

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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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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**24 & 25 April 2021  
4th 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.**

## **Anzac Day, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Last Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, announced a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. This announcement, some days before the national commemoration of Anzac Day, is welcome news, primarily to those families who have suffered the loss of loved ones due to suicide associated with defence service. The Prime Minister said:

"The death of any Australian Defence Force member or veteran is one death too many and a tragedy that is deeply felt by all Australians. Tragically, and heartbreakingly, this includes death by suicide. Recognising this, the Government will take the step of recommending to the Governor-General the establishment of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide, following a period of consultation on draft Terms of Reference, with the relevant community and state and territory governments. Suicide prevention is a key priority for the Federal Government. We have always recognised that the rate of suicide of Australian Defence Force members and veterans is unacceptably high. In recognising the sacrifices made by our serving and former members and their families on behalf of the nation, we owe it to members, veterans and their families to continue to take action."

For people of faith, now joyfully celebrating the Risen Jesus, who conquered death once and for all (Rom 6:9), death is met with courage and faith as well as grief, sorrow and sometimes anger. From the earliest times, Christians have not run away from death but have faced it head on. This in turn has shaped our funeral liturgies over the centuries praying for the deceased that God will be merciful in judgement and that those who mourn are consoled by the grace of God's loving embrace. Although suicide, however it comes about, is more confronting and in many ways inexplicable, it exposes another layer of grief and bewilderment if it is associated with defence service personnel, each one being willing to make the ultimate sacrifice: death in defence of one's country.

As a community of faith, we should pray for those serving or veteran defence personnel who have suicided, for their families and friends, and for the success of the Royal Commission. We pray that, among other achievements, it will help bring healing to hurting families.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B



### 1ST READING: ACTS 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**PS 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**

**Response:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **R.**

### 2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what  
we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been  
revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like  
him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for  
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by

my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**I am the  
Good Shepherd.**

**I know my own  
and my own  
know me.**

**And I lay down  
my life for my  
sheep.**

## 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

**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.

**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.**

**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.

## 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:

Susana Tupou, Violette Achkar, Phil, William Tuikalepa, Ivan Park, Greg Borzychi, Lusua Tui Simete, Selafina Tufele Paagalua, Telesia Mailehako

### Anniversaries:

Annie Josephine Badcock, Max Lane, Joan Turner, Palatina Faupala Falelavaki, Fabiola Lavasele Pooi, Ferruccio Palombit, Josephine Meli, Amelia D’Silva, Roque Collea

### Deceased:

Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kunitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Fuka Holeva Leone & Family, Nada & John Achkar, Members of the Bongco Family, Les Romero & Family, McQuillan Family, Semaan & Soussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Sarkis & Haney Karom, Leahakitaua Keletaona & Family, Holy Souls in Purgatory

## 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)

### 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

**CATHOLICCARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOUR AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

**INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** The Diocese of Parramatta is launching new online Safeguarding training for all parish staff and volunteers. Zoom sessions to introduce the training will be held 2:00pm-3:00pm on 28 April or 5 May. More information to follow or email Sonia Fingleton at the Diocese at [Sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org).

**PALMS AUSTRALIA – REACH BEYOND - VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER POSITION - ASSISTING POVERTY REDUCTION (15 HOURS PER WEEK):** Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. This is a great opportunity to make a difference from within their Petersham North office, where a small wonderful and hospitable Palms Australia team will make you feel very welcome. If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. [roger@palms.org.au](mailto:roger@palms.org.au) or 9560.5333 in business hours.

**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).



**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).

**GLENBROOK PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT — 12 JUNE:** St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women's retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8:30am to 8:30pm. Registration is \$60.00, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email [beloved2021info@gmail.com](mailto:beloved2021info@gmail.com).

**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).

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN distributes over one million Bibles and religious books thanks to the help of our benefactors every year. Jesus commanded "Go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation." ACN takes this command seriously by spreading the faith through these Children's Bibles. Often in poor countries, the Children's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently, it is the only picture book that they will ever hold. **Visit:** [www.aidtochurch.org/bibles](http://www.aidtochurch.org/bibles).



**ANZAC DAY**

*Lest  
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