

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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**27 & 28 November 2021
1st Sunday of Advent — Year C**

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:

Gerard Wall, Frank Oliver, Bishop Bill Wright (Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle), Murray Thorn, Purificacion Sumagui, Leo Hodges, Deacon Owen Rogers (Assistant Deacon at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook), Mary Spiteri

Anniversaries:

Carmen Desira, Wadih Tannous, Ernest Bernhard Dorn, Ian Lane, Amelia & Sebastian D'Silva, John D'Silva, Michael D'Silva

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 - 4:2

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PS 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

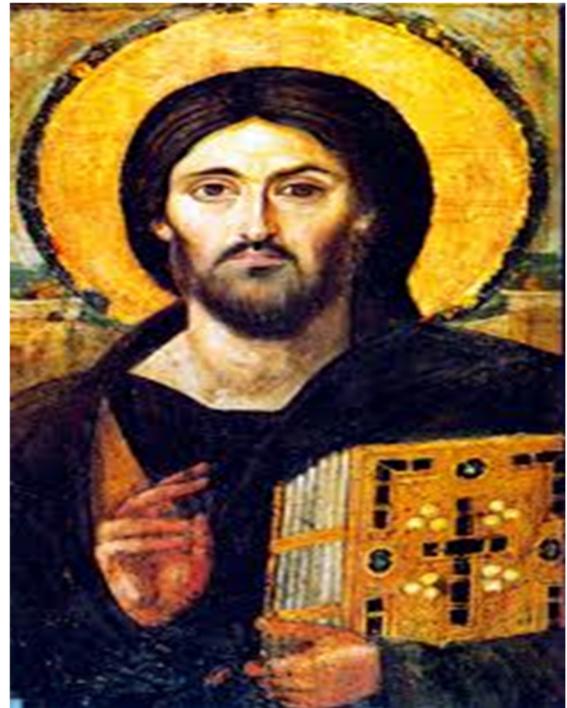
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



*Jesus said to his disciples
and says to us:
'Stay awake!'*

*'Your liberation is
near at hand.'*

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL – 27-28 NOVEMBER: No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. **Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.**

MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Once again Christmas is almost here, and as always, it is a special time for families. This, therefore, is your opportunity to help others in our parish who are in need. One way is by bringing food donations to Mass during Advent and placing them in the baskets under the statue of the Sacred Heart. Some examples of food items are: weet-bix, long life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables/soup, spaghetti, jam, honey, coffee, tea, sugar, etc. Please check that the items you donate are in date. Due to health regulations please **NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS OR TRACES OF NUTS.**

"The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you" (Luke 1:28).

FUNERAL FOR FRANK OLIVER: The funeral for Frank Oliver will be held on **Friday, 3 December at 11:00am** at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.

"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

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.

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

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 (9632.2672) and a set of envelopes can be arranged for you.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS 2022 - 11 FEBRUARY 2022: The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General Fr. Peter Williams and clergy of the Diocese on 11 February 2022 at 11:00am at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown. The Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated and will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick and prayer of blessing for all carers. Refreshments will be available after Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or 8838 3456.

RCIA LENTEN SEMINAR 2022 - 16 AND 23 FEBRUARY 2022: The Office for Worship will be conducting an RCIA Lenten Seminar early next year on Wednesday nights of 16 and 23 February for RCIA Co-Ordinators and teams. This seminar will focus on the understanding of Lent and will take a closer look at the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838.3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

VALE DEACON OWEN ROGERS: A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Owen Rogers was celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish, Cranebrook on Friday, 12 November. Born on 19 June 1941 and ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 5 December 2009, Deacon Owen served in ministry for 12 years. He died on 2 November 2021, aged 80. **Read more at:** <https://bit.ly/deaconowenCO>.

GLENBROOK PARISH ADVENT REFLECTION DAY — 4 DECEMBER 2021: You are invited to join the parish of St. Finbar's, Glenbrook, for their Advent Retreat on Saturday, 4 December from 10:30am to 4:00pm, followed by Vigil Mass at 5:30pm. The Retreat will reflect on the birth of Jesus, but also on being in touch with God through reflection on creation. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The retreat will be \$5.00 per person. For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Monday, 29 November to secretary@stfinbars.org.au.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022: The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838.3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>.

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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES: Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call 8838.3460.

POSITION VACANT: The Patrician Brothers' Community Fairfield is seeking the services of a **COOK** commencing in February 2022. This position is for 4 afternoons per week: Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday and Thursday. **Commencing Time:** 3:30pm. **Finishing Time:** 6:30pm. If interested please submit a Resume stating all your particulars and cooking experience to: **Brother Thomas Rice** (Community Leader), Patrician Brothers' Monastery, P.O. Box 980, Fairfield NSW 1860 OR thomasricefp@gmail.com OR you may contact him personally on 0432 751 384 to arrange an appointment/interview. **All applications close on Friday, 10 December 2021. COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS ARE MANDATORY FOR THIS POSITION.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and **to make a donation please visit:** www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - JOB VACANCIES: Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part-time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese. **For all details visit:** www.aidtochurch.org/work.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED — CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE: Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue** of *That Catholic Shop* are available at the back of the Church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. **You can also visit:** www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the range and order online.

INTERCULTURAL CHRISTMAS ALBUM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOUSE OF WELCOME: A new CD featuring classic Christmas songs in eight languages from the Asia Pacific – Samoan, Filipino, Fijian, Tamil, Tongan, Mandarin, Indonesian and Japanese is raising money for the House of Welcome in the Diocese of Parramatta. **Find how to order at:** linktr.ee/SoundsChristmasAsiaPacific.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – GLOBAL GIFTS: End Poverty – Promote Justice – Uphold Dignity. You can make a **big difference** to the lives of people experiencing poverty. When you buy a Global Gift, your loved one gets a special card and you help raise much-needed funds for vulnerable communities around the world. Help mothers, families and communities thrive this Christmas. Global Gift Christmas cards can be ordered online at www.globalgifts.org.au or by calling the Caritas Supporter Care team on 1800 024 413. Order forms are also available at the back of the Church.