

Readings for next weekend — PENTECOST
First reading: Acts 2:1-11; Second reading: Romans 8:8-17; Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Pentecost is next weekend

The great season of Easter comes to a conclusion with the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. What began at the Easter Vigil is brought to its conclusion with this celebration.

Oftentimes when we talk about the paschal mystery, we define it as the death and resurrection of Jesus. However it is perhaps more accurate to say that the paschal mystery includes the conception, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit unites all things to Christ, including the modern-day efforts of the Church on earth.

The Church embodies the mission of Christ, which is the sole reason for her existence. After the pattern of Jesus’ own love, we move beyond ourselves, preaching and witnessing to the reign of God. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our work shares in and continues the work of Jesus.

The Good News we preach does not belong to us but to the Lord. When the Church focuses too much on her survival, her popularity, or even her perfection, she forgets Christ’s mission. The Good News is not meant to be rationed or hidden, because the Holy Spirit is bestowed on individuals for the sake of the entire people of God.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the Good News and to draw others to know Christ and the Good News. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. Who will you invite to come with you to Mass next weekend to celebrate Pentecost? Start praying now for that person you have in mind.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey ofmcap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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/>

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

| <u>New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 30/05/2025</u> | |
|--|--------------|
| 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.*

| <u>The Ascension of the Lord (Year C)</u> | | <u>01 June 2025</u> |
|--|---|---|
| <u>1st Reading:</u> | <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> | <u>2nd Reading:</u> <i>Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23</i> |
| <u>Gospel Reading:</u> | <i>Luke 24:46-53</i> | |
| <u>Prayer to the Holy Spirit:</u> | <i>Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Amen</i> | |
| <u>Entrance Antiphon:</u> | <i>Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.</i> | |
| <u>Responsorial Psalm:</u> | <i>God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.</i> | |
| <u>GOSPEL Acclamation:</u> | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!</i> | |
| <u>Communion Antiphon:</u> | <i>Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Parish Team:</u> | | <u>Daily MASS Times</u> |
| Parish Priest | Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap | Mon/Tue/Fri 9:00 am |
| Assistant Parish Priest | Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap | Wednesday 9:00 am & 7:30 pm |
| Business Manager | Mr Owens Reyes | Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese) |
| Parish Musical Director | Mr Jacob Wielgosz | First Friday 7:30 pm (with Adoration) |
| Parish Council Chairperson | Mr Anthony Matthews | Saturday 8:00 am |
| RCIA Co-ordinator | Mr & Mrs Bernie & Yeng Banta | <u>Weekend MASS Times</u> |
| Sacramental Co-ordinator | Mrs Priscilla Corpuz | Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm |
| Parish SRE Co-ordinator | Ms Therese Fuller | Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm |
| Finance & Bingo Operator | Mr Romy Balite | 12:00 pm (Vietnamese) |
| Safeguarding Champion | Mr Joseph Fenech | Spanish Mass Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm |
| | | <u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u> |
| | | 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**.

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.

Congratulations for last Weekends’ Baptism
 Luka Cole De Leon
 Andrea Marie Guerrero

“The Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to be in profound communion with the dead and Risen Jesus, invisibly present in the life of each one of us.”
 — Pope Benedict XVI

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested
Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Carmel, Gioachim, Joseph, Owen, Pilimilose, Daniel Allegacoon, Peregrina Atega, Maria Borg, Lily & Senen Dimaano, Esmeralda & Rosendo Escueta, Afra Fernandes, Ann & Patrick Gaffney, Brian & Shirley Howard, Kumarika Misso, Ruth Obligado, Aida & Tony Sadsad, Cyril & Myra Silva, Neria Villamarin and all the holy souls in purgatory
Healing / Good Health: Hunter, Jaz, Juvy, Mikka and Catherine Van Deklashorst
Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: T Fernandes, Maria Czarina Nuval & Susana Suasin

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, Afioae MAIAVA, 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.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within
 both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen

Parish & Diocesan News

Pentecost Sunday: 7/8 June
 Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and Mary, **wear red clothing** to Mass!
 Also, children’s liturgy of the word will be available during the Saturday evening Mass (June 7th).

Coming soon to our Parish: Alpha (beginning July 24th)
 Alpha is a space for open conversations about life’s big questions—What’s the meaning of life? What happens next? Is God even good for the world? Alpha is an environment for anyone and everyone who wants to explore life and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.
 Over 101,000 people participated in Alpha in 2024 - the highest annual participation on record!
 A total of 5,072 Alphas were run via 2,858 churches and organisations across Australia. This represents not just numbers, but thousands of individual stories of curiosity, courage, and transformation. This was the biggest year in Alpha Australia’s history and we thank God for all He is doing in this nation!

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. 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.

Other news:

- Fr. Gerard will be away on his annual home visit (to God’s own country!) June 8th to July 1st. Then he will be in hospital from July 4th to 9th.
- R.C.I.A. begins Monday July 7th – if there is someone you know who is interested in becoming a Catholic get them to contact the parish office.
- Alpha begins Thursday July 24th – in the parish meeting room. More details soon.