

# 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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**4 & 5 December 2021  
2nd 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:**

Setino Siuly, Makalio Lolokakala, Anna Alikagalelei, Malia Tupou Foliaki, Gerard Wall, Frank Oliver, Bishop Bill Wright (Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle), Murray Thorn, Purificacion Sumagui

### **Anniversaries:**

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

### **Deceased:**

Mary Jane Axiak, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries, Hanna & Majed Families, Deceased Members of the Palmano, Palombit, Dimichiel & Skordilis Families, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, Maria & Frank Bova, Josephine & Vince Meli, Ivy Rice, Albert Vella, Xuereb Family, Muscat Family, Bernard Colecliffe, Joana da Conceicao, Maria de Fatima Conceicao, 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

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: BARUCH 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125

**Response:** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.

God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1- 6

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**A voice cries  
in the  
wilderness:  
Prepare a way  
for the Lord.**

*How do I  
prepare a way  
for the Lord?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS:** There will be no Mass in the Church on Friday, 10 December due to the School Mass being celebrated in the Hall at 9:00am. Due to restrictions still in place on school grounds, no parents or others are permitted to attend.

**BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** 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 online at:** [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://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).

**"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.

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, GUILDFORD

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2021

##### Christmas Eve - Friday, 24 December

5:30pm Vigil Mass

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MIDNIGHT MASS**

##### Christmas Day - Saturday, 25 December

8:00am and 10:00am

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Saturday 18 December  
9:30am-11:30am

**CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2021 TO SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022.**

**NO WEEKDAY MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE OR CONFESSIONS BETWEEN MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2021 AND SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022.**

**NORMAL MASS TIMETABLE RESUMES AT 5:30PM ON SATURDAY, 1 JANUARY 2022.**

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS – HAVE YOUR SAY:** What would you say to Pope Francis if you had 10 minutes? Catholics across the world are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops. Find out how to send your message at: [parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops](http://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops).

**WEEKLY 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. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9622.1125.

## 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

**BLUE MOUNTAINS EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA 2022 - 2-3 JANUARY 2022:** Celebrate the Christmas season with a two-day pilgrimage and fiesta! Choose from a classic pilgrimage experience or family adventure pilgrimage on Sunday, 2 January then join the family-friendly festivities at St. Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook including Mass, a festive meal and children's movie night. Stay overnight at St. Finbar's, then continue the celebrations on Monday, 3 January with a morning pilgrimage and Mass in the bush. For more information and to register visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org).

**ROUSE HILL PARISH CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAWN MASSES - FROM 16 DECEMBER:** This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses leading up to Christmas. Commencing on 16 December, they will be celebrated at 5:00am. Bookings are NOT required. For details, please contact the parish on [rousehill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rousehill@parracatholic.org) or 8883.4063.

**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](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org) or 8838.3456.

**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 [thomasricefsp@gmail.com](mailto:thomasricefsp@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.**

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA** warmly invites you and your family to join them at their special interfaith Christmas Remembrance Service to remember those we have lost during 2021 and past years. **Sunday, 12 December 2021 — 7:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.** Presided by Bishop Terence Brady with live music performances. After the service, please join them to view the Lights of Christmas. All visitors to the Cathedral must check in with a QR Code and wear a mask. If you are unable to attend, please join the Livestream from St. Mary's Cathedral at: [www.catholiccemeteries.com.au](http://www.catholiccemeteries.com.au).

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA ADVENT RESOURCES:** Caritas Australia's Advent resources for 2021 are now available at: <http://www.caritas.org.au/advent>.