

Readings for next weekend — The Ascension of the Lord

First reading: Acts 1:1-11; **Second reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23; **Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

Eucharist: Bread of Life (Continued)

Participation in Mass and Holy Communion is a participation in 'the Sacrifice of the Cross' – literally the most momentous event in the history of the cosmos! It is therefore appropriate that we approach this participation with deep reverence and great joy, with high hopes and strong expectations. When we are offered the Bread of Life, our 'Amen' should be spoken with confidence, without hesitation. This is potentially 'a life changing communion'. (Evangelii Gaudium #138)

"That by the Eucharist are remitted and pardoned lighter sins, commonly called venial, should not be matter for doubt. For whatever the soul has lost through the ardour of passion, by falling into some slight offence, all this the Eucharist, cancelling those same lesser faults, repairs, in the same manner....Justly therefore has it been said of this heavenly sacrament by Saint Ambrose, 'That daily bread is taken as a remedy for daily infirmity'." (The Catechism of the Council of Trent).

"The Body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is 'given up for us', and the blood we drink is 'shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins.' For this reason, the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1393). Saint Ambrose says: "For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord. If we proclaim the Lord's death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins. If, as often as his blood is poured out, it is poured for the forgiveness of sins, I should always receive it, so that it may always forgive my sins. Because I always sin, I should always have a remedy."

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: May 12

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on May 12th 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7:00pm and be seated by 7:15pm. Please register the number of guests and ministers attending by Thursday, May 7th. To register please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

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

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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 08/05/2026

Donations \$31,896.00

Raffle tickets \$12,104.00

Legacy Donation \$57,000.00

Total Amount \$101,000.00

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.

6th Sunday of Easter (Year A)

10 May 2026

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

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:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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 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 **24th of May 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 MAY

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Anna, Gioachim, John, Joseph, Robert, Ronan, Glen Aclao, Daniel Allegacoon, Joachim An, John Apap, Paz Asuncion, Jesus Brillantes, Albert & Amy D'Souza, Alick & Annee Fernandes, Reynald Fortunado, Carlita & Manuel Gueco, Leticia Hitchen, Jude Amos Mogan, Sitani Nasio, Michael Sampedro and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Allan Joseph Aquino, Odette Assey, Lizbeth Bell, Betty Callaghan, Ken Ferreira, Ludy Garcia, Elisa & Lawrence Lambo, Vanessa & Lloyd Lambo, Marie & Xander Lambo, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez, Peter Politoni, Benedict Recto and Michelle Rowe

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving: Lolita Bocasan and John Lardizabal

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

Mother's Day Roses Fundraiser

Antioch Youth will be selling roses for Mother's Day after all Masses this weekend. All funds raised will go towards the upcoming Antioch Outreach Weekend on July 10-12.

Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish

Due to the overwhelming demand – we will be running another Alpha later this year – stay tuned for details!

Parish-in-Council

We are replacing the former Parish council with a new model called: Parish-in-Council. It follows closely the Synodal way of being a listening church. Please set aside Saturday June 27th for this great event and opportunity to participate in the life of the parish community.

Clapping at the end of Mass

It has been raised by a number of people if we could **end** this practice. The Liturgy, especially the music, is not entertainment – it is praise and worship of God, musicians and choir members do not expect adulation for their service... better to direct your thanks to God the creator of all good gifts.

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Parish Office parishof@godshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461.

Eucharist28 Update – Renewal has begun!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes. Across the Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church. Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed. It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter. The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days. At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst. How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist! For more information and regular updates, please **register** using the **QR code** or on the **website: eucharist28.org**
“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope Saint John Paul II



Coming Events:

- Tuesday May 12th: Commissioning Mass for new liturgical ministers - 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- Alpha this Monday (May 11th) Soup: Potato and hamburger.
- Sunday May 31st: 40 years of the Diocese of Parramatta - 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.