

Readings for next weekend — Third Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; **Second reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21; **Gospel:** Luke 24:13-35

What is Sunday worth?

Today's gospel opens at John 20:19, telling us that Jesus' appearance to the disciples happens "on the evening of that first day of the week." Then, further along in today's gospel, after that appearance and the apostle Thomas's skepticism about it, we hear that the next part, with Jesus appearing to Thomas, happens "a week later". In other words, John is careful to make clear that Jesus rose *on Sunday*, appeared to his disciples for the first time that same *Sunday*, and then appeared to Thomas the following *Sunday*.

Sunday, John is telling us, had a central and essential place in the life and worship of the church from the very beginning. Let's not ignore what a shocking assertion that is: the early Christians had the boldness to *change* the day they observed as "the Lord's day" from Saturday (a designation written into the very story of creation in the book of Genesis) to Sunday (the day of Creation's *re-creation* in Christ). Before there was any annual Easter celebration (and long before there was an annual Christmas celebration), there was the weekly Sunday celebration of Christ's resurrection.

We see this central place that Sunday held in the life of the church in the witness of the Martyrs of Abitene. They were a group of forty-nine Christians arrested in Tunisia, in the year 303 when they were caught celebrating Sunday Mass in one of their homes. Standing before a judge for committing a crime that carried the death penalty, the one among them who had hosted the group in his home was asked why they'd ignored the law. He responded boldly, "*Sine dominico non possumus*" - "We cannot live without Sunday." For such bold honesty and faith, the entire group went to their death. Can we live without Sunday?

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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 10/04/2026

Donations \$31,280.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$46,000.00

Total Amount \$89,384.00

Revised Target Amount \$100,000.00

THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
Celebrating Our 37th 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 must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Parish meeting room.

Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

12 April 2026

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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 Social Media Officer	Miss Catrina Bautista
Parish Council Chairperson	Mr Anthony Matthews
RCIA Co-ordinators	Mr Bernie Banta & Mrs 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 **26th of April 2026 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 & 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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for APRIL

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Celia, Claro Sr, Dominga, Joseph, Nena, Pablo, Salud, Ignatius & Jane Almeida, George Almonte, Corazon Alvarado, John Apap, Joyce Champion, Dax Habito, Ceferino Lobo, Delfin Paragas and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Hunter, Jaz, Juvy, Mark, Michael, Miki, Tesy, William Calura, Reynald Fortinado, Peter Nathan and Maria Perez

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: T Fernandes and Glenda Manansala

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Mary, Russell, Yvonne, Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Margaret BIEDRZYCKA, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Anthony CARRUNA, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Clare DONOHOE, Matthew DORRAN, Paul DWYER, Mario FARRUGIA, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Alamita HALA, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Lima LEO, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Gwenda McCARTHY, Rita & Victor MELI, Teresa MESSIANA, Anne MILLER, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Lilly SHAHOUD, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Lynette STITT, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE, Joan WREN, Espedito & Kitty ZAMMIT

Parish & Diocesan News

A Word of Thanks

Thank you to anyone who was involved in the celebration of the Easter Triduum. Let's thank our wonderful choir and musicians, the decorators, traffic directors, RCIA and RCIC team members, all those who look after the 'background' tasks – setting up tapers and palms etc. We also remember those who do the laundry after Holy Thursday's washing of the feet, and the Baptisms of Easter Vigil. Thank you to the providers of supper after the Vigil. We acknowledge, also, our various liturgical ministries. **Thank you.**

Bishop Vincent's visit to the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Bishop Vincent will be coming on **April 19th after the Sunday 6:00pm Mass** to deliver a talk on 'The Year of St Francis' and his vocation, followed by a Q&A panel of our Capuchin Friars and fellowship. This event aims to bring people to our parish as one of the pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year of St Francis and will launch the newly established 'Capuchin Young Adults of Plumpton'. All are welcome to participate. **Registration is required.**

Bethlehem Olivewood Sale to support the Christian community in Bethlehem

Next weekend 18/19 April there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Your purchase helps support these families and supports preserving the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, hardly any pilgrims are visiting Bethlehem. By purchasing these items, you are offering much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith in the Holy Land.

YFCA Entry Camp

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) is a Catholic youth group for teenagers 14-19 years old. YFCA is having an entry camp on April 17-19 at Scout Bundilla Camp, Winston Hills. For inquiries, please contact Jeff on 0401410350 or RoseVi on 0416245254. Registration form can be accessed on **@yfca.central Instagram**.

Thank you from all of us here at Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent. Together, we are Uniting Against Poverty and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures. You can still support Project Compassion 2026 by scanning the **QR code**, or online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate, or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty.



Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection 2026

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Leo XIV. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. With your contribution to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

Coming Attractions :

1. RCIA – the season of Mystagogia begins this Monday (7.30pm) – as the newly baptised come together to reflect on the experience of Easter Triduum and what it means to now live as a Christian.
2. Thursday April 16th: 10.00am Mass at Southern Cross Village.
3. Sunday April 19th: 7:30pm Bishop Vincent talk – “The Year of St. Francis”.
4. Saturday/Sunday April 25/26: Good Shepherd Sunday. If you have a name tag from work please wear it that weekend.
5. Sunday April 26th: Baptism during the 9.00am Mass and BBQ after the 6.00pm Mass.
6. ALPHA begins Monday May 4th 7.00pm: Extend an invitation to someone who is not yet baptised!