

# Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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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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**11 & 12 December 2021  
3rd 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)

### **Anniversaries:**

Alberto Ramundi, Logalei Pakihimailagi Siale, John & Dean Lane, Carmen Desira, Wadih Tannous

### **Deceased:**

Evette & Emile Tayoun, Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries, Hanna & Majed Families, Deceased Members of the Palmano, Palombit, Dimichiel & Skordilis Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Deceased Members of the Gonsalves Family, 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

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ISAIAH 12:2-6

**Response:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among  
you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;  
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your  
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very  
near. There is no need to worry; but if there is  
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we can understand, will  
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ISAIAH 61:1 (LUKE 4:18)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

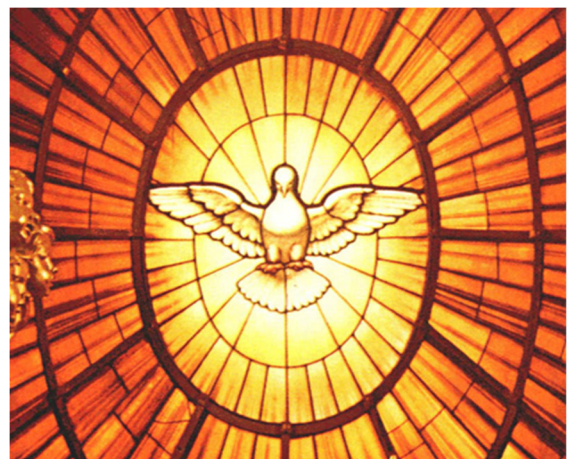
### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?'  
he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share  
with the man who has none, and the one with  
something to eat must do the same.' There were tax  
collectors too who came for baptism, and these said  
to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them,  
'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked  
him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'  
He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion!  
Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people,  
who were beginning to think that John might be the  
Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise  
you with water, but someone is coming, someone who  
is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo  
the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand  
to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat  
into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will  
never go out.' As well as this, there were many other  
things he said to exhort the people and to announce  
the Good News to them.

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



**He will baptise you with the  
Holy Spirit and fire.**

*How do I live my baptism  
each day?*

## PARISH NOTICES

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION — 5:30PM — SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2021:** Next week at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass a small number of children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for parishioners who would like to make a Christmas offering.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA AMBASSADOR:** Caritas Australia (Project Compassion during Lent etc.) is looking for a person to be its representative in our parish. **In this role, you would be committed to:**

- The mission of Caritas Australia (CA) in our quest to end poverty and injustice through the realisation of human dignity for all people.
- The principles of Catholic Social Teaching which underpin our work, such as dignity of the human person and the common good.
- Our Code of Conduct which outlines the professional behaviour that is expected of me.
- The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in line with laws, standards and Caritas Australia's policies and procedures.

**In this role, CA is asking you to:**

- Speak at Parish Masses during Lent about the annual Caritas Project Compassion campaign using provided materials.
- Connect with schools in the parish to encourage them to register for online Caritas Conversations and use the Caritas Justice Resources.

**For this role, Caritas will:**

- Connect you to our International program staff through online events, so you can engage with the Project Compassion stories.
- Connect you into a local network of other Caritas Ambassadors.
- Provide a Caritas welcoming and commissioning ceremony and provide resources for your local parish to do the same. If you are interested in this role, please see me or Sr. Helen. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**“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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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).

**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.

**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.**

## 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

### CHRISTMAS MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Christmas Mass and Reconciliation Times from parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are available now on our Diocesan website ([www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)), on Catholic Outlook ([www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org)) and on our Diocesan social media channels. Merry Christmas from the Diocese of Parramatta.

### 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).

### 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.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA ADVENT RESOURCES:

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

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CATHOLIC-CARE'S HOUSES TO HOMES:

Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support over the last few weeks for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your donation will help CatholicCare's Houses to Homes to provide a loving sanctuary for young mothers in crisis. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. **For anyone who hasn't had a chance to donate, please visit:** [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

### 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.

### 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](http://linktr.ee/SoundsChristmasAsiaPacific).

### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: A message from

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** This month can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi? Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. **Visit:** [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject).