

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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6 & 7 November 2021

32nd 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:

Leo Hodges, Deacon Owen Rogers (Assistant Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook), Mary Spiteri, 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:

During the month of November, only Recently Deceased and Anniversaries will be listed.



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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B



1ST READING: 1 KINGS 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 145:7-10

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself.

Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**'This poor widow
has put in
everything she
possessed.'**

**Happy the poor
in spirit, the
kingdom of
heaven is theirs.**

***What am I
willing to give
to the Lord?***

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S LEAVE: I am taking a break over the next two weeks or so. During my absence, the Redemptorist Fathers will be supplying on the weekends. Weekday Masses will be celebrated by the priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please make these priests welcome. I am grateful for their generosity and service to the parish community.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney



NOVEMBER MASSES FOR DECEASED - 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.

"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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased.** Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

INVITATIONS ARE OPEN TO JOIN THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL: Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is inviting parishioners across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to apply for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone in your parish that would be a wonderful candidate, apply today by visiting parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/. **Applications close:** Monday, 15 November.

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.

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/ 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.

POSITIONS VACANT:
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More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

'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.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL IS OPEN: The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

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

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

There is also a website with more information about contacting local MPs at 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