

## Readings for next weekend — The Most Holy Trinity

**1st reading:** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; **2nd reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; **Gospel:** John 3:16-18

### **PENTECOST:**

On this day, often referred to as the birthday of the Church, Christ is referencing the gift of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit through the power and redemption of Christ on the community of believers, and the same Spirit continues to guide the Church today.

When Jesus breathed on the disciples gathered in the upper room and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit," he invited them into the work of creation. Just as God breathed life into the first human beings (the work of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Genesis), God now breathes this life into the disciples and, therefore, each of us.

We have a responsibility to collaborate with God in this act of creation, of building up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. St. Paul reminds us that there are many types of gifts but always the same Spirit. We will not all build God's Kingdom in the exact same way, but we all have an important role to play.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

### **Parish & Diocesan News continued**

#### **Bishop's Good Works Appeal**

**Next weekend, 30th & 31st May**, our parish is proud to support the Bishop's Good Works Appeal. Each day across our Diocese, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. The Bishop's Good Works Appeal helps support the good works of our Church across several vital ministries, including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre, and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Next weekend's Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your tax-deductible gift helps provide the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they answer God's call. With your support, they can continue preparing to serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope. Please take an **envelope** from the pews, scan the **QR code**, or visit [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) to donate. Thank you for supporting the future priests of our Church.



#### **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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# 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.

#### **New Parish Projects—Meeting room and**

**Additional Toilets 22/05/2026**

Donations	\$31,896.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	<u>\$57,000.00</u>
Total Amount	\$101,000.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

#### **PENTECOST (Year A)**

**24 May 2026**

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11      **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-23

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.*

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*

#### **GOSPEL Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!*

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, 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:

<b>Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap</b>
<b>Assistant Parish Priest</b>	<b>Fr John Nguyen OFM Cap</b>
<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Mr Owens Reyes</b>
<b>Parish Musical Director</b>	<b>Mr Jacob Wielgosz</b>
<b>Parish Social Media Officer</b>	<b>Miss Catrina Bautista</b>
<b>Parish Council Chairperson</b>	<b>Mr Anthony Matthews</b>
<b>RCIA Co-ordinators</b>	<b>Mr Bernie Banta &amp; Mrs Yeng Banta</b>
<b>Sacramental Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Mrs Priscilla Corpuz</b>
<b>Parish SRE Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ms Therese Fuller</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Bingo Operator</b>	<b>Mr Romy Balite</b>
<b>Safeguarding Champion</b>	<b>Mr Joseph Fenech</b>

### 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 **28th of June 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

Manel David Brandao

### 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:** Abraham, Anna, Cicily, Georgia, Gioachim, Ignatius, Joachim, Joseph, Maria, Amando, Philomina Bent, Nestor Biato, Luz & Rebecca Buenaventura, Alick & Annie Fernandes, Cayetano Flestado, Pablo Gabon, Rosemarie Gacosta, Jose Katipunan Sr, Teresita Macabuag, Mylene Mendoza, Olga Quinn, Emanuel Rodriguez, Antonio Tandoc, Robert Vilorio, Brian Wilkinson and all the holy souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Allan Joseph Aquino, Odette Assey, Lizbeth Bell, Armida Boncato, Betty Callaghan, Mila Dadat, Ludy Garcia, Elisa & Lawrence Lambo, Vanessa & Lloyd Lambo, Marie & Xander Lambo, Peter Nathan, Maria Perez, Peter Politori and Benedict Recto

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving:** Doris, Justine Abraham, Jay & John Barrett, Jackie & Mandy Fernandez, Jerome & Briony Fernandez, Jessica Fernandez, Joelle & Dwayne MacDonald, Vanessa Nuval and Benedict Yu

### 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

### PARISH-IN-COUNCIL

This is a new way of experiencing Parish Council. In the past Parish Council meetings had become perfunctory and lacking in drive and enthusiasm, it had boiled down to various people offering reports of their activities – not necessarily connected to the Vision of the Parish. Parish-in-Council presents an opportunity for everyone to come together "in council" to get to know one another better, to listen to each other and together help to discern and share the future of our parish **under the guidance of the Holy Spirit**. To see what God is calling us to be and to do as we live out our parish vision.

Parish-in-Council isn't another 'church' meeting, it's not a town hall meeting, nor does it get concerned with the 'day to day' administrative business of the parish, rather, it is about walking together and listening and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. To do this we use a wonderful method called "Conversation in the Spirit", a dynamic for discernment used in the Synod of Synodality in Rome.

In some ways, Parish-in-Council will be a little bit like our bi-annual Table Talks. It will begin with a shared lunch, prayer, a keynote address and then conversation in the Spirit leading to concrete action(s) for the parish to undertake as we move from Maintenance to Mission. Our first Parish-in-Council will be held on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis School, Glendenning, (12noon to 4.30pm) more details will be in future bulletins and on Facebook. For now, please save the date!

### Alpha at the Good Shepherd Parish

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

### 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.

### 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](mailto:parishof@goodshepherd.org.au) or (02) 9832 4461.

### Coming Event:

- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: 2.00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Diocese.