

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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**18 & 19 December 2021
4th 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:

Joe Remaili, James Sebastio, Maria Lourdes Alves, Toni O'Keefe, Shane Vaz, Sophie Peacock, Tina Lupeli Sio, Setino Siuly, Makalio Lolokakala, Anna Alikiagalelei, Malia Tupou Foliaki, Gerard Wall, Frank Oliver

Anniversaries:

Dante Letta, Serafina Letta, Dora & Pasquale Palerma, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Alberto Ramundi, Logalei Pakihimailagi Siale, John & Dean Lane

Deceased:

Rev. Fr. Brian Maher, Mary Jane Axiak, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Hanna & Majed Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, Evette & Emile Tayoun, Edgar Montclar, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary and Auxiliaries, Deceased Members of the Palmano, Palombit, Dimichiel & Skordilis Families, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, 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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C



1ST READING: MICAH 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel;

his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

2ND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Mary said:
I am the servant
of the Lord.**

How do I serve the Lord?

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME BISHOP VINCENT: Thank you for coming to our Parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young parishioners. It is good to have you among us. Know that you are remembered in our prayers. Thank you for your ministry in our Diocese.

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

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.

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

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 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.

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 NOTICE



*DIOCESE of
PARRAMATTA*

AD CLERUM

14 December 2021

AC 8/21

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