

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

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27 & 28 March 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — 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

Anniversaries:

Paula Attard, Natalie Hood, Eric Dunn, Ida Dialoisio, Jean Louis Tokotuu, Safata Atomailehau Tokavahua, 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

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Tannous, Elias Georges, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Sulia Lino Tokotuu & Family, Albert & Mary Fares, Cris Grima, Paul Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Albert Vella, Muscat Family, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed, Michael Grima, Emilia Apap, Haber Family Members, Tannous Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory



LITURGY OF THE WORD PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

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

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

THE GOSPEL: MARK 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

THE GOSPEL: MARK 15:1-39 (CONTINUED)

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.'

And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on him who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest heavens!**

PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL: Thank you for bringing comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, CatholicCare and our chaplains thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last two weeks. Our Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raised \$2,156.00 which will help CatholicCare chaplains to bring, comfort, faith and hope to the isolated, the elderly, the sick and the dying. For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit:

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Please pray for our CatholicCare chaplains as they carry on the work of Jesus in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES: Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make an Easter offering.

"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

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER: The Altar Society Roster for April 2021 to September 2021 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER: The new roster for all liturgical ministries has been emailed. There are copies in the Sacristy for those who require a printed copy.

EXISTING PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS SCHOOL TOUR - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: To celebrate and share our new school facilities we will be holding school tours for existing parents and parishioners over the upcoming weeks. These tours will be limited to **30 available spots for each tour and bookings are essential.** Tour times and dates: Tuesday, 30 March - 9:15am and Monday, 26 April - 1:45pm. To make a booking please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and enter the following code: **bbkxr** and follow the instructions to make a booking. Please note that every adult attending **must** register separately.

PARISH NOTICES

ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and the people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000.00 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019) This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS — WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH: Please note, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year the Chrism Mass will be live-streamed. The Chrism Mass is only open for clergy and those who are collecting the oils. For those who cannot attend in person, please join us via live-stream to celebrate this Mass via the Diocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ParramattaDiocese>).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Last session this Tuesday, 30 March at 7:00pm.

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.

LEGION OF MARY: Dear Parishioners: The Legion of Mary invites you to the Rosary Cenacle every Thursday morning at 8:15am to pray for the sick, Holy Souls, the dying, Priests and so on. Please join us as the world needs more prayer.

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.

BISHOP VINCENT'S PASTORAL LETTER ON HOLY WEEK 2021: Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the people of Parramatta on the coronavirus and Holy Week 2021. The letter can be read here: shorturl.at/flvQ4.

PROJECT COMPASSION: If you took home money boxes or sharepack envelopes would you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased.** Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING: Daylight saving ends in NSW on **Sunday, 4 April 2021**, when clocks go **back** one hour at 3:00am.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK LENT/EASTER EDITION OUT NOW! Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on developing faith in the family as well as the highlights of Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church.

'THE WELL' OFFERS NEW REFRESHMENT IN 2021: 'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Catholic Education and Catholic Youth Parramatta are 'first cabs off the rank' with content uploaded for Lent and the Year of Saint Joseph. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au.

EASTER 2021

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, 1 April
(No 9:15am Morning Mass)
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil at Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

Good Friday, 2 April
10:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb

Holy Saturday, 3 April
7:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 4 April
8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday, 30 March
5:30pm-6:45pm

