

Readings for next weekend — Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

First reading: Acts 2:42-47; **Second reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9; **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

Resurrection and Ecumenism

It's easy to forget that we know how the gospel story ends today. We **know** that Jesus has been raised from the dead. We've heard about it for years. It is the central element of our Christian faith. But consider those disciples in the early morning of that first day of the week. It's hard to imagine the flood of emotions they must have been experiencing – everything from shock to fear to the beginnings of joy. This empty tomb as the start of a new adventure.

The resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery of Christian faith and the essential content of Christian preaching. As we gather today, we should recall that this faith is fundamental to the unity we share with our Protestant and Orthodox sisters and brothers. Moreover, it is through our baptism that each of us – Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox believers – are joined to the crucified and risen Lord Jesus and, in Him, joined also to one another. This fundamental unity reaches beyond all divisions, however real and significant those may be. Today, let us be aware of that vital unity.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Vinnies Frederic Ozanam Mass & Commissioning: 30 April

Vincentian members and staff are invited for a special Mass and the commissioning of Central Council President Leon Ross, celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long. Thursday, 30th April at 12:30 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. **RSVP by Friday, 24 April** to Earnest Henry: 0466 564 022 or Earnest.Henry@vinnies.org.au.

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

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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 03/04/2026

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.



Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)

05 April 2026

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Entrance Antiphon:

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm:

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

GOSPEL Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon:

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, 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: Raymunda, Gomez & Teresa Adviento, Allza Valerie Bautista, Angelito, Jocelyn & Lolinda Gawayon, Letty Hitchen, Armando Montales, Virginia Baluis Pablo, Antonio Rea, Narciso Sabado, Emmanuel Sabio and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Gloria, Michael, Mark, Tesy, Antoinette Aguas, William Calura, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez and Juan Junior Redoblado

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Omega Nuval and Myrah Starling

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

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.**

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](https://www.instagram.com/yfca.central).

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia (Project Compassion)

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate! You can 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.

Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: 21 April

Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series. Join us at 6:00pm on Tuesday 21 April in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, for an evening with Archbishop Jimenez as he reflects on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register, please visit parracatholic.org/jimenez.

Music Workshop 'Exploring Music for the Solemnities': 5 May

Musicians throughout the Parramatta Diocese and beyond are invited to attend this workshop led by MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. On Tuesday 5 May to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, the workshop will outline suggested hymns and explore music new and old for the many Solemnities and Feasts that occur in the period of Eastertide. Please RSVP by 1 May via <https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-exploring-music-for-the-solemnities>. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Coming Events:

- Tuesday 7th April: 7.30pm Pastoral Planning.
- Friday 10th April: 7.30pm Senior Leadership Team.

Looking Ahead:

- Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Invite them to our next Alpha: Monday May 4th: 7.00pm dinner, 7.30pm video.
- Leadership Summit: May 23rd Baulkham Hills (St. Joseph's) 9.00am to 1.00pm more details soon.