

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus

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28 & 29 August 2021
22nd 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:

Dorothy Smith, 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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B



1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 14:2-5

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

2ND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JAMES 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

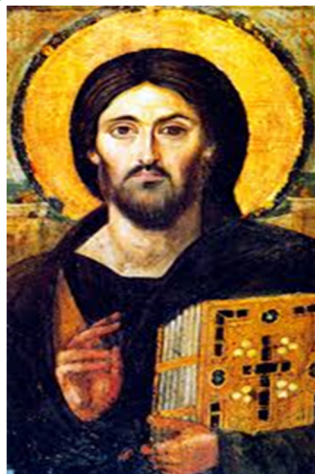
This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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



**O Lord,
you are
good and
forgiving,
full of mercy
to all who call
to you.**

PARISH NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 29 AUGUST: The Australian Catholic Church celebrates Social Justice Sunday on 29 August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. Visit the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace's website, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au, for more information.

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 of 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]

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CARING FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF OUR RETIRED PRIESTS: The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at: parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call 8838.3482.

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION & SEASON OF CREATION: Pope Francis has designated 1 September as the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home on 1 September and during the Season of Creation (1 September–4 October). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation.

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA RESPONDS TO HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN AFGHANISTAN AND LEBANON: In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Please donate to Caritas Australia respond to crises like these by visiting caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021-2022

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In their Social Justice Statement for 2021–22, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, the Australian Catholic Bishops say, “the signs of the times are clear - we know that we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behavior”. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

The Bishops invite us to join them in responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. The Goals are: response to the cry of the earth; response to the cry of the poor; ecological economics; sustainable lifestyles; ecological spirituality; ecological education; and community engagement and participatory action.

Scripture, the theological tradition, Catholic social justice teaching, and the wisdom of the world - including insights of the First Nations - are all placed in dialogue with human experience. Four theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor emerge from this dialogue. They are: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life.

Catholic families, communities and organisations are encouraged to: listen to the First Nations; reflect on the theological foundations offered by the Bishops; and, plan their next steps towards the Laudato Si’ Goals.

PRAYER: CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent, the birdsong less vibrant, the stream’s sluggish ripple.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the soil depleted, the sky smudged, the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by, the women subjected to violence, the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children, the distress of the mentally ill, the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight, to restore our hearing, and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people and peace for creation.

AMEN