

Readings for next weekend — The Ascension of the Lord

First reading: Acts 1:1-11; **Second reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; **Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

The Mission of the Church

As we approach the coming Feast of the Ascension it is worthwhile reflecting on the Church's Mission. Before his death Jesus asked his friends to remember him and his vision, in and through the meal he shared with them on the night before he died. Alive in the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to live Jesus' ongoing life and story through the liturgy of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is therefore a sacrifice, a sacred meal, and the renewal of the new and everlasting covenant, in all of which the presence and memory of Christ is celebrated by the Communion of believers as a sign to the world of the Kingdom of God.

Through our baptism we enter the body of Christ and the communion of the Church, and are invited to love as he loved. And because Christ and the Holy Spirit live in us we must go out on mission to the world as Christ did, bringing the presence of Christ into the lives of people, together with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We must be models of Christ and the Holy Spirit for all to see.

We do this by (1) by being a people of prayer. Because God the Father was the very centre of Christ's life – his passion for the Father consumed every moment of his life. (2) Following Christ also means being concerned about the larger issues of life. Love for others is empty if we are not concerned about their needs. Concern for the environment must also be a priority, not merely out of selfish regard for our own future, but out of concern for generations still to come.

The Holy spirit is the life-giving person of the Trinity. If the Holy Spirit dwells within us we too must become life-givers as the Spirit is. Moreover when we allow the Spirit to fill our lives we begin to live the life of Christ himself. We are on mission with God's Holy Spirit when we allow the Spirit dwelling in us to enter the lives of others with 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control' (Galatians 5:22).

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey ofmcap

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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 or phone 9167 9526.

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



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 23/05/2025

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.*

6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

25 May 2025

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 **2nd Reading:** Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

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: *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

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/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 **22nd of June 2025 at 2:00 pm** in the **Parish Church**. Please bring a copy of your child's **birth certificate**.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Dominic Josiah Angeles
Maya Ysabel Angeles
Mateo Long Aguilar Nguyen
Ezekiel George Vincent

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.

“If man is not at peace with God,
then earth itself cannot be at
peace.”

— Saint John Paul II

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Ignatius, Joachim, Joseph, Maria, Cecilio Benicarlo Sr, Chad Canterbury, Sonny Cuevas, Mary Mellet Lorenzo, Christine Price, Jiji Shani, Marilyn Sioson and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Hunter, Jaz, Juvy, Mikka, Andrew Javed, Zack Rohail, Catherine Van Deklashorst and Ethan & Ryan Walter

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Bilich & Hnura Families and Elena Azad

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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Women's Interfaith FOOD DRIVE

Donate! Collaborate! Dialogue! The women of the **Western Sydney Women's IntHERfaith Initiative, Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta** and **ACU** are collecting essential grocery items for **House of Sakinah**, a charity based in Mount Druitt that provides crisis accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic violence, groceries for families in need, and community programs for migrants and refugees. We will pack the items together at our women's interfaith food drive to donate to House of Sakinah on **Tuesday the 27th of May, 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Good shepherd Parish meeting room**. Parking and refreshments available. The wonderful women of House of Sakinah will share about their charity work on the day. Please refer to the notice boards and flyers for the essential items to donate on the day.

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code. **Donation envelopes are available at the Church pews**. Thank you.



Parking at the Parish Car Park

Please follow the traffic signs and regulations around the Parish parking area & property. Please **park only within the marked parking bays** and follow the posted speed limits. Be mindful that access to and from the **pick up and drop off areas must be kept free** in case of emergencies & when emergency vehicles are required. It is a violation of Health & Safety regulations to park in these areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registrations now open Diocesan Retreat Opportunities

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat - a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the two options of retreats below:

August 16: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>

November 15: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

Coming Events:

- **Next Saturday** morning (May 31st): **Reflection morning for any and all liturgical ministers** of the parish – readers, extraordinary ministers, acolytes, ministers of the altar, servers, choir members and musicians, welcomers. 8.00 am Mass will be followed by a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The morning will conclude with a shared morning tea (please bring something to share with others).
- Saturday May 31st 6.00 pm Mass: 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (followed by refreshments).
- Tuesday May 27th: Liturgy Committee.
- Thursday May 29th: Parish Council.
- Friday May 30th: Faith feed.
- Monday June 2nd: Parents information for Confirmation.
- Tuesday June 3rd: Pastoral Planning meeting.
- Sunday June 8th to Tuesday 1st July – Fr. Gerard will be away on annual holidays.