

Readings for next weekend — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First reading: Isaiah 50:4-7; **Second reading:** Philippians 2:6-11; **Gospel:** Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

The Easter Triduum at Plumpton

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the Three Days that are the centre of our year. You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

You are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil on Saturday night is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to maintain simplicity of meals so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil.

Over these Three Days, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look carefully at the Parish Schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and devotions of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come for the Vigil on Saturday.

We begin as Holy Thursday ends:

After receiving the Holy Oils, blessed and consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass the previous evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral, we listen to the scriptures tell the story of Passover and its connection to the Eucharist. Then we do something strange: we wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, and basins, and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, and act like. This is rehearsal for Christian living, as is the next thing we do, a collection for the poor (Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are returned).

Later we celebrate the Eucharist. This liturgy has no formal ending: we make a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where quiet prayer and reflection continues until Night Prayer at 11.00pm.

And we continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday:

We gather in silence on Good Friday and listen to the scriptures (The Passion according to St. John). We pray at length for the world's needs. We take up a collection to support the Holy places (in the Holy Land). Then there is a once-a-year event: the holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward at the end of the liturgy to do reverence with a kiss or a bow or genuflection.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday:

Hungry and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible as well the story of salvation, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we gather around the font and bless the waters. There the Elect are baptised and anointed. These are moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Then, together we go to the Lord's table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist, the newly baptised make this first holy communion. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of Rejoicing!



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The Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

Or visit our website:

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New Parish Projects—Meeting room and

Additional Toilets 20/03/2026

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.*

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.

5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

22 March 2026

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

2nd Reading: *Romans 8:8-11*

Gospel Reading: *John 11:1-45*

Entrance Antiphon: *Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

Responsorial Psalm: *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Communion Antiphon: *Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

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**.

Congratulations for last Weekends' Baptism

Seth Rene Flores
Trinity Atunatamaita'i Fuimaono-Asiata

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 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: Philomina Bent, Patrick Champion, Ann Gaffney, Cynthia & Davis Henriques, Teresa Mariano, Phyllis McHatton, Gilbert Mendoza, Clyde Pereira, Nilo Piczon, Carmelo & Josephine Pisani, Emiliano Vallesfino, Anne Van Ross and all the 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: Mariliza; Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Mario & Lolita Bocasan, Josie Simpre and Diana Tuailera

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

Parish & Diocesan News

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**.

Legion of Mary ACIES 2026

The Legion of Mary, Blacktown Comitium invites all spiritual directors, active & auxiliary members to the ACIES 2026. On **Saturday March 28th at 1:30pm** in **St. Andrew the Apostle Church**, 36-40 Breakfast Road, Marayong. Starts with opening prayers & rosary followed by ACIES Ceremony & Holy Mass. Light refreshments to follow.

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** or use the **QR code** to register.



St Nicholas Festa Committee VARIETY NIGHT

St Nicholas Festa Committee are having a **VARIETY NIGHT** on **April 18th** at the Good Shepherd Parish Bingo Hall. There will be Entertainment by Various Artists, Raffle, Food & lots of fun for everyone, Tickets are \$10 Donation / Children under 12 are Free. Pre-Booked thicketts get a **FREE Sausage Sizzle**. To book your tickets please call **Stella on 0414 188 226**

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 April 21st 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

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Celebrations: 6 April

You are invited to celebrate with us the 75 years of the arrival of the first Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary to Australia and 60 years of the Schoenstatt Movement in Australia. Join us on Easter Monday **April 6th 2026 from 1:30pm – 5:30pm at Mount Schoenstatt – 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa**. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Parallel children's program will also be available. **RSVP** Shirley Hall 0417 153 930 movtooffice@schoenstatt.org.au

Free Weekly Legal Clinic at Catholic Care, Emerton

Every Thursday from 11:00am at Catholic Care (11 Emert Parade, Emerton) you can visit for **FREE** legal advice on matters including: Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates and Traffic Offences. Walk-ins are welcome, to make a booking call 8843 2500.