

A Prayer Good Shepherd Sunday

Divine Shepherd, you came to lay down your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man you cured, I profess my belief in you and worship you. Help me to receive and imitate your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to you, their Holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good shepherd, I trust in you, Amen.

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Spiritual Direction

I was born and raised in the Parramatta Diocese and our family have been part of the Good Shepherd community since the beginning. I entered the Poor Clares 40 years ago and over these years, I have worked in universities as a Social Worker, and I have been practicing as a spiritual director for 15 years.

As a spiritual director, my passion is fostering human connection through deep listening and understanding. In life we are constantly being created and recreated. Life events can bring about questions about who we are and who is God in our life's journey. Through a relationship of attentive companionship in spiritual direction, we explore what gives life meaning and purpose, as stories of fears, anxieties, joys, and delights are named and shared. If you would like to know more about spiritual direction, please contact me. Pia Galea osc / 0423656444 / pgalea7@hotmail.com

Free Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. Part of the FaithLIFE series hosted by the Mission Enhancement Team, the course offers an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

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.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation - Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Please support our seminarians to "go out into the deep." Your gift will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal donation envelopes will be available during the weekend Masses on 21 April 2024.

How to Support Our Parish Family Financially

Parish Envelopes for the new financial year are available for subscribers to collect from the Entrance of the church. 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. People wishing to contribute by direct debit – forms are available from the parish office. You can setup your own internet banking recurring payment to:

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



THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Celebrating Our 35th Anniversary

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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:
www.goodshepherd.org.au

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 12/04/2024

Donations	\$21,196.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$76,300.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

Weddings

Please call the Parish office for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least 6 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 (2) must attend a Pre-Baptism Seminar prior to scheduling the Baptism. The seminar is offered once a month on the 4th Sunday in the Parish meeting room.

Please collect registration form from the Parish office. Baptism dates will be booked after attending the seminar.

4th Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Entrance Antiphon:

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia*

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

GOSPEL Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, 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 Council Chairperson	Mr Anthony Matthews
RCIA Co-ordinator	Mr & Mrs Bernie & 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/Wed/Fri 9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am & 7:00 pm (**Vietnamese**)
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.

Congratulations for last Weekend's Baptism

Estelle Maea
Sebastian Cenidoza
Anahera Ngaronga
Jaxson Dean Astih

"Ask and it will be given to you;

Seek and you will find;

Knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks finds,

And to him who knocks, it will be opened."

-Gospel of Matthew 7:7-8

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **28th of April 2024 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 and 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.

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Joyce Champion, Ana Valentin, Maria Thi Cuc Nguyen, Cecile Pelias Modesto, Nida Dayrit, Robin Hardy, Frank Roache, Patrick and Olga Thomas, Teresa Thomas and Alwyn and Daisy Assey, Rogelio and Erlinda Castillo.

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

John ANGEL, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Maureen BARTLEY, Philomena BENT, Carmen & Mario BIFFA, Therese BRODERICK-TAYLOR, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Louise GRECH, Catherine HART, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Marie MELITO, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Gloria ROBERTS, Aida SADSAD, Antonia SCHEMBRI, Mary SIMMONS, Vivienne & Marian STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Rita VAUGHN, Sesilia VAVE, Sione VEA, Augustina & Margaret VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

INFORMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Parent Information night and registration:

28 May 2024, Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Confirmation classes: Child & Parent/Guardian MUST attend all classes)

09 June, Sunday – 1st lesson 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

16 June, Sunday – 2nd lesson 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Venue for classes:

Good Shepherd Primary School premise

Rehearsal with Sponsor:

22 June – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Church)

Rite of Confirmation:

24 June – Monday at 7:00 pm (Church)

Additional Information:

1. All children require a Sponsor.
Sponsor's name must be provided on Parent Info night, May 28.
2. Confirmation Name:
All children must choose a Saint's name as their Confirmation name
If your child is baptised with a Christian name, eg: Matthew, Mark or John, there is no need to choose another Saint's name.
Confirmation name must be provided on Parent Info night, May 28.
3. Registration forms and Parent Information sheet will be available at the start of May at the back of the Church or from the parish office.

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YFCA Weekend

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) is inviting all youths from year 7 to 12 to join our youth entry program on 3rd–5th May 2024. The venue is in Good Shepherd Primary School. Registration fee is \$30.00. Please contact Jeff and RoseVi on 0416 245 254 for further inquiries.

Welcome visitors

At the Sunday 6pm Mass we welcome visitors from across the Diocese joining us for Eucharist and fellowship afterwards. All are most welcome.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities at The Good Shepherd Parish

The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton will be hosting face-to-face Safeguarding trainings in the parish meeting room on the following dates:

- Module 4: Friday 17 May (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 18 May (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Module 5: Friday 14 June (7:00 – 8:30 pm) & Saturday 15 June (10:00 – 11:30 am)