

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 March 2021
3rd 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 Taoffenua, Bishop Bede Heather (Emeritis Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta), Father Soane Patita Hautaufaao

Anniversaries:

Gabriel Nagger, Dominic, Annie, Rita & John Gonsalves, Wadih Tannous, Micheal & Celia GeaGea, Ceferina G. & Miguel C. Sison, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Tamaso Alikigalelei, Ernest Frederick Badcock, Malagaheehau Kikanoi

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Haber Family Members, Tannous Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed, Hanna Family, 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, Majed Family, Juliana Sanchez, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: EXODUS 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18:8-11

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 3:16

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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THE GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

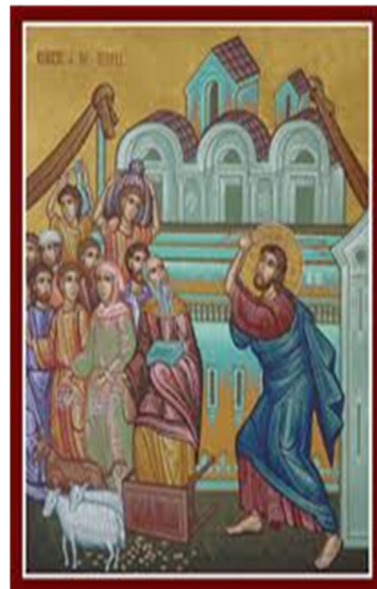
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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My dear People of God

In Western Sydney, which is where the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is situated, we are blessed with many faith-based communities as diverse as our nation itself. There are those who have been here for generations, as well as those who have only just arrived from war-torn countries like Iraq and Syria. We stand united as citizens of Australia and as brothers and sisters of the human family. We stand in celebration of our common humanity and dedication to peace and justice for all.

At my Installation, I pledged to continue the legacy of my predecessors in building stronger relationships with non-Christian people. I believe we must foster pathways across the political and religious divide to create an inclusive and harmonious society.

We are the epitome of multicultural, multi-faith and ethnically diverse Australia. It is for this reason that we are privileged to host the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations. It has played a vital role in building bridges in our community, bridges of understanding, inclusion and solidarity instead of walls of prejudice, division and exclusion.

It is my hope that the Diocese will continue and expand the works of the Centre as a permanent feature of our mission. To this end, I would like to establish the Diocesan Inter-faith Commission and appeal to you all, clergy, religious and parishioners to consider joining its membership. This Commission will work to advance the vision of Pope Francis in forging a new fraternity in our fractured world. I do hope that you can join me in this bridge building exercise.

Please contact and register your interest at comms@parracatholic.org or your local parish.

With the men and women of goodwill, let us build a better Australia and a better world. May our endeavour to build true peace and unity be brought to fulfilment in accordance with God's vision of the fullness of life for all humanity.

Yours fraternally

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

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.**

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 (9 March), Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm for the 4th Sunday of Lent. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 2 APRIL: We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "The Way of the Cross" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZENS: Hello everyone! **St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club** is for anyone over 55. We have been functioning for 43 years and new members are always welcome. We meet in the Hall next to the Church every Monday at 9:30am. Bingo, bowls and cards are some of our activities. For general information please ring President Shirley Fenton on 9721.1875 or Trips Officer Jim Newell on 9632.5049.

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.