

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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13 & 14 February 2021
6th 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:

Fr. Lawrence (Joseph) Anžel OFM (former Assistant Priest at St. Raphael's Slovenian Church, Merrylands on Monday 8 February in Ljubljana, Slovenia), Brian D'Costa, Yvonne McIntyre, Helena Galuola, Hetevise Taofifenua, Samisoni Lauouvea, Father Amasio Fatauli

Anniversaries:

Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Patrick & Mary Danaher, Matthew Lane, Feayez Khattar

Deceased:

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 31:1-2, 5, 11

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
 and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
 whose sin is remitted.
 O happy the man to whom the Lord
 imputes no guilt,
 in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
 my guilt I did not hide.
 I said: 'I will confess
 my offence to the Lord.'
 And you, Lord, have forgiven
 the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
 exult, you just!
 O come, ring out your joy,
 all you upright of heart. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 - 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
 God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



“If you want to, you can cure me.”
“Of course I want to;
Be cured!”
What healing do I want from
Jesus?

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

The following provisions apply to gatherings in our parish church:

- 140 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 "2 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

COVID-19 RESTRICTITONS RELAXED for places of worship from Friday, 12 February. Two important restrictions now relaxed apply to us: there is no need to wear a face mask in Church and the 2 square metre rule now applies. This means that St. Patrick's capacity is 140 persons. Registering names, hand sanitising and keeping the required physical distancing is still required.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 17 FEBRUARY: Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am in the morning and 7:00pm at night. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 60. The law of abstinence binds those who are over 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Tuesday night at 7:00pm throughout Lent commencing Tuesday, 23 February up to and including Tuesday, 30 March of Holy Week. These will follow our usual format with an extra Biblical reading and time for quiet prayer and reflection. The 7:00pm Mass will not be celebrated on the Tuesdays of Lent as the pre-recorded following Sunday Mass will be celebrated earlier in the day. Parishioners are welcome to attend the pre-recorded Mass but should check with the Parish Office for the time. On Tuesday, 16 February the time is 12:00pm (noon).

PROJECT COMPASSION THROUGHOUT LENT: Available at the back of the Church are money boxes, which are to be returned at the end of Lent, and Lenten Sharepack's which contain envelopes for your weekly donation, to be placed on any collection plate, throughout the six weeks of Lent. Caritas Australia thanks you for your generosity.

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,
as you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
may our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Through living simply and loving generously,
may we care for our global family
and our common home, as we
"aspire not to have more, but to be more."*

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

* Saint Oscar Romero

PARISH NOTICES



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PATRON SAINT OF SUDAN AND OF TRAFFICKED PEOPLE:

St. Josephine Bakhita, was born in Southern Sudan in 1869. Kidnapped and sold into slavery at the age of seven by Arab slave traders, this Sudanese child (her original name is not known) received the name Bakhita, meaning "fortunate," from her captors. Bakhita passed through

five brutal owners, one of whom had her tattooed over her entire body, sparing only her face. After enduring years of cruelty and hardship as a slave in the human markets of El Obeid and Khartoum, Sudan, she was purchased by an Italian Consul, Callisto Legnani, who emancipated her. He showed her for the first time in many years genuine compassion, warmth, and dignity. When Legnani departed Sudan, Bakhita asked permission to go with him, eventually entering into the care of a family as a nanny and then the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of Catechumens in Venice.

It was while with the Sisters that Bakhita first came to learn about God and had her first in-depth exposure to Catholicism. She had already experienced the Lord in her life, "without knowing who he was." Under the care of the Canossian Sisters, she received a formal catechetical education and was baptised in January of 1890, receiving the new name of Josephine. She then requested permission to enter the Canossian Sisters, taking final vows in 1896. For the next 50 years she laboured for the congregation and was especially beloved as the doorkeeper of the community, giving comfort and help to the many poor and sick who came to the institute for help.

In her final years she was often ill, but no one ever heard her complain. When asked how she was feeling she replied, "As the Master desires." On her deathbed she became delirious and thought she was a slave again; she cried, "Please loosen the chains! They are heavy!" Bakhita never lost faith in Divine Providence. Even at the end of her life, she was asked if she was ready to go to heaven. She replied, "I neither wish to go nor to stay. God knows where to find me when he wants me." Saint Josephine Bakhita died 8 February 1947.

Human trafficking of men, women and children is a global issue that requires international collaboration to address the personal circumstances of those who are abused and at risk, as well as addressing the structural causes of this evil. Trafficking exists here in Australia.

The United Nations estimates that one in every three victims of trafficking is a child. It is estimated that 30 million children have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years.

Pope Francis calls on everyone to commit themselves to work for the freedom of all who are exploited and enslaved. He invites us to join with him in a prayer to the Saint:

O Saint Josephine Bakhita, assist all those who are entrapped in slavery.

Intercede with the God of mercy on their behalf, so that the chains of their captivity will be broken.