:** There will be NO 6:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday (April 20<sup>th</sup>).