

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

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Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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**11 & 12 September 2021
24th 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:

Nicholas Shaw, Aldo Emer, James Saad,
Dorothy Smith, Pastor Peter Chan
(Fellowship of Christ Church, Toongabbie),
Jack Harb, Lena Spiteri, Marie Hodsdon

Anniversaries:

Graeme Mansour, 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B



1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 114:1-6, 8-9

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**



**'Who do
people
say I am?'**

**Jesus says
to us:
'But you, who
do you
say I am?'**

2ND READING: JAMES 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St. James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: GALATIANS 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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



PARISH NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 12 SEPTEMBER: The Parish of Guildford and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY: Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the Clergy Support Foundation can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000.00 as of Thursday, 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call 8838.3482.

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]

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>.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE: A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer (on back page of bulletin) and more.

SIGN THE PETITION TO WELCOME 20,000 REFUGEES FLEEING AFGHANISTAN: In a sign of unity, major Australian church denominations and Christian organisations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. For more information and to sign the petition go to www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta.

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE: The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

ROUSE HILL PARISH MANDARIN MASS - 19 SEPTEMBER: The next Catholic Mass in Mandarin celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be held online on Sunday 19 September at 3:00pm. The Mass will be livestreamed on the parish's Facebook page. The regular Chinese Tea held after Mass is postponed until further notice. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 8883.4063 or email: parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au.

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.

'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. Our latest offerings include videos for the Amoris Laetitia Year of the Family and another inspiring cover from the Good Shepherd Youth Choir. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au.



DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

FAN THE FLAME – TOWARDS PLENARY ASSEMBLY ONE OCTOBER 2021: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' Mark 8:27-35.

There can be no shortcuts, no bypassing the cross or the tomb, to encounter the resurrection. For new life and new hope to emerge, we need to acknowledge that we are a broken, hurt and traumatised Church... by standing in solidarity and compassion with each other, particularly the wounded, the poor and the traumatised. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18*) - www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. Applications close 30 October. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au.

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.

A Prayer

for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Come Holy Spirit, who moved the people
of this land in ages past,
Open our hearts to hear you
and our minds to the message you send.
Breathe your vigour into us, and
launch us into the deep.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and
companion on the road,
Amen.



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parracatholic.org/plenary-2021