

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 March 2021
4th 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:

Souad Jacob, Fr. Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan (Emeritis Priest, Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains), Elaine Allen, Marianne Salua, Sapolina Manuka Vili, Laurice El Hage, Lew Hill, Brother Mark Ryan FSP, Rock Tuahau Taofifenua, Bishop Bede Heather (Emeritis Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta)

Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Dolores Borg, Debbie Abrahams, John, Amelia, Sebastian & Michael D'Silva, Gabriel Nagger, Dominic, Annie, Rita & John Gonsalves, Wadih Tannous, Micheal & Celia GeaGea, Ceferina G. & Miguel C. Sison, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Leogia Tamaso Alikigalelei

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Albert & Mary Fares, Cris Grima, Paul Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Albert Vella, Muscat Family, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed, Hanna Family, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Haber Family Members, Tannous Family, Deceased El Hage Family Members, Nehme Hande, Nehme Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Selafina, Ipolito & Talalua Families, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B



1ST READING: 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light
because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is
done in God.'

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

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

“TAP & GO” DONATION POINT: The opportunity is now available for parishioners and visitors to donate to St. Patrick’s Parish using a credit or debit card. The majority of parishes in the Diocese now have this facility. Following advice from both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to install this new donation point, it will be available for use at the weekend Masses, at least initially. The donation is pre-programmed for \$5.00 per tap of the card over the tap symbol. If you wish to donate more than \$5.00, tap again. It takes a few seconds to record your donation. The Diocese’s encouragement to use this facility is a response to the trend where most people carry little if any cash these days. Also, in these COVID-19 safe times, there is no handling of cash. The donation point does not take the place of the First and Second collections or the weekly envelope offerings which will, until COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed, still be in the bowls placed on the organ at the front of the Church. St. Patrick’s is very grateful for your donations, however you wish to make them. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

ST. PATRICK’S DAY - 17 MARCH: Next Wednesday we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Patrick in the parish at the 9:15am Mass. Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the school children will not be in attendance but will have their own St. Patrick’s Day ceremony at school. We have had a special morning tea in the past after Mass, but this is also not possible due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, Sr. Helen and I will have to leave immediately after Mass to attend the funeral of our recently deceased priest, Father Michael O’Callaghan, at 11:00am at Baulkham Hills. Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

PALM SUNDAY – 28 MARCH: We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

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*

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*

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.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS: Parents of children going into High School in 2022 may need Fr. Peter Blayney to sign their enrolment forms. He will be able to sign these forms after the following weekend Masses: **Saturday Vigil 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am**. Fr. Peter Blayney is not available to sign enrolment forms during the week.



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