

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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**27 & 28 February 2021
2nd 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:

Laurice El Hage, Lew Hill, Brother Mark Ryan FSP, Rock Tuahau Taofifenua, Bishop Bede Heather (Emeritis Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta), Father Soane Patita Hautaufaao, Father Lawrence (Joseph) Anžel OFM (former Assistant Priest at St. Raphael's Slovenian Church, Merrylands)

Anniversaries:

Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Tamaso Alikigalelei, Ernest Frederick Badcock, Malagaheehau Kikanoi, Joseph Merlino, Lena Cincotta, Patrick & Mary Danaher

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased El Hage Family Members, Nehme Hande, Nehme Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed, Hanna Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Selafina, Ipolito & Talalua Families, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Kathleen Fatu & Family, Hanna & Majed Families, Juliana Sanchez, Seman & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 115:10, 15-19

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

2ND READING: ROMANS 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus?

No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF MATTHEW 17:5

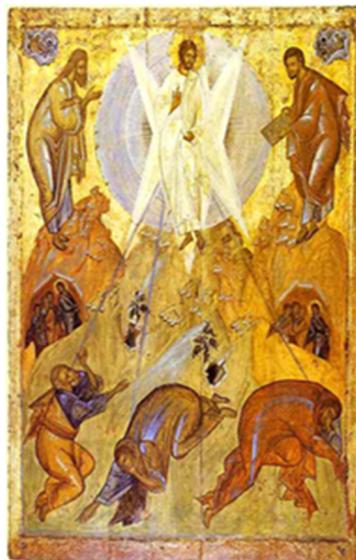
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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



**This is my
Son,
the Beloved.
Listen to
him.**

**When and
how do I
listen to
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.

PARISH NOTICES

PROPOSED NEW PARISH CENTRE: Towards the end of last year, I commissioned an architect to draw up plans for a new Parish Centre. These plans are now available for you to look at in the Parish Office and make your comments and suggestions. The proposed design of the Parish Centre at the moment may not be the same as the finished product. Thus, your input will be most welcome. At the moment, it is proposed that the new Parish Centre be built on the eastern side of the Church. This would involve demolition of the current Presbytery. When the new Parish Centre is ready for occupation (and this may take a few years yet), the current Parish Offices in the "old convent" will be moved to the new site. Then the convent would be demolished. Early discussions have already commenced with the school about it using the convent land for playground which would not exclude Church use, for example, Good Friday morning Stations of the Cross and other similar activities as needed. Such major changes to the parish plant require consultation with the general body of parishioners as well as the various parish ministries. So, please let us know what you think about this proposal and be sure to check out the plans at the Parish Office. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

THE 'IRIS WOMAN' APP: The Diocese of Parramatta has launched a new app designed to help women journal about their relationships and if necessary, seek help if they are not safe. The 'Iris Woman' app has been initiated by our Safeguarding team, as part of our work for those who may be experiencing domestic violence in their relationships. One of our key messages is that women must be safe in their relationships. It has been designed for women of faith and includes reassuring quotes from the Bible as well as contacts for organisations which can provide support. Rosie Batty, the domestic violence campaigner supports the release of the app, and has provided a testimonial video. A story on the app will appear in the March 2021 edition of Catholic Outlook. It can be found on the App Store by typing in 'Iris Woman'. It will also be released shortly on Google Play.

COVID-19 LATEST ADVICE FROM THE VICAR-GENERAL, FR. PETER WILLIAMS, on 25.2.21. For places of worship effective from 26 February 2021. Choir and Congregational Singing up to 30 singers/performers will be permitted to sing indoors. Indoor singing by congregants is allowed at places of worship if masks are worn and subject to a one person per 4 square metre rule (instead of 2 square metres). Places of Worship and Religious Services: There has been no change to the number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services. The maximum number of people will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule unless indoor congregational singing occurs; in which case the 4 square metre rule will apply. Weddings and Funerals: The cap of up to 300 people attending weddings and funerals remains, provided the 2 square metre rule is adhered to. Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be strongly recommended, especially indoors.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIORS CLUB: The re-opening of the Club will be Monday, 1 March 2021. Any enquiries please call Shirley on 9721.1875.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 13-14 MARCH: Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal. Donations can also be made via: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: We will pray the Stations every Tuesday of Lent at 7:00pm, 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 4:00pm.. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

HOLROYD SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SRE) TEACHERS COMMISSIONING SERVICE will be held in St. Patrick's Church this **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*

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM UNIT FOR RENT: Three minute walk to Church. All tiled with modern kitchen and bathroom. Outdoor patio. Very handy to Church, shops and station. If interested, please call 0405 113 934.

FASTING FOR LENT

Fast from criticism and feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity and feast on joy.
Fast from ill humour and feast on peace.
Fast from resentment and feast on contentment.
Fast from jealousy and feast on love.
Fast from pride and feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness and feast on service.
Fast from fear and feast on faith.