

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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3 & 4 April 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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:

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.**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Last Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis led Palm Sunday services in an almost empty St. Peter's Basilica because of coronavirus restrictions for the second consecutive year and said the devil is taking advantage of the pandemic. In pre-coronavirus times, Palm Sunday, which marks the start of Holy Week and leads to Easter, tens of thousands of people would pack St. Peter's Square holding olive branches and intricately woven palm fronds in an outdoor ceremony. Instead, only about 120 members of the faithful participated in Sunday's Mass, joining the pope and about 30 cardinals in a secondary wing of the huge basilica. Italy is in the midst of another national lockdown, which is due to end after Easter. "The Devil is taking advantage of the crisis to sow distrust, desperation and discord," he said, adding that the pandemic had brought physical, psychological and spiritual suffering. Since he was elected in 2013, Francis has made clear that he believes the devil to be real, saying in a 2018 document that it was mistaken to consider him a myth. In both his homily during the Mass and his comments afterward, Francis said the pandemic made it more important than ever to look after those in difficulty, the poor and the suffering. Nearly everyone who took part in the Mass, except the pope and the choir, wore masks.

In Australia, we are most fortunate that we are not experiencing second and third waves of the pandemic on the scale occurring in other countries in Europe and the Americas. Therefore, it is not difficult or frustrating for us to obey the health protocols imposed by the Departments of Health in NSW or anywhere else. Some people think that it is the Catholic Church's decision to impose these protocols, such as limiting the numbers of those who can attend, for example, St. Patrick's Church, Guildford. It is unreasonable not to understand that the restrictions we are following here in the parish are imposed by the NSW Government. If we do not follow these directions, there will be far more people in difficulty, and the poor will suffer the most, as Pope Francis said. One of the great Christian virtues, arising out of the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus (the Paschal Mystery) which we celebrate at Easter, is that of generosity, kindness and love of neighbour. As followers of Jesus Risen, we would all wish the good health and well-being of all Australian citizens. On behalf of Sr. Helen and myself, a Happy and Holy Easter to parishioners, your families and friends.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney PP



LITURGY OF THE WORD EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

2ND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

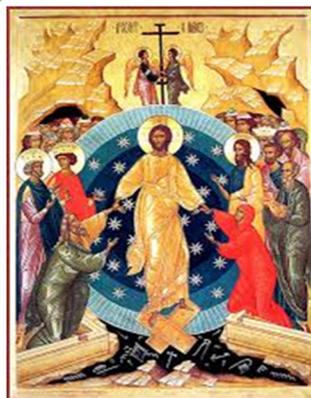
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus is risen
Alleluia!
This is the day
the Lord has
made.
Let us rejoice
and be glad.**

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S LEAVE: I am taking a ten day break from Easter Sunday. I am grateful to Fr. Julian Wellspring, Judicial Vicar, Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney (NSW & ACT), who will celebrate Masses over the weekend 11-12 April. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

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.

"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

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

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.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you.

**We are an Easter people and
Alleluia is our song!
St. Augustine**

PARISH NOTICES

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: 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.

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.

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.**

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:

Ivan Park, Greg Borzychi, Lusía Tui Simete, Selafina Tufele Paagalua, Telesia Mailehako, Souad Jacob, Fr. Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan (Emeritis Priest, Our Lady of the Way, Emu Plains), Elaine Allen, Marianne Salua, Sapolina Manuka Vili

Anniversaries:

Amelia D'Silva, Roque Collea, 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

Deceased:

Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Semaan & Soussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Sarkis & Haney Karom, Leahakitaua Keletaona & Family, 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP VINCENT'S 2021 EASTER MESSAGE: Bishop Vincent's 2021 Easter message can be viewed online at the following locations:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vv_PtT1iyXY
<https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-easter-message-2021>
www.parracatholic.org

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION - 11 APRIL: Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11 April at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Road, Minchinbury at 7:00pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

DR. LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES: CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St. John with Dr. Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9:30am to 2:00pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone 8838.3486.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

DIocese of Parramatta COVID-19 UPDATE: Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. It is currently highly recommended that masks be worn to Mass and other services. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website: www.parracatholic.org/covid19.

ST. BERNADETTE'S LALOR PARK WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS: St. Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St. Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9672.4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.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 or call 8838.3460.

'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.

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE: The Office for Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office for Worship by contacting 8838.3457.

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://stpatrcathedral.com.au/bellsfstpatricks/>.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING: The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org.