

Liturgy Points

Among the symbols with which liturgy deals, none is more important than this assembly of believers. It is common to use the same name to speak of the building in which those persons worship, but that is misleading. In the words of ancient Christians, the building used for worship is called *domus ecclesiae*, the house of the Church.

The most powerful experience of the sacred is found in the celebration and the persons celebrating., that is, it is found in the action of the assembly: the living words, the living gestures, the living sacrifice, the living meal.

— From: *Art and Environment in Catholic Worship* 1978

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Parramatta Catholic Foundation - Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you for your generous support in the formation of our future priests, helping them to deepen their relationship with God and commit more fully to their spiritual calling, so they may serve our faith community in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Thanks to your kindness, our Holy Spirit Seminary can empower our seminarians with the skills and understanding to engage with different cultures, building a church that reflects the inclusive love of Christ. May God's grace be with you and your loved ones as you continue to play a crucial role in shaping the future of our church. —Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv - Bishop of Parramatta

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, **Sr Pia Galea osc, 0423 656 444, pgalea7@hotmail.com**

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

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

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.

New Parish Projects—Meeting room and Additional Toilets 26/04/2024

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

5th Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

Responsorial Psalm: *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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.

Baptism Seminar

The next seminar will be held on the **26th of May 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.

"We are a church of sinners but we must not be afraid of holiness. Do not be afraid to aim for holiness and turn yourselves over to the love of God. Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things but carrying out daily things in an extraordinary way that is with love, joy and faith."

— Pope Francis

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Florie, Neville, Charlie & David Abela, Patria Arrojado, Francis Cozzo, Jasmin Gutierrez, Gerardo Vergara Nunez, Antonio Patero, Editha Espirito Polintan, Ricardo Ramos, Lucia Caoliz Salmasan, Charlie Sammut and Jasmine Stanborough

For Good Health: Andrew, Divina, John Abela, Franklin Foenander, Sr Colleen Foley, Rosa Luppino, Isabel Maximo, Tesa Mejo, Elizabeth Mitchell, Steve Murray and Gabrielle Rumora

Birthday: Akileo Junior

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, Fololetina Fretton, 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.

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YFCA Weekend

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) is inviting all youths from year 7 to 12 (aged 12 to 20) to join our youth **entry program** on **3rd—5th May 2024** (Starts on Friday evening at 6:00 pm and concludes on Sunday at 4:00 pm). 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.

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)

Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years after Nostra Aetate

The Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald M.Afr. OBE for a free public lecture "**Interreligious Dialogue in our Day: 60 Years after Nostra Aetate**" at 6:00 pm on the 8th of May 2024 at the Cathedral Cloisters, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Places are limited, so book early using this link <https://bit.ly/49torg2>.

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.