

## Evangelisation Point:

Ten years after the Second Vatican Council closed, Pope Paul VI released a ground-breaking document called “Evangelii Nuntiandi”, which means “Announcing the Good News”. This document put forward a theology for mission and evangelisation that is the responsibility of all Christians. Since the close of the Council, it remains the most profound call for the Church to rediscover her identity. Pope Paul defines evangelisation: *It has been possible to define evangelisation in the terms of proclaiming Christ to those who do not now Him, of preaching, of catechesis, of conferring Baptism and the other Sacraments (E.N. #17)*

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### 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>

#### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW CELEBRATING PENTECOST EVE “ANOINTING”

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve “Anointing” on Saturday **18th May** at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from **4:00—7:00 pm** hosted by youth from different streams. **Booking is essential**, register with link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>. Please email any inquires to [email@ccrnsw.org.au](mailto:email@ccrnsw.org.au)

#### 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**



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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[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 10/05/2024

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

#### The Ascension of the Lord

12 May 2024

**1st Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-13

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 16:15-20

#### Entrance Antiphon:

*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.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

#### GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!*

#### Communion Antiphon:

*Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, 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.

### 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.

**“Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?”**

**— St John Paul II**

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

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Joachim, Joseph, Glen Aclao, Daniel Allegacoon, John Apap, Allwyn & Daisy Assey, Bill Azzopardi, Maria Lourdes Bautista-Bachoco, Maria Catarina, Josie David, Robin Richard Field, Terrance Walter Field, Pacita Garcia, Aurea Martin, Latu Nasio, Rufina Sajor, Olga & Patrick Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Jose Cota Viegas, Joseph Henry Vuong & Corsino Zaragoza

**For Good Health:** Divina, Mark, Michael, John Abela, Lilia Aquino, Julie Asma, Franklin Foenander, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Steve Murray, Ethan & Ryan Walter

**Anniversaries / Birthdays / Thanksgiving:** AJ, Alyssa, Ceejay & Nicole; Eslinda & Calisto, Lolita Bocasan, Adel Bocasan, Ly Hoang and Benedict Yu

### 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, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Foleletina 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**.

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

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

### Peace Justice Ecology Table Talk “Laudato Si’ Week – Seeds of Hope”: 20 May

You are invited to join the Good Shepherd Social Justice Team for 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 – 8:30 pm, St Finbar’s Parish Glenbrook. Light dinner will be provided on arrival. Please register by 12 May & find out more at [tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk](http://tinyurl.com/laudatosi-table-talk)

### Synod 2023 Update: Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan. Contact the parish office to inquire about our local Think Tank session and visit [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod) for more.

### Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: 15 May

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when it comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on Wednesday **15 May 2024 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. **RSVP** via **QR code** or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)



### Get your feed on the Soul Food Podcast

**Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?** The Mission Enhancement Team’s Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. **Listen now for FREE** via our **website** or on **Spotify**: [www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)

### 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)