

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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**8 & 9 May 2021
6th 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:

Pelenatita Mavaetau Liufau, Kapeliele Taufana, Soane Sevelo Gava, Hamid Chamacham, Magdalena Hamaivao Heafala, Mikaele Valugofulu, Sulieta Fetaulaki, Savelio Felomaki, Margaret Dunn, Gertrude Lucy D'Souza, Susana Tupou, Violette Achkar, Phil

Anniversaries:

Giuseppina Carapella, George Mansour, Annie Josephine Badcock, Max Lane, Joan Turner, Palatina Faupala Falelavaki, Fabiola Lavasele Pooi

Deceased:

Paul Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Fenech Family, Muscat Family, Ausia Tositea Holokaukau & Family, William Tuikalepa, Alice Toiava, Ghasoud & Layla Mardini, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima, Majed & Hanna Families, Kamilo Kalala Gata & Family, Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Fuka Holeva Leone & Family, Nada & John Achkar, Members of the Bongco 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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR B



1ST READING: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 97:1-4

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**



**As the Father has
loved me so I
have loved you.
Remain in my
love.**

**What I command
you, is to love
one another.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people,
let us love one another since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into
the world his only Son so that we could have life
through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for
God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be
the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT: On behalf of the Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, I would like to thank you and your parishioners most sincerely for your generous contribution of \$1,157.35 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2021. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been a particularly difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land and the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody. As with so many around the world, the pain has been on several levels, personal, physical, social, mental and financial. Your contribution will go some way to alleviate this, and for this, we are grateful. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers. **Fr. Mario Debattista ofm, Commissary of the Holy Land — Australia**

“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.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP VINCENT’S PASTORAL LETTER ON THE PROPOSED PARENTAL RIGHTS BILL: Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Head: Formation for Mission – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday, 10 May**

Head: Mission Engagement – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday, 10 May**

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.

CATHOLICARE BLACKTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD 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.

COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email: deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING:

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering best practice in a variety of areas for parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils to serve Christ’s mission. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To share and grow with other parish councils, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ser.ving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or 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.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

'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. **Check it out on:** www.thewell.org.au.

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 (02) 9672.4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au.

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, please contact the House of Welcome on office@houseofwelcome.com.au or 9727.9290 or JRS on foodbank@jrs.org.au or 9098.9336.

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://stpatscathedral.com.au/bellssoftpatricks/>

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*: ACN Australia has just launched its new *Healing the Wounds of Religious Extremism in Africa* Global Campaign. Tragically, Africa is the continent with the highest number of murdered priests, religious and catechists and it is also home to 234 million Catholics. As such, ACN views its task in supporting the Catholic Church there as necessary. To help support our brothers and sisters in Africa visit: www.aidtochurch.org/africa.

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. **More information is available at:** <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

SAVE THE DATE — LAUNCH DATE OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING — 31 JULY: The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday, 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. **Register for free at:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

PALMS AUSTRALIA — REACH BEYOND — SAVE THE DATE! Palms 9th Annual Solidarity Awards — **Special Guest Speaker:** Professor Paul Kelly, Australia's Chief Medical Officer. Professor Paul Kelly is a former Palms participant who undertook a placement as a Medical Officer in Mzuzu, Malawi in the 1990s. Paul will address some of the challenges and complexities of international development during the COVID 19 pandemic. **Sunday, 11 July, 12:00pm to 4:00pm (Including lunch), Mount Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. Early Bird Tickets \$60.00 by 14 May. Visit palms.org.au or call Palms now on 9560.5333 .**

HELPING THE EDUCATION OF PRIESTS IN ROME: Close to the Pope, and experiencing each day the universality of the Church, thousands of seminarians and priests from all over the world are being educated at Pontifical Universities. The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation in Sydney exists to sponsor candidates to study in Rome. To donate or leave a bequest to the foundation, please visit: <http://www.pontifoundation.org.au/> or contact: pontiuni.au@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ENGAGING YOUR FAITH SERIES — 11–31 MAY: The Catholic Theological College is hosting a series of online lectures via Zoom on Engaging Your Faith from 11 to 31 May. The Engaging Your Faith offers short sessions on a variety of topics including: Spirituality, Women in the Early Church and The Eucharist. Sessions are \$20.00 each. Registration is essential via: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=747351&>. For further information, contact Rose Sultana, Academic Records Office on (03) 9412.3307 or rose.sultana@ctc.edu.au.