

# 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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**8 & 9 January 2022  
The Baptism 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:**

Chris Watson, Patricia McCusker, Peter Palombit, Maria Luca, Suzanne Ikeda, Joe Remaili, James Sebastio, Maria Lourdes Alves, Toni O'Keefe, Shane Vaz, Sophie Peacock, Tina Lupeli Sio

### **Anniversaries:**

Bill Higgins, Edgar Montclar, Selafina Fiafisi Talalua, Maria Palombit, Cresencia Elicot-Onez, Dante Letta, Serafina Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili

### **Deceased:**

Michael Grima, Ellen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros, Les Romero, McQuillan Family, Rev. Fr. Brian Maher, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Joseph Kusitino Tukana, 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**PS 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30**

**Response:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

### 2ND READING: TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions;

we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 3:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**You are my Son  
the Beloved;  
my favour rests  
on you.**

**Loving God,  
keep us,  
born of water and  
the spirit,  
faithful to our  
calling.**

## 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](http://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](mailto:mili@stpatricscathedral.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](mailto: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 RE-OPEN IN 2022:** The office of the Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta will re-open on 17 January. The Tribunal remains committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. If you wish to contact the office before 17 January, you are welcome to leave a message on 8838.3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call 8838.3460.

**MASS IN MANDARIN:** You are welcome to join the Mass in Mandarin every third Sunday in Our Lady of Angels. Details are as follows: **Time:** 3:00pm. **Date:** Sunday, 16 January. **Venue:** 1 Wellgate Avenue, Corner Withers Road, Kellyville. Or live-stream on Facebook of Our Lady of Angels. Afternoon Tea after Mass.

**MALTESE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF NSW - AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION — CANCELLED:** The Maltese Community Council of NSW has decided to cancel the Australia Day Celebration on Saturday, 22 January in the best interest of the guests for health and safety reasons in light of the growing number of COVID-19 cases in NSW.

## 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