

# 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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**20 & 21 February 2021  
1st Sunday of Lent — 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:**

Father Soane Patita Hautaufaao, Fr. Lawrence (Joseph) Anžel OFM (former Assistant Priest at St. Raphael's Slovenian Church, Merrylands), Brian D'Costa, Yvonne McIntyre, Helena Galuola, Hetevise Taofifenua, Samisoni Lauouvea, Father Amasio Fatauli

### **Anniversaries:**

Ernest Frederick Badcock, Malagaheehau Kikanoi, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Patrick & Mary Danaher, Matthew Lane

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Kathleen Fatu & Family, Hanna & Majed Families, Juliana Sanchez, 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory



## LITURGY OF THE WORD 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: GENESIS 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-9

**Response:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### THE GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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

### **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*



**The Spirit  
drove Jesus  
into the  
wilderness ...**

***How and when  
do I recognise  
the presence  
of the Spirit  
in my life?***

# **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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent begin this coming Tuesday, 23 February at 7:00pm. We will pray the Stations then every Tuesday of Lent, including the Tuesday of Holy Week, 30 March. This is one form of prayer we can do in community, strengthening our ties with each other and giving praise and thanks to God. Prayer in Lent prepares us to celebrate well the Paschal Mysteries at Easter. Everybody is most welcome. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**PRE-RECORDED SUNDAY MASSES** for Lent will be normally celebrated on the Tuesdays prior to the Sunday. We are pre-recording for the benefit of those who still cannot attend the church for a variety of reasons, due to COVID-19. Parishioners are most welcome to attend these Masses held in the church. For next Tuesday, the Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**HOLROYD SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) TEACHERS COMMISSIONING SERVICE** will be held in St. Patrick's Church next Sunday, 28 February at 6:00pm. As Chairman of the Holroyd SRE Board, and as our church is the host this year, I invite all parishioners to attend. Holroyd SRE as an organisation has been in existence for at least 30 years now. It supports teachers of Christian faith to go into State schools (Primary and Secondary) to witness to the Gospel, keeping Christian faith alive in our district. I especially welcome our own parish catechists to attend in support of our Christian brothers and sisters from other churches. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, 4 March at 6:00pm. Should parishioners wish to bring a matter to the PPC, please contact Sr. Helen or myself at the Parish Office. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS RELAXED** for places of worship on 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.

**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:** Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) the re-opening of the Club will be Monday, 1 March 2021. Hoping everyone is well. See you in March. Any enquiries please call Shirley on 9721.1875.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 — FOCUS ON VANUATU:** Hosted by Merrylands Baptist Church, Cnr. Newman St. & Memorial Ave, Merrylands. **Date:** Friday, 5 March. **Time:** 10:00am. Tea, Coffee and Snacks provided / BYO Lunch if staying. **RSVP:** Friday, 26 February — rogho@optusnet.com.au.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**JOIN THE BELLRINGERS OF ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL:** The Peal of Bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10:30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr. Christopher Del Rosario on: Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org. For further information, please visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellssofarpatricks/>

**POSITION VACANT:**  
Social Justice Co-Ordinator – Diocese of Parramatta –  
**Applications close 5:00pm 22 February 2021**  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**INSTITUTE FOR MISSION 2021 FORMATION PROGRAMS – SIGN UP TODAY:** Interested or already involved in your parish community initiatives? Looking to explore key themes of the Catholic tradition? Express your interest today in the Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry and Themes of Faith programs for your life and faith enrichment. They are 100% free and begin in early March in an online format. For more information, contact Sr. Grace on 9296.6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au) or Donnie on 0432 042 140 or [donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au](mailto:donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au).

**LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES:** Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit: [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call 8838.3460.

**WELCOME TO THE WELL:** The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE:** Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty — 0409 399 505 or House of Welcome — [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or Jesuit Refugee Service — [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au).

**PALMS AUSTRALIA - THE NEED IS ACUTE!** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. **Visit: [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), call Palms on 9560.5333 or email: [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au).**