

# 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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**30 & 31 October 2021  
31st 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:

Mary Catherine (Mollie) McGuinn, Fr. Renato Paras (Emeritus Parish Priest, St. Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill), Florita Balmes, Rudolf Friedrich

### Anniversaries:

Eileen Crowley, Veselko Luburic, Fr. Louis J. Breslan, Tomazia & Joao Alves, Ron Cartwright

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Fenech Family, Paul Muscat, Norma Abdelmasseih, Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Hanna & Majed Families, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Alves, Moniz & Wager Families, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Hanna Family, Antoun & Odette Chabchoul, Simon & Sussane Yazbeck, 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

### 31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



#### 1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 17:2-4, 47, 51

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: HEBREWS 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

#### THE GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**Jesus calls us to love God with  
all our heart, soul, mind and  
strength and to love our  
neighbour as ourselves.**

**Love is the very essence of the  
Christian faith.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**REQUIEM MASS:** A Requiem Mass for Mary Catherine (Mollie) McGuinn will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 2 November at 11:30am.**

**ALL SAINTS (MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER) AND ALL SOULS (TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER):** There will be no Mass in the Church for All Saints as it falls on a Monday this year. While there will be no Mass specifically for All Souls on Tuesday, you are welcome to attend the Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Catherine (Mollie) McGuinn on Tuesday at 11:30am in the Church. On your behalf, I extend our sympathy and prayers to Sue Both (daughter) and family on her mother's death. ~ **Fr. Peter Blayney**

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL TIME TO PRAY FOR THE DEAD:** During the month of November we remember, pray and offer Masses for members of our family and friends who have died and indeed all the faithful departed. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. The names of those who have been remembered in the November Masses will be placed in front of the altar.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER:** The Altar Society Roster for October 2021 to March 2022 is now available for collection from the Sacristy.

**"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**

**PLANNED GIVING OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The Planned Giving Offering envelopes for the 2021/2022 financial year are available in the foyer of the Church for those parishioners who contribute. If any parishioner would like to contribute, please contact the parish office during office hours and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

**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

**FATHER RENATO PARAS RIP:** One of the Diocese's longest serving Filipino priests died on Tuesday, 26 October, aged 83. He was formerly Pastor of St. Aidan's, Rooty Hill, before his retirement. His Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown, on Thursday, 4 November at 11:00am. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

**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

**DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE:** As NSW reaches its 80% double dose vaccination target, parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19).

**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. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit: [parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/](https://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development.

**FERTILITY AWARENESS ONLINE EVENING - 17 NOVEMBER:** Are you looking for answers to infertility? On Wednesday, 17 November at 7:30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Vinetta Lobo, a certified FertilityCare Practitioner will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can assess and evaluate your current fertility status and treat infertility. To register, or for more information, please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org).

**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](https://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on 9356.3888 or HoW on 9727.9290.

## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

**As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.  
Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023



## THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL 2021 (NSW)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (NSW), will begin to be debated in NSW Parliament as early as 12 November 2021.

We know how much laws that authorise the killing of patients by their doctors, or sanction the assistance of patient suicides undermine the dignity of the human person and put the vulnerable at risk. The Archdiocese of Sydney has led a campaign against the Bill, which we in the Diocese of Parramatta fully support. Given the vote in the Legislative Assembly of the NSW Parliament will be very tight, every parliamentarian's vote will make a difference.

Two MPs who have not declared how they will vote are based in the Diocese of Parramatta.

I ask you and your parishioners to let them know our concerns about the Bill.

I enclose a flyer which I encourage you to distribute to your parishioners, as a handout and in your online parish communications. The flyer outlines areas of particular concern with the Bill. You may also wish to speak to it in your Masses.

Different MPs will be influenced by different voices, but we know that many of them take special notice of the views of doctors or lawyers. If you have any doctors, nurses or other medical professionals or lawyers in your parish who would be willing to speak with their MPs, please invite them to do so.

We also know that MPs listen to the views of their electorates and so it is vital the Catholic community in these electorates are encouraged to phone their local member and express their concerns about the Bill.

The relevant MPs and contact details are:

Mr. Geoff Lee, Liberal Party, Member for Parramatta Telephone: (02) 9891.4722 Email: [parramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:parramatta@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Mr. Stuart Ayres, Liberal Party, Member for Penrith Telephone: (02) 4722.8660 Email: [penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

There is also a website with more information about contacting local MPs at [bit.ly/noeuthanasia-signup](https://bit.ly/noeuthanasia-signup).

Together I hope we can show our local parliamentarians why this Bill should not become law.

Yours in Christ

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
Bishop of Parramatta