

Commission, Power and Promise

The Ascension of Jesus is a significant event in the Christian faith. As he ascended into heaven, his disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. Jesus left them with a command to be his witnesses, spreading the message of salvation to all around them. This command was not only for the disciples but for all believers throughout history, including us today.

The Holy Spirit plays a central role in the Christian faith, empowering and guiding every believer. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and he continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit is not limited to personal transformation, but also equips us to carry out God’s mission in the world. It gives us the strength, wisdom, and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the gospel message, and work for justice and peace.

The promise of Christ’s return is a central aspect of the Christian belief, bringing hope and joy to believers. Throughout the New Testament, Christ’s return is described as a glorious event that will bring about the final judgment and the establishment of God’s eternal kingdom. As believers, we eagerly anticipate Christ’s return, knowing that our actions and choices in this life impact our eternal destiny.

In summary, the readings for the Ascension of the Lord Year A remind us of our commission to be witnesses of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and the promise of Christ’s return. May we always be faithful to this commission, living in the power of the Holy Spirit and eagerly anticipating the return of our Lord and Saviour.

- Young Catholics

Plumpton New Project

Just to give you more updates on the new project of the parish. The good news is that more and more parishioners are coming forward to support this project and I am truly grateful for that. Secondly, it's not bad news but we haven't heard anything from the Blacktown council yet regarding approval for the project. Let's be patient and continue to pray for this project.

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 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

Email: parishof@goodshepherd.org.au



The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or our website:

www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 19/05/2023

Donations	\$21,046.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$30,000.00
Total Amount	\$63,150.00
Target Amount	\$70,000.00

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 34th 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.

The Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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.

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Vincy D'Costa OFM Cap</b>	<b><u>Daily MASS Times</u></b>
<b>Assistant Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Bollar Barreto OFM Cap</b>	Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 6:00 am / 9:00 am
<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Mr Owens Reyes</b>	Wed 6:00 am / 7:30 pm Sat 8:00 am
<b>Parish Musical Director</b>	<b>Mr Jacob Wielgosz</b>	<b><u>Weekend MASS Times</u></b>
<b>Parish Council Chairperson</b>	<b>Mrs Rowena Villadolid</b>	Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm
<b>RCIA Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Bernie &amp; Yeng Banta</b>	Sun 7:00 am/9:00 am & 6:00 pm 12:00 pm <b>(Vietnamese)</b> <b>Spanish mass</b> Every 2nd Saturday of each month 7:30 pm
<b>Sacramental Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Priscilla Corpuz</b>	<b><u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u></b>
<b>Parish (SRE) Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ms Therese Fuller</b>	<b>Saturday 11:00 am-12 noon</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Bingo Operator</b>	<b>Mr Romy Balite</b>	Kindly ring Parish Office to book for other times during the week.

### **Baptism Seminar**

The next seminar will be held on the 28th of May 2023 at 2:00pm in the meeting room. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### **International Food Lunch**

As part of the WYD 2023 fundraising events, there will be an International Food Lunch this Sunday 21 May 2023 in the Parish Hall from 12:00 noon.

### **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.

### **Death Anniversaries: We Remember**

Cicily Abraham, Ignatius & Jane Almeida, Antonio Berlanga, Alick & Malcolm Farquharson, Annie Fernandes, Robin Richard Field, Terrance Walter Field, Ly Hoang, Zaida Massif, Angelito Mercado, Shirley D'Souza

**May perpetual light shine upon them,  
O Lord. Amen †**

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

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Jure DALTO, David DILLON, Paul DWYER, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Edward GALEA, Louise GRECH, Maureen JACKSON, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, Maureen & John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Gloria ROBERTS, Betty ROWE, Aida SADSAD, Mounira SHUKRALIA, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Augustina & Margaret VELLA & Joan WREN.

**For Good Health:** Dexter, Maria Lourdes Alba, Jenifer Estrada, Suliano Akileo Halatokouh, Villamor Lucena, Maria Perez, Benjamin Santiago & Victoria Guerrero Smith, Shirley D'Souza, Kristine V. Pangilinan & Tony Calabria..

## **Announcements**

### **Farewell to Fr Francis Perumaden**

This is to inform you that Fr Francis Perumaden ofmcap who was part of the Capuchin community at Good Shepherd will be heading back to his mother province in Kerala at the end of this month. Fr Francis served in Australia for nearly 12 years and was part of the community at Good Shepherd for nearly 6 years. Most of his ministry was toward the sick and aged at Our Lady of Consolation Home, Rooty Hill. Ever since the pandemic Fr Francis has helped in doing supply and other ministries at the Good Shepherd Church. He would also con-celebrate at some of our weekday masses. As he bids farewell to Australia, I would like to thank him for his service both to the Capuchins and the parish at Good Shepherd and wish him all the best in the new chapter of his life. On the **28<sup>th</sup> of May**, we will have a morning tea after the 9:00 am mass in honour of Fr Francis.

### **CFCA Plumpton - Christian Life Program**

The Couples for Christ Australia would like to invite all couples, unmarried singles, widows and widowers to their Christian Life Program starting **4th June 2023** Sunday. For more information please refer to flyers and invites or contact Mike & Malou 0416576515, Randy & Beth 0430047964 or James & Blanche 0420656318.

### **Vocation Adoration**

There will be a holy hour with the Capuchin Friars and Holy Family Sisters at Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton on **26<sup>th</sup> May 2023** Friday at 7:00pm. It will be followed by fellowship. "God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you: to discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfilment." **(Pope Francis, WYD 2013)**

### **Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton**

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code. **Thank you for being a Good Samaritan to our First Nations people.**



### **Invitation to Register for CPR Training: 5 June**

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. This is being offered as FREE course to the Parishes of the Diocese as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on **Monday 5 June** from 4pm. Please contact the Parish Office for information on how to register for the venue of your choice.

### **ACN Australia & New Zealand Nigeria Campaign**

The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "**Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified**" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal) or scan the QR code.



### **Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!**

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)