

# 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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**15 & 16 May 2021**

**The Ascension 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 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:**

Gustravo Spezza, 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

### **Anniversaries:**

Anna Maria D'Souza, Rita Gonsalves, Annie Gonsalves, Valerie Tokotuu, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Kelekolio Tuugahala, Giuseppina Carapella, George Mansour, Annie Josephine Badcock

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak Paul Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Fenech Family, Muscat Family, Ausia Tositea Holokaukau & Family, William Tuikalepa, Alice Toiava, Ghasoud & Layla Mardini, Rima, Majed & Hanna Families, Kamilo Kalala Gata & Family, Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Fuka Holeva Leone & 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 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B



### 1ST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 46:2-3, 6-9

**Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### 2ND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 28:19, 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: MARK 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Jesus said,  
go, make  
disciples of  
all nations,  
and I am with  
you always  
until the end  
of time.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PASTOR'S RETREAT:** I shall be on my annual retreat from 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May. Weekday Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Xua Nguyen. Next weekend, Fr. Julian Wellspring will be here to celebrate the Masses. My thanks to both priests for their assistance in my absence. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL — 29-30 MAY:** Please support our seminarians to answer God's call to the priesthood. At our Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park, young men are training to become future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your caring gift and prayers are needed to support our seminarians to prepare for a life of service to our community. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal giving envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). Thank you for your kind accompaniment.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER:** The new roster for all liturgical ministries has been emailed. There are copies in the Sacristy for those who require a printed copy.

**"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

**UNIT FOR RENT:** Two bedroom modern unit available for rent, ground floor with spacious courtyard. No common walls and access from Guildford Road or Calliope Street. Very handy to St. Patrick's School, Church, station and shops. If interested, please call 0405 113 934.

**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.

**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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**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/>.

**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 mandatory 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).

**CATHOLICCARE 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](mailto: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](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

**ROUSE HILL PARISH MANDARIN MASS — STARTING 20 JUNE:** Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will commence celebrating Masses in Mandarin on the third Sunday of each month, beginning on 20 June at 3:00pm. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 8883.4063 or email: [parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or 9727.9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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).

**SUPPORT MASS FOR YOU AT HOME:** Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6:00am. Can you support the project, through prayers or financial support? Find out more at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au).

**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>

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

**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](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au).

**POSITIONS VACANT:**  
Principal – St. Michael's Primary School, Berwick, Diocese of Sale, Victoria – **Applications close 4:00pm Wednesday, 19 May**  
Principal – St. Vincent de Paul Primary School, Morwell, Diocese of Sale, Victoria – **Applications close 4:00pm Wednesday, 19 May**  
Principal – St. Joseph's Primary School, Warragul, Diocese of Sale, Victoria – **Applications close 4:00pm Wednesday, 19 May**  
For more details, please visit: <https://www.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/work-with-us/positions-vacant>