

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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1 & 2 January 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord — 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:

Suzanne Ikeda, Joe Remaili, James Sebastio, Maria Lourdes Alves, Toni O'Keefe, Shane Vaz, Sophie Peacock, Tina Lupeli Sio

Anniversaries:

Cresencia Elicot-Onez, Dante Letta, Serafina Letta, Dora & Pasquale Palerma, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Alberto Ramundi, Logalei Pakihimailagi Siale

Deceased:

Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros, Mary Jane Axiak, Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Rev. Fr. Brian Maher, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Evette & Emile Tayoun, Edgar Montclar, Holy Souls in Purgatory



Mass Intentions

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
 to a king's son your justice,
 that he may judge your people in justice
 and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
 and peace till the moon fails.
 He shall rule from sea to sea,
 from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
 shall pay him tribute.
 The kings of Sheba and Seba
 shall bring him gifts.
 Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
 all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
 and the needy who are helpless.
 He will have pity on the weak
 and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

2ND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
 and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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



**They offered
 him gifts
 of gold,
 frankincense
 and myrrh.**

**What gifts
 do I
 offer Jesus?**

PARISH NOTICES

“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

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.

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.

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

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2021-2023 - DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA RESPONSE: Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to participate in the Synod of Bishops by responding to his call for a ‘Listening Church’. The first step for Australian Catholics is participation in a discernment process, whereby they consider their thoughts individually or in groups of family and friends. There are resources to help them do this at the website we have created for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta which can be found at the link bit.ly/synod2023. Parishioners can then upload their responses onto a portal operated by the ACBC. Responses will be accepted up until **27 February 2022**.

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS — 3 FEBRUARY 2022: The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday, 3 February at St. Patrick’s Cathedral at 7:00pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to 8839.8400.

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.

ARABIC MASS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE: There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated every Sunday at 7:15pm in St. Michael’s Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr. Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated on 26 December, and then will resume after the Christmas and New Year break on Sunday, 23 January 2022. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9622.1125.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL WILL REOPEN IN 2022: The office of the Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta will be unattended from 23 December 2021 until 16 January 2022. The Tribunal remains committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Should you wish to contact the office during this time, you are welcome to leave a message on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org and they will be attended to when the office re-opens.

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.

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.

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.

MALTESE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NSW - AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION: **Date:** Saturday, 22 January 2022. **Time:** 3:00pm to 5:00pm. **Place:** Holroyd Centre, 17 Miller Street, Merrylands. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All welcome to join the Maltese community to celebrate Australia Day.

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



**DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA**

AD CLERUM

14 December 2021

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Dear Fathers, Deacons and Seminarians

On 20 March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv.

From 15 December 2021 this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Very Rev. Peter G. Williams
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia