

Readings for next weekend — PENTECOST

First reading: Acts 2:1-11; **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

Pentecost – next week:

The great scholar of the early church Eusebius of Caesarea called Pentecost the greatest of all feasts. Much closer to our era, Pope Paul VI called it “the source of all other feasts.” So, why such emphasis?

When we celebrate someone’s birthday, we don’t just celebrate the actual day they were born so many years ago; (the more birthdays you celebrate – the longer you live!) we celebrate the life they have lived, the person they are to us now. Pentecost, sometimes known as the birthday of the church, is not simply a day we remember something that happened in Jerusalem many centuries ago. In that moment of wind and fire, the church was born and sent out into the world; it has carried on and carried out its mission with varying degrees of success and faithfulness right up to our own day, and next weekend we celebrate all of that.

When we say that it’s by the Spirit that the church has its life, it means that it’s by the Spirit that our parish has the life that it has, that you have the faith you have. If you are married, it’s by the Spirit that you are joined to your spouse and live together the lives of love that you do. For those of us who are ordained, it’s by the Spirit that we are a priest and carry out the ministry entrusted to us. Every step forward in holiness that you take, every work of justice you carry out, every prayer you whisper is by the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we come together to celebrate the Mass, it is by the Spirit that we encounter Jesus in the word, in the community, and in the sacrament. And, importantly, it is by the Spirit that we are sent forth from Mass, from the Mass we will attend, to live our faith, to bring Christ to the world, to love the world, to bring honesty and justice and peace and compassion to the world. All by the power of the Holy Spirit. Is it any wonder that Pope Paul VI called Pentecost the “source of all other feasts”?

Ascension Day:

Here is an interesting fact: The passage that is proclaimed as today’s gospel reading (Matthew 28:16-20) – known as the Great Commission – is the most frequently cited New Testament passage in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It is cited, as a whole or as individual verses, twenty-four times. This passage holds immense significance in Catholic Doctrine, theology, and living. It helps shape and shed light on the Church’s understanding of the risen Christ, the apostolic tradition, the church itself, the sacrament of baptism and much more.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

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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
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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 15/05/2026

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.

The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

17 May 2026

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.

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.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Felissa May Soriano Aquino

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: Erlinda Lamoredan, Kumarika Misso, Latu & Sitani Nasio, Godofredo Navor, Aurora Reyes, Michael Sampedro, Jimmy San Juan 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: Douglas Valix

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

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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 27th June 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.

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Evening: 19 May

Join us as a Diocesan community to celebrate Pentecost through prayer and Scripture. This special evening will feature our guest speaker Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, who will offer a reflection on the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. Come be renewed, inspired, and sent forth by the power of the Spirit. Tuesday 19 May from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. All are welcome!

Corpus Christi Procession: 04 June

The Diocese of Parramatta and the Maronite Eparchy have joined up to host a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Parramatta on Thursday 4th June. The procession will begin after the 6:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon, Harris Park and wind its way through Parramatta to Saint Patrick's Cathedral where a period of silent adoration before the Eucharistic Lord will take place in the forecourt. We would encourage the faithful to bring parish/community banners and flags as a show of solidarity and faith.

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@goodshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461.

Coming Events:

- Thursday 21st May: 10.00am Mass at Southern Cross.
- Saturday 23rd May: 9.00am-1.00pm Leadership Summit at Baulkham Hills.
- Sunday 31st May: 40 years of the Diocese of Parramatta - 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.
- Tuesday 2nd June: 7.30pm Liturgy Committee
- Tuesday 9th June: 7.30pm Pastoral Planning
- Tuesday 16th June: 7.30pm Finance Committee
- Saturday 27th June: Parish-in-Council.