

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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25 & 26 December 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — 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, Setino Siuly, Makalio Lolokakala, Anna Alikigalelei, Malia Tupou Foliaki

Anniversaries:

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

Deceased:

Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Rev. Fr. Brian Maher, 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



1ST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Response: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF ACTS 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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



**Loving God,
help us to live as
the holy family,
united in respect
and love for
all people.**

**May we always
be thankful.**

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@stpatricscathedral.com.au or by phone to 8839.8400.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP VINCENT’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2021: It can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIXRo4-gB3M> or <https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-christmas-message-2021/>.

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.

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.

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.

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

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