

## Liturgy Points

The Liturgy is done with things that are the exact opposite of spiritual abstractions: bread, wine, oil, water, fragrances, fire, ashes, rock, fabrics, colours, body, words, sounds, silences, gestures, space, movement, action, order, time, light. The whole of creation is a manifestation of the love of God, and from when that same love was manifested in its fullness in the cross of Jesus, all of creation was drawn toward it. It is the whole of creation that is assumed in order to be placed at the service of encounter with the Word: incarnate, crucified, dead, risen, ascended to the Father. It is as the prayer over the water at the baptismal font sings, but also the prayer over the oil for sacred chrism and the words for the presentation of the bread and wine — all fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

— From Pope Francis: APOSTOLIC LETTER: DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI

## Parish & Diocesan News continued

### Parramatta Catholic Foundation - Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

*Thank you for supporting our seminarians as they "go further into the deep" to spread faith and hope, so more people may come to know, love, and serve Christ. Your heartfelt contribution to the education and formation of our future priests will have a lasting impact on the faith lives of countless people who will be guided and inspired by priests formed by your life changing gift.*

### Standard 3: Families and communities are informed and involved

*As you'd be aware, the Diocese of Parramatta is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>). Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and who to talk to when they don't feel safe. It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!*

**Age Specific Information** - <https://raisingchildren.net.au>

**Personal Safety** - <https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety>

**Online Safety** - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

### 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

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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

[www.goodshepherd.org.au](http://www.goodshepherd.org.au)

# 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.*

### New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 03/05/2024

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$76,300.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

### 6th Sunday of Easter

05 May 2024

**1st Reading:** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48      **2nd Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:9-17

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, 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/Wed/Fri 9:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Tuesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (**Vietnamese**)  
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 **26th of May 2024 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 and 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.

### Congratulations for April's Baptism

Jaxson Dean Astill  
Sebastian Leon Cenidoza  
Solana Janelle Dayananda  
Mireya Andrea Hernandez  
Estelle Philippa Grace Maea  
Anahera Lorna Ngaronga  
Maya Joy Nuumaalii  
Kayden Walker O'Neill  
Ilana Cecilia Nerissa Robson  
Milania Emilisa Leah Robson  
Sofia Alexis Sulit  
Janaya Hope Sariago Vicente

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Francis, Joachim, Teresa and Robin Hardy

**For Good Health:** Andrew, Divina, John Abela, Franklin Foenander, Isabel Maximo, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Steve Murray, Gabrielle Rumora, Ethan & Ryan Walter

### We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina Fretton, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Sesilia VAVE, Sione VEA, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

## Parish & Diocesan News

### Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

The **parent information sheets and registration forms** for the 2024 Sacramental Program for Confirmation are now **available at the entrance of the Church and in the Parish Office**.

### Parish Council Meeting – 9 May 2024

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All groups are requested to send a Representative to this meeting. Please forward your reports to Christine Nathan, email: [khaliburn@gmail.com](mailto:khaliburn@gmail.com) before Tuesday 7th May.

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities at The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton will be hosting face-to-face Safeguarding trainings in the parish meeting room on the following dates:

- Module 4: Friday 17 May (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 18 May (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Module 5: Friday 14 June (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 15 June (10:00 – 11:30 am)

Please email [parishof@goodshepherd.org.au](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) to register.

### Spiritual Direction

I was born and raised in the Parramatta Diocese and our family have been part of the Good Shepherd community since the beginning. I entered the Poor Clares 40 years ago and over these years, I have worked in universities as a Social Worker, and I have been practicing as a spiritual director for 15 years. As a spiritual director, my passion is fostering human connection through deep listening and understanding. In life we are constantly being created and recreated. Life events can bring about questions about who we are and who is God in our life's journey. Through a relationship of attentive companionship in spiritual direction, we explore what gives life meaning and purpose, as stories of fears, anxieties, joys, and delights are named and shared. If you would like to know more about spiritual direction, please contact me, **Sr Pia Galea osc, 0423 656 444, [pgalea7@hotmail.com](mailto:pgalea7@hotmail.com)**

### Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years after Nostra Aetate

The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald M.Afr. OBE for a free public lecture "**Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years after Nostra Aetate**" at 6:00 pm on the 8th of May 2024 at the Cathedral Cloisters, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Places are limited, so book early using this link <https://bit.ly/49torg2>.

### Peace Justice Ecology Table Talk "Laudato Si' Week – Seeds of Hope": 20 May

You are invited to an engaging conversation about caring for God's creation: Hear and discuss inspiring stories from lived experience, and play a role in creating positive change in the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. Join this Diocesan Table Talk on Monday 20 May, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook. Light dinner will be provided on arrival. Please register by 12 May and find out more at [tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk](http://tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk)

### **This Month at The Good Shepherd Parish**

1. Parish Finance Committee Meeting — 7.30pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May
2. Parish Council Meeting — 7.30pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May
3. Safeguarding Assessment — 7.30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
4. Safeguarding Training - Module 4 — 7:00pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May (and repeated at 10:00am Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May)
5. Liturgy Committee Meeting — 7.30pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
6. Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Information Night — 7:00pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May