

Readings for next weekend — Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

First reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; **Second reading:** Colossians 3:1-4; **Gospel:** John 20:1-9

In the passion account of Matthew, as Jesus hangs on the cross, he makes a line from Psalm 22 his own personal prayer: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” It is fitting that the lectionary uses Psalm 22 as today’s responsorial psalm. It is the prayer of a person enduring great suffering, through mockery, torture, and death at the hands of others, but who expresses through it an enduring trust in God’s love and presence, and ultimate vindication.

Scripture scholars have long recognized a relationship between Matthew’s passion and Psalm 22 that goes well beyond one line of prayer from Jesus’ mouth. Indeed, it seems clear that Matthew’s account is full of allusions to that psalm; some suggest that Matthew even borrows from the psalm the very structure of his passion account.

Consider, for example, that the crucifixion by the Roman Soldiers is an echo of verse 17 of the Psalm (they have pierced my hands and feet). The soldiers’ division of the Jesus’ clothes is a reference to verse 19. And both the psalmist and Jesus endure the mockery of onlookers and the very words of mockery by the chief priests and scribes “He saved others; he cannot save himself” reflect verse 9 of psalm 22.

Finally, both the psalm and Matthew’s passion reach their climax in vindication of the suffering one. After his long description of his own suffering, the psalmist prays: “But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to help me,” and proclaims at length his trust in God. The story of Jesus, however, does not end in crucifixion but in resurrection by the power of God.

— Fr Gerard O’Dempsey OFM Cap

Parish & Diocesan News continued

What is the Easter Triduum all about?

Fr. Gerard will give a presentation on this topic on Monday March 30th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room – **all are welcome**.

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



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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 27/03/2026

Donations	\$31,280.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$46,000.00
Total Amount	\$89,384.00

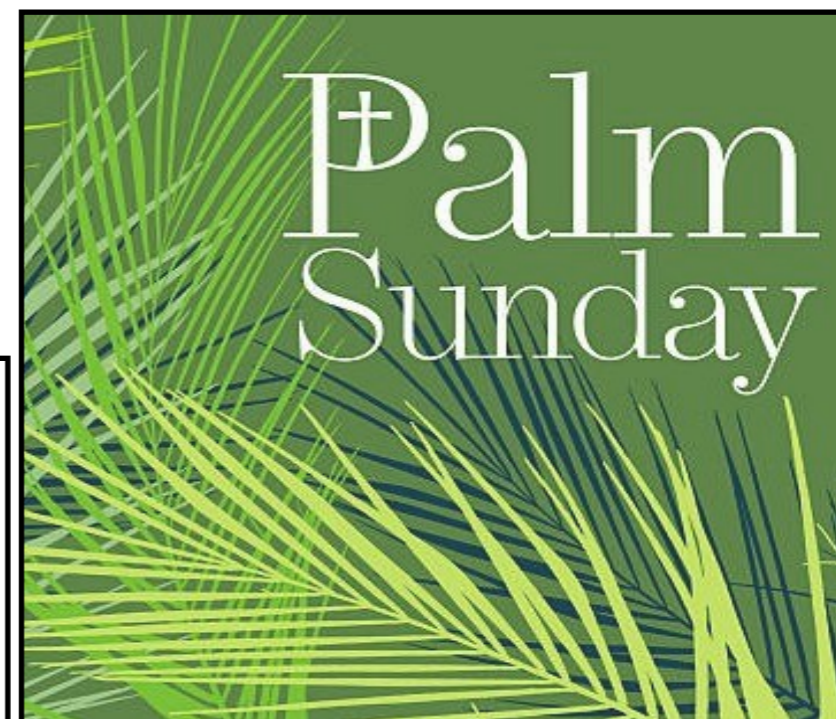
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130-136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton NSW 2761
Celebrating Our 37th Anniversary

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.*



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

29 March 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

Entrance Antiphon: *and with a loud voice cried out:
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

Responsorial Psalm: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon: *Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.*

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.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Sophia Marie Spiteri

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION for MARCH

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Sharmini Anandappa, Dominador Bulaong Jr, Gil & Zenaida Cornista, Dave Culala, Arceli & Perfecto Escueta, Glynna Joy Espino, Don Gaculais, Leticia Hayag, Vicente Layson, Ivan Patrick Quintos, Felina Sanguyo 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: Eslinda, John, Julie & Bradley, Josie & Gabriela Flestado, Vic Fernandez and Karlo Jose Macabuag

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

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 02 April 2026 (no morning Mass):

- Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm
- Evening Prayer at the Altar of Repose – 11:00 pm

Good Friday 03 April 2026:

- Morning Prayer – 7:30 am
- Stations of the Cross (Parish Hall) – 10:00 am
- Liturgy of the Passion – 3:00 pm
- Vietnamese Liturgy of the Passion – 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday 04 April 2026:

- Morning Prayer – 7:30 am
- Reconciliation – 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday 05 April 2026:

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 12 noon (Vietnamese)

Note: There will be no 6:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

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Additional Car Parking for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

The Parish Bingo Hall car park (Gate 5) will be opened for parking on Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass, Good Friday 3:00pm Liturgy, Holy Saturday 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Sunday 9:00am Mass – **please follow the directions of the marshals**.

Save on Petrol this Holy Week

Carpool with your friends, take the bus or walk to Church when you attend the Easter Triduum Mass, Liturgy and other services this Holy Week.

Caritas Project Compassion

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice. **Donation boxes and envelopes are to be returned during this Holy Thursday 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.** You can also 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** this Lent.



Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection 2026

As a reminder that every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. **Donation envelopes will be available at this Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion 03 April 3:00pm.**

Coming Events:

- Monday March 30th 7.30pm: *What is the Easter Triduum all about.* Fr. Gerard will present on this topic, all are welcome.
- Tuesday March 31st 7.00pm: Gathering for Triduum readers in the meeting room (with Fr. Gerard) to review the scripture Readings of the Triduum.
- Wednesday April 1st: NO 7.30pm Mass in the parish – instead we will be at the Chrism Mass (7.30pm) in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.
- Thursday April 2nd: NO 9.00am Morning Mass.
- From Holy Thursday night until Easter Sunday the Church is in Easter Triduum.
- Easter Sunday April 5th: NO 6.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday evening.
- Tuesday April 7th 7.30pm: Pastoral Planning in the Meeting Room.