

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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6 & 7 February 2021
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time — Year B

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 9:15am

Confessions:

By appointment only.

Please call the Parish Office on phone:

9632.2672



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism preparation will be explained when you contact the Parish Office. **Booklets need to be obtained from the Parish Office prior to the preparation.**

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Brian D'Costa, Yvonne McIntyre, Helena Galuola, Hetevise Taofifenua, Samisoni Lauouvea, Father Amasio Fatauli, Franca Coffen

Anniversaries:

Matthew Lane, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Hanna & Majed Families, Michael Grima, Grima Family, John Haber, Alfred Xuereb, Members of Xuereb Family, Ivy Rice, John Borg, Kapiliele Paiena, Seman & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Alves & Moniz Families, Wager & Remaili Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Nayef El-Khoury, Jreige Jlalaty, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 146:1-6

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION; MATTHEW 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**He bore our
sickness,
and
endured
our
suffering.**

***How do I
help others
who are
suffering?***

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S, GUILDFORD

The following provisions apply to gatherings in our parish church:

- 70 persons are permitted for Mass or other liturgical services

However, the COVID-19 health conditions still apply:

- Persons entering the church must use the hand sanitizer provided.
- Persons entering the church must record their names and other contact details..
- Persons must keep the "4 square metre" rule.

WEEKEND MASSES

Masses will be celebrated in the Church:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

Bookings are no longer required to attend Mass each weekend.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The weekday Mass timetable is: Wednesday 9:15am, Thursday 9:15am and Friday 9:15am.

There will be no Masses on Tuesday at 7:00pm or Saturday at 9:00am until further notice.

Sacrament of Penance

Due to physical distancing provisions, it is not possible to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional Room. Please telephone the Parish Office (9632.2672) for an appointment with the Parish Priest who will meet with you within a reasonable time.

Pre-Recorded Sunday Mass

Will be available on the parish website after midday Saturday, 20 February 2021.

PARISH NOTICES

NO MASS IN CHURCH ON FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY: The opening school Mass will be celebrated in the hall with limited numbers of children and live-streamed to all classes. This arrangement is to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. Even if we celebrated the Mass in the Church parishioners would still be excluded given that our maximum is 70. Furthermore, live-streaming does not work from the Church. Thank you for your understanding.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

PRE-RECORDED SUNDAY MASSES FOR LENT: We will resume pre-recording for the Sundays of Lent. The first pre-record Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 16 February at 12:00pm (midday). Parishioners are welcome to attend any of the pre-recorded Masses which will normally be celebrated on the Tuesday of each week. Times of the Mass will vary from week to week, so those wishing to attend can contact the Parish Office for the time of the Mass.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

POSSIBLE EASING OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN NSW: The Premier announced on Thursday, 4 February that some restrictions may ease on Friday, 12 February, provided there are no community transmissions of the virus. While mask wearing in church will probably continue to be mandatory, the 4 square metre rule may be reduced to 2 square metres. If so, the number of persons permitted in St. Patrick's Church will increase to 140. Watch this space!

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - 8 FEBRUARY:

Pope Francis has designated 8 February, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated

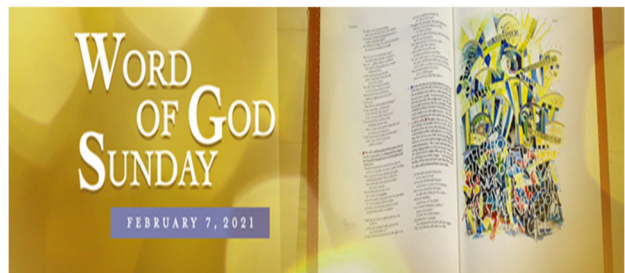
Life Against Human Trafficking. Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine Bakhita dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK — 11 FEBRUARY: On 11 February 2021, we will celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. As you are aware, Pope St. John Paul II initiated this special day of remembrance in 1992 and Popes Benedict and Francis have continued the tradition. The day has a dual focus on those who are sick and on those who care for them. The theme for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 is the following:
"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers and sisters" (Mt 23,8)

A trust-based relationship to guide the care for the sick.

Let us pray for the sick and those who care for them.

PARISH NOTICES



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY—7 FEBRUARY: Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May.

The Importance of the Word of God

There were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St. Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St. Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time.

Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (*Dei Verbum* 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St. Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

ST. PATRICK'S SENIORS CLUB: The President Shirley called another Committee Meeting and due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) it was decided to delay the re-opening of the Club until Monday, 1 March 2021. Hoping everyone is well. See you in March. Any enquiries please call Shirley on 9721.1875.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased.** Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.