

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

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**9 & 10 October 2021
28th 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:

Florita Balmes, Rudolf Fredrich, Gerard Byrne, Gerry Pinto, Alfred Wheeler, Nicholas Shaw, Aldo Emer, James Saad, Dorothy Smith

Anniversaries:

Ron Cartwright, Luerice Gilbert, Robert Dunn, Margaret Wonson, Graeme Mansour

Deceased:

Brett Weldon, 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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: WISDOM 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:12-17

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
G

Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

Show forth your works to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Jesus looks
steadily at
us and
loves us.
He asks us
to trust
him, for
everything is
possible for
God.**

DIOCESAN 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.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK BOOK GIVEAWAY: You have a chance to win one of three copies of "Opening Doors: A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living" by Kevin Treston. 'Opening Doors' has been described 'an easy read that asks hard questions', designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday, 11 October. Enter today via catholicoutlook.org and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.

BIBLICAL-THEOLOGICAL ESSAYS ON THE PANDEMIC: Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr. Joseph (Joe) Lam, Parish Priest of St. Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation*. For over 15 years, Fr. Joe has lectured theology in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Africa, the US and Australia. He has authored six monographs and over 60 peer-reviewed articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish. **Costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage. It can be purchased directly from Fr. Joe. To order a copy, email Fr. Joe at: joseph.lam@parracatholic.org.**

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

POSITIONS VACANT:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
Human Resources Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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 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.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE – WE ARE WITH YOU:

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

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.

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 for 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.

For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai*, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



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. Re-watch our recent podcast with Bishop Richard Umbers about the Catholic perspective on the COVID-19 vaccine. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au.

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 and more.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia: One Million Children Praying the Rosary:* ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on 18 October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: That Catholic Shop is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

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>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE COURSE INFORMATION SESSION - 20 OCTOBER: The Catholic Theological College is offering a six-week intensive course on "Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious Dialogue in Australia" over Zoom in Semester 2 2022. The College is hosting an information session on Wednesday, 20 October from 7:00pm to 7:30pm AEDT, with registration essential at <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/94123333> or <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/94123333>. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments on (03) 9412.3333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au.

THE GLOBAL FOUNDATION ROAD TO ASSISI ROUNDTABLE - 21 OCTOBER: You are invited to The Global Foundation's upcoming 'Road to Assisi' Roundtable, which will be held online on Thursday, 21 October from 5:00pm to 7:00pm AEST. Hosted by Fr. Frank Brennan SJ, the roundtable will speak on climate change and will focus on practical actions which may be undertaken by those taking part. For more information, and to register by 11 October, please contact sg@globalfoundation.org.au.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: All professions and trades are called to assist this mission. **Get Ready to Fly!** Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul. Visit palms.org.au; email: palms@palms.org.au or call Christine 9560.5333.

CARING FOR THE EARTH RETREAT - 29-31 OCTOBER: You are invited to attend a Caring for the Earth retreat at the Guntawang Environmental Bush Retreat in Oakdale, NSW, from 7:00pm Friday, 29 October to 2:00pm Sunday, 31 October. The retreat, 'Quantum Spirit in Creation' will explore the ecological approach, called for by Pope Francis, to transform our way of living in the world. The retreat is \$95.00 for adults. For a camp brochure or enquiries, visit www.guntawang.org.au or contact Br. Frank Richardson fms on 0429 595 231 or antiphon1@gmail.com.

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 October. All retreats, ranging from a single day to 5 days, start at 10:30am on the first date and conclude at 7:00pm prayer gathering and will be presented using Microsoft Teams. Bookings are now open for two residential retreats in November. For further information or to register for any of the retreats, email contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit <https://towersretreat.org.au/>.