

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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## **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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**17 & 18 April 2021**  
**3rd 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:**

Violette Achkar, Phil, William Tuikalepa, Ivan Park, Greg Borzycki, Lusia Tui Simete, Selafina Tufele Paagalua, Telesia Mailehako

### **Anniversaries:**

Max Lane, Joan Turner, Palatina Faupala Falelavaki, Fabiola Lavasele Pool, Ferruccio Palombit, Josephine Meli, Amelia D'Silva, Roque Collea, Paula Attard

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Nada & John Achkar, Members of the Bongco Family, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Hanna & Majed Families, Semaan & Soussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Sarkis & Haney Karom, Leahakitaua Keletaona & 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

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B



#### 1ST READING: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 4:2, 4, 7, 9

**Response:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and  
hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom  
he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: 1 JOHN 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. John

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 24:32

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

#### Alleluia!

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

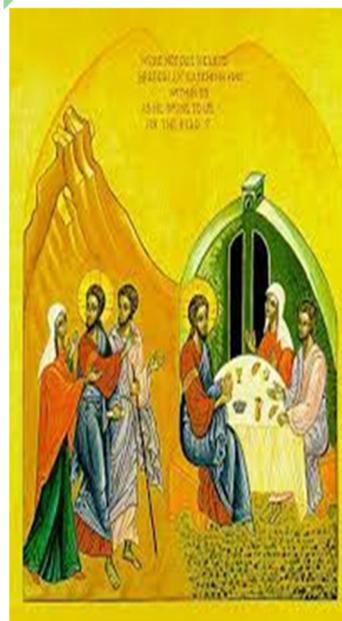
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**The disciples  
told their story of  
what happened  
on the road  
and how they  
had recognised  
Jesus at the  
breaking of  
bread.**

*How do I share  
my story of Jesus  
and how I  
recognise him in  
the breaking of  
the bread?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**HOLY LAND 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.

**“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.

**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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**POSITION VACANT:**  
Young Christian Students Worker (Full-Time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – **Applications close Monday, 30 April.**  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au).

**‘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](http://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.

## DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

**PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK OCEANIA WEBINAR — 20 APRIL:** The Pastoral Ministry Network, formerly NAPPA, is hosting an online Oceania webinar on 'Parishes and Schools: One Community in Christ' on Tuesday, 20 April from 11:00am to 12:15pm AEST. The webinar will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ. To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20>.

**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](mailto:Christopher.Del-Rosario@parracatholic.org). For further information, please visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellsfstpatricks/>.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE:** Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact House of Welcome on [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or 9727.9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto:foodbank@jrs.org.au) or 9098 9336.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org).

**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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/sisters).

**MT. SCHOENSTATT SPIRITUALITY CENTRE IS TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2021:** As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt. Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call 4773.8338, email [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or visit [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call 8838.3460.

### POSITION VACANT:

Acting Assistant Principal Religious Education – St. Paul's Catholic Primary School, Northcliff, Northern Territory – **Applications close 4:00pm 26 April 2021. For more details, please visit:** <https://www.ceont.catholic.edu.au/employment/career-opportunities/>.

**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](http://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](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions).

**BECOME LIKE WATER 6-DAY RETREAT - 23–29 APRIL:** St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, is hosting a 6-day retreat and prayer weekend from 23 to 29 April. This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us. The 6-day retreat is \$870.00, with the prayer weekend of 23-25 April \$290.00. **For more information, and to register, call:** 4630.0233, email: [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) or visit: [www.towerstreat.org.au](http://www.towerstreat.org.au).

**SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH PRAYER COMPANION PROGRAM:** Are you thinking about your future life as a woman? Are you searching for God's Will? The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a prayer companion program beginning Friday, 23 April at 7:00pm. You can request a sister to pray for you every day through the intercession of our Mother Foundress. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Sr. Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com).