

Readings for next weekend — Saints Peter and Paul

First reading: Acts 12:1-11; **Second reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19

Reintroduction of Holy Communion under both kinds

Today let us review what the Church teaches about the Communion Procession and its accompanying music. The Communion procession is one of four processions in the normal Sunday Mass: Entrance, Gospel (Book), Offertory (preparation of the gifts), and Holy Communion. #86 of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal tells us that the purpose of the Communion song is to express the spiritual union of the those receiving Holy Communion by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the people. and #88 tells us that when the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the whole congregation.

As we come to receive Holy Communion in procession, we are NOT lining up for MacDonald's – this is a sacred procession and all of us are taking part in it. The element of "gladness of heart" is rather important – this is what distinguishes the reception of Holy Communion from lining up for fast food. The procession is a sign of our life moving closer to Christ and of our unity with all who are on the journey to the Lord. It can be seen as an expression of the humble patience of the poor as they move forward to be fed, of the alert expectancy of God's people sharing the paschal meal, and of joyful confidence of God's people on their march toward the promised land of heaven.

What happens when we receive Holy Communion? While we often think of the act of receiving Communion as taking Christ into ourselves, it might be helpful to understand how we become part of Christ. This where the spirituality of 'offering' is at the heart of the Eucharist. In the celebration of Mass we form God's holy people, a people of God's possession, so that we may give thanks to God and offer the sacrificial Victim (Christ) not just by the priest but also all of us together with him so that we may learn to offer our very selves. Receiving Holy Communion completes the sacrifice. Sharing in the Lord's Body and Blood is the outward sign of participation in the offering of the sacrifice of the Mass. And to receive Holy Communion is to hand ourselves over to allow Christ to consume us completely....that his way becomes our way, his life becomes our life, and his love becomes our love.

Parish & Diocesan News continued

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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Celebrating Our 36th 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 20/06/2025

Donations	\$28,665.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$43,000.00
Total Amount	\$83,769.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

22 June 2025

1st Reading: *Genesis 14:18-20*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:11-17*

Entrance Antiphon: *He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

Responsorial Psalm: *You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

GOSPEL Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, 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 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/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 **27th of July 2025 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

Elissia Shiloh Del Valle
Adonis Craig Grima
Jack Arthur Helmore

“The Eucharistic sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ embraces in turn the mystery of our Lord's continuing passion in the members of his mystical body, the Church in every age.”
— Pope Benedict XVI

Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam: Ersilia & Sylvia Apap, Carlos & Rosita Badua, Trinidad Calayag, Antoinette Debono, Hiyasmin Lagman, Elizabeth Lardizabal, Norman Miller, Joel Morales, Fr Chris Sheehey, Sylvia Slim, Basilio Vargas Jr, Margaret Vella, Mary Zammit and all the holy souls in purgatory

Healing / Good Health: Hunter, Jaz, Juvy, Mark, Michael, Mikka, Isabelle Brillantes and Esperanza Razon

Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention: Doris, Jay & John Barrett, Crisa Benicarlo, Morato family, Aj Bergonia, Ely Dakila, Dolly & Jun Reyes and Ronan

We also remember in our prayers our housebound brothers & sisters

Belenor & Julian AGUILAR, John ANGEL, Mafalda ARACO, Raylina AURE, Christine BAPTISTE, Doris & John BARRETT, Philomena BENT, Joseph BUTTIGIEG, Jacqueline CAMERON, Conception CAPIENDO, Frances CARUANA, George CASSAR, Gwen & Robert CHAMBERS, Rita CLEARY, Sr Gail COLQUHOUN, Clare DONOHOE, Paul DWYER, Wayne & Audrey FERNANDEZ, Jean-Marie & Marie-Claude FREDERIC, Fololetina FRETTON, Louise GRECH, Eden & Ninoy JUCO, John KNIGHT, Maureen KNIGHT, Nabil LABBAD, Malia LAVALU, Francis LLOYD GOULD, Afioae MAIAVA, Donald MCKECHNIE, Kathleen MORRISSEY, Deidre MURRAY, Mary MUSCAT, Elsie NONEY, Pamela PEARSON, Marie PURCELL, Melecia REA, Gloria ROBERTS, Mary SIMMONS, Marian STEWART, Vivienne STEWART, Anthony & Natalina TEUMA, Mary THEVATHASAN, Raymond TOGHILL, Margaret TSENG, John VAIFALE, Sesilia VAVE, Augustina VELLA, Aida WALCOTT, Russell & Mary WICKRAMASINGHE and Joan WREN.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Parish & Diocesan News

Coming soon to our Parish: Alpha: beginning 24th July

Alpha is a space for open conversations about life's big questions—What's the meaning of life? What happens next? Is God even good for the world? Alpha is an environment for anyone and everyone who wants to explore life and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Over 101,000 people participated in Alpha in 2024 - the highest annual participation on record! A total of 5,072 Alphas were run via 2,858 churches and organisations across Australia. This represents not just numbers, but thousands of individual stories of curiosity, courage, and transformation. This was the biggest year in Alpha Australia's history and we thank God for all He is doing in this nation!

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Good Shepherd Parish Office on parishof@goodshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461 before Monday 4 August.

Liturgical Ministry Course – Starts September 2025

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September 2025 in Blacktown. This free formation is open to anyone in the diocese interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. To enrol and for more information, please contact the Parish Office parishof@goodshepherd.org.au or (02) 9832 4461. **Registrations close 19 August, but spaces are limited** so enrol now to avoid disappointment. Minimum age is 16 (18 for Extra ordinary Minister of Holy Communion). Under 18's will require an adult with them.

Public Lecture: “Shaping a Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World” by Prof Leo Lefebure

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question on Thursday, **26 June at 6:00 pm** at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Register: tinyurl.com/2efk584d