

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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**21 & 22 August 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—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:

Pastor Peter Chan (Fellowship of Christ Church, Toongabbie), Jack Harb, Lena Spiteri, Marie Hodsdon

Anniversaries:

Clare McMahon

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, 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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B



1ST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2,15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 33:2-3, 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy.

He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF JOHN 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Jesus said to the Twelve,
and says to us today,
'Do you want to go
away too?'
'Lord, who shall we
go to?
You have the message
of eternal life
and we believe.'

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH BULLETIN NOW ONLINE: From this weekend, 21-22 August, the parish bulletin will be available on the parish website. It will follow more or less the same format, news and information as the printed version. Even in non-lockdown times, the weekly bulletin is uploaded to the parish website each week.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE AUSTRALIA has launched a campaign encouraging Catholics to embrace the Church's Season of Creation next month by taking photos of their actions for the environment and publishing them online. The campaign is inspired by the Church's *Laudato Si'* action goals" and in support the Australian Catholic bishops' latest Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. It will see community members take a photo of their actions for the environment – gardens growing, treading gently with resources, being in nature, a place they love – and share on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag, #care4ourcommonhome. Catholic Earthcare will stream the actions being undertaken across schools, parishes and families via its website, to show the collective efforts of the community this Season of Creation, 1 September to 4 October. "Our Catholic Earthcare Australia programs are growing," said Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare Australia Co-ordinator. "Catholic Earthcare schools, youth and parishes and families program are all now active and support our purpose to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The #act4ourcommonhome campaign is a way for the Catholic community to come together as a collective. All of our small actions together will be a powerful response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor," she said. Catholic Earthcare is a program of Caritas Australia. Details: #act4ourcommonhome [Cath News, 19.8.21]

POPE FRANCIS' APPEAL TO GET VACCINATED: Pope Francis has launched a powerful appeal urging people to get vaccinated against COVID-19, calling it "an act of love". He joined those of bishops across North and South America calling on people to get vaccinated. In a video message produced in conjunction with the Ad Council, Pope Francis praised the work of researchers and scientists in producing safe and effective vaccines. "Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. Vaccines bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another". Pope Francis went on to say that getting a COVID jab that is "authorised by the respective authorities" is an "act of love". He said helping others do the same is also an act of love. "Love for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples. Love is also social and political. Small, individual gestures capable of transforming and improving societies. Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable. No matter how small, love is always grand. Small gestures for a better future." [Cath News, 19.8.21 & Vatican News, 18.8.21]

PARISH NOTICES

A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER for COVID-19 is being held all during Sunday, 22nd August, organised by all the Christian Churches across Australia. You can register at the following link if you wish to know more details: Register [here](#) for the National Day of Prayer, and for more information, please visit <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>. **Other links are:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPptgiqYqdY> and <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2021/08/10/national-day-of-prayer/>. Details can also be found on the website of the Parramatta Diocese's *Catholic Outlook* website: <https://catholicoutlook.org/australian-churches-called-to-pray-for-covid-19/>

DONATE TO CARITAS' EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPEAL FOR HAITI: Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal by visiting www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL: Due to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal in-Parish collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting us with a mail and online appeal around the beginning of September. Your thoughtful gift to the Appeal will mean so much to our retired priests who have put the care of others before themselves. For more information on the Clergy Support Foundation's work or to make a kind donation today, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal. Thank you, Clergy Support Foundation Committee

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19.

UPDATE: SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE: During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on 9356.3888 or HoW on 9727.9290.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

'THE WELL' OFFERS SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT DURING LOCKDOWN: Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au.

PARISH ONLINE MINISTRY DURING COVID: There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email met@parracatholic.org.

MANAGE YOUR FERTILITY NATURALLY!: Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? **Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta** might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or visit www.parralmf.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.

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.

PASTORAL FORMATION REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM - BEGINS 24 AUGUST: The Reflective Ministry Program is an online self-paced leadership development program to renew or encourage people in ministry. Produced by the Pastoral Formation team, the program covers biblical spirituality, ministry skilling and pastoral theology. Kick off for the program is 24 August 2021. Express your interest today via <https://tinyurl.com/RMIFM>.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING SESSION - 25 AUGUST: The next Parish, Deanery and Diocesan pastoral council formation and training session will be held on Wednesday, 25 August from 7:30pm to 9:00pm via Zoom. This session will be on Listening to the Hopes, Needs, Ideas and Concerns of Parishioners' and presented by Sr. Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, Chancellor for Ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/erb692mm>. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or call 8838.3441.

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. Find some familiar faces from the Diocese of Parramatta celebrating Mass over the coming weeks. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au.

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED: St. Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on 8861.9777, Harris Park on 8861.9757 and Penrith on 8861.9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>.

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.

ST. MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE OFFERING ONLINE RETREATS: St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is offering a series of online live retreats throughout the month of August. All retreats, ranging from a single day to 5 days, start at 9:00am on the first date and conclude at 5:00pm on the final date and will be presented using Microsoft Teams. For further information or to register for any of the retreats, email contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit <https://towersretreat.org.au/>.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE DAILY SILENT ADORATION LIVESTREAM: From 1 August, the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW, is livestreaming daily silent adoration from 8:45am to 8:45pm on their 'Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney Australia' YouTube Channel. You are free to send prayer requests at any time during the adoration. To tune in, visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFdwfRHPRD95UYnOIFa-IQ>.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ENGAGING YOUR FAITH SERIES - 21 AUGUST–16 SEPTEMBER: The Catholic Theological College is hosting a series of online lectures via Zoom on Engaging Your Faith from 21 August to 16 September. The Engaging Your Faith offers short sessions on a variety of topics including: Meditation and Compassion and Mercy in the Gospel according to Mark. Sessions are \$20.0. each. For more details, and to register, please visit <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>