

## Readings for next weekend — Fourth Sunday of Easter

**First reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41; **Second reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25; **Gospel:** John 10:1-10

### The Road to Emmaus:

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus mirrors the way that Jesus meets us in the celebration of the Mass. Before gathering at the eucharistic table, Jesus opens the Scriptures to them, sharing himself in word before offering himself in sacrament. It is the Scriptures that allow the disciples to enter into the mystery of the Eucharist with Jesus.

Without knowing him as revealed in the history of God's chosen community, they could not Hope to experience him under the appearance of bread and wine. This is the same reason that our celebration of the Mass begins with the sharing of Scriptures together. This communal reading allows us to encounter God in the people of Israel, the life of the early Christian communities, and the ministry of Jesus. WE come to know this Jesus that we receive into our bodies at Holy Communion, as we are sent back into the world with our hearts aflame.

— Fr Gerard O'Dempsey OFM Cap

### Parish & Diocesan News continued

#### Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: May 12

All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers are invited to join us for our Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers. Families and friends are also invited. This celebration will take place at 7:30pm on May 12th 2026, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers are asked to please arrive by 7:00pm and be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests and ministers attending please register by Thursday, May 7th. To register please contact [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

#### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for May 2026

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Renewal Training will be held on May 2nd at St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. More training opportunities are available throughout May at different parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

#### 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 Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton

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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 17/04/2026

Donations	\$31,280.00
Raffle tickets	\$12,104.00
Legacy Donation	\$56,000.00
Total Amount	\$99,384.00
Revised Target Amount	\$100,000.00

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

19 April 2026

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

**GOSPEL Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread, 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 **26th of April 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.

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION for APRIL**

For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Please remember those for whom prayers have been requested**

**Death Anniversaries / In Memoriam:** Anthony, Arce, Noreen, Salud, Violet, Bishop Joy, Perfecto Dela Cruz, Clara Dias, Cynthia & Davis Henriques, Anne Kelly, Hernan Ladios, Francisco Do Nascimento, Godfrey Vergara and all the holy souls in purgatory

**Healing / Good Health:** Hunter, Jaz, Juvy, Miki, William Calura, Reynald Fortinado, Peter Nathan and Maria Perez

**Anniversary / Birthday / Thanksgiving / Special Intention:** Fr Austin and T Fernandes

**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

**Pope Leo’s Prayer for Peace**, You might consider praying this as a family each day:

**Lord Jesus,**  
**you conquered death without weapons or violence:**  
**you shattered its power with the strength of peace.**  
**Grant us your peace,**  
**as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter Morning,**  
**as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.**  
**Send forth your Spirit,**  
**the breath that gives life and reconciles,**  
**that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.**  
**In spire us to trust in Mary, your mother,**  
**who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,**  
**firm in the faith that you would rise again.**  
**May the madness of war cease**  
**and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still**  
**know how to bring forth, protect and love life.**  
**Hear us, Lord of life! Amen.**

**Parish & Diocesan News**

**Bishop Vincent’s visit to the Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton**

Bishop Vincent will be coming this **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> after the 6:00pm Mass** to deliver a talk on 'The Year of St Francis' and his vocation, followed by a Q&A panel of our Capuchin Friars and fellowship. This event aims to bring people to our parish as one of the pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year of St Francis and will launch the newly established 'Capuchin Young Adults of Plumpton'.

**Bethlehem Olivewood Sale to support the Christian community in Bethlehem**

**This weekend April 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>** there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Your purchase helps support these families and supports preserving the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, hardly any pilgrims are visiting Bethlehem. By purchasing these items, you are offering much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith in the Holy Land.

**Palms International Volunteering: Two IMPACTFUL Sessions!**

**Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!** Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you’ll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. **April Session: Discover Palms Online!** Thursday April 30th 2026 7:00 – 8:30pm. **May Session: Live from Timor Leste!** Thursday May 21st 2026 4:00 – 5:30pm. Scan the QR code of the session or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)



**Coming Events:**

- 1. Name Tag Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>: Good Shepherd Sunday.** Please wear your work name badge to Mass next weekend. Stick on tags will also be available before Mass. This is a good way for us to get to know each other as the Family of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.
- 2. Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>:** RCIA (Mystagogia) 7.30pm
- 3. Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>:** **ALPHA** begins, register now – see the QR code on the posters around the church walls, or call the parish office – registration is important as each evening begins with a meal (at no cost to you!)