

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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**10 & 11 April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter — 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.**



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

William Tukana, Ivan Park, Greg Borzychi,
Lusia Tui Simete, Selifina Tufele Paagalua,
Telesia Mailehako

Anniversaries:

Ferruccio Palombit, Josephine Meli, Amelia
D'Silva, Roque Collea, Paula Attard,
Natalie Hood, Eric Dunn, Ida Dialoisio,
Jean Louis Tokotuu, Safata Atomailehau
Tokavahua

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Les Romero & Family,
McQuillan Family, 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, Holy Souls in Purgatory

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



LITURGY OF THE WORD 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone,

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;

this is what loving God is -

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world -

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of
God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have
seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but
still believe!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the
week, the doors were closed in the room where the
disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and
stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with
you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The
disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord,
and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came. When the
disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered,
'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can
put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight
days later the disciples were in the house again and
Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but
Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with
you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your
finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to
him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and
the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this
book. These are recorded so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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 this weekend (10-11 April).
~ Fr. Peter Blayney

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION (GOOD FRIDAY 2021): Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Holy Lands Collection on Good Friday. The total amount collected by our parish was \$1,157.35.

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.

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.

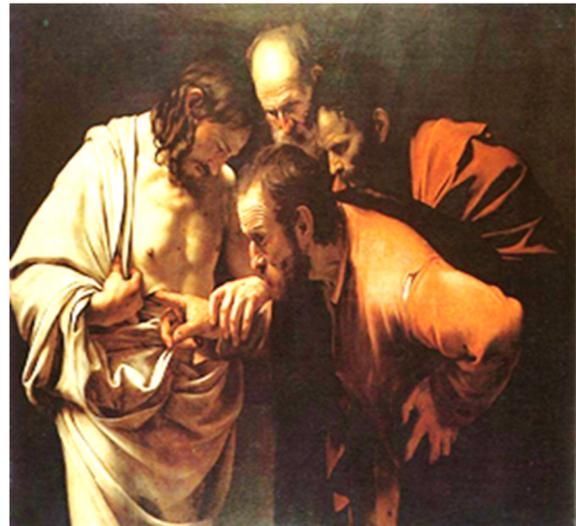
PARISH NOTICES

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.

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.

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.

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**.



'My Lord and my God!'

**Happy are those who have
not seen and yet believe.**

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

POSITION VACANT:

Young Christian Students Worker (Full-Time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – **Applications close Monday, 30 April.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

'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.

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.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: In many places religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit : www.aidtochurch.org/sisters.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD HEALING AFTER ABORTION RETREAT — 30 APRIL–2 MAY:

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held on 30 April to 2 May. Rachel's Vineyard has created a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. To enquire about these programs, call their confidential number (voice mail): 0400 092 555 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

MADONNA MAGAZINE – A GIFT OF SPIRITUAL SUSTENANCE THAT LASTS A WHOLE YEAR:

Madonna magazine, published by Jesuit Communications, is an ideal spiritual companion – containing daily prayers, deep reflections and faith-focused articles. We invite you to subscribe or consider taking out a gift subscription for a loved one for only \$53.00 a year. You can find out more about *Madonna*, how to subscribe, purchase a gift subscription or donate a subscription on the website: www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions.