

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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22 & 23 January 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 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:

Maga Jihad, Roy Norris, Nina Cini, Paula Fulilagi, Soane Patita Ulutuipalelei, Siolesio Pagatele, Nelia De Araujo Miranda, Chris Watson, Patricia McCusker, Peter Palombit, Maria Luca

Anniversaries:

Matthew Lane, Nunzia D'Elia, Foliaki Folautanoa, Avina Hafuni, Michael & Valentine Chidiac, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noleen & Michael Remaili, Bill Higgins, Edgar Montclar, Selafina Fiafisi Talalua, Maria Palombit, Crescencia Elicot-Onez

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Pelenatino Sione, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Helena Polutele Hakula & Family, Michael Grima, Ellen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Hanna & Majed Families, Taleb, Rose & Joe Nasr, Boutros, Annie & George Boutros, 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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 18:8-10, 15

Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
 it revives the soul.
 The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
 it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
 they gladden the heart.
 The command of the Lord is clear,
 it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
 abiding for ever.
 The decrees of the Lord are truth
 and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
 the thoughts of my heart,
 win favour in your sight, O Lord,
 my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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



The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor.

PARISH NOTICES

REQUIEM MASS: A Requiem Mass for Roy Norris will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Thursday, 27 January at 9:15am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

BECOME A CATECHIST — AN SRE VOLUNTEER! WHO? ME? YES ... WHY NOT YOU? IF NOT YOU ... THEN WHO? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *Guildford Public and Guildford West* state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 - admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on 0412 893 847 or tassm@optusnet.com.au.

"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

POSITION VACANT:

Pastoral Formation Facilitator - In this full-time role you will be supporting Catholic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close 31 January 2022. For a job description go to: catholicoutlook.org/were-hiring-pastoral-formation-facilitator/ or email Deeanne Martin at: parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP COURSE –

29 JANUARY 2022: A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. It is a year-long journey with the first Leaders' Summit to be held on Saturday, 29 January 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/ or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org.

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

AUSTRALIA: As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit www.aidtochurch.org.

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

Let us pray

God of this new year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring to us or how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all of life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows, particularly during this time of pandemic. Thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that you are walking through the day with us. Thank you for the gift of Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother; woman of faith and model of hope. Loving God, we praise you and pray in the power of the Spirit, through Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within us until we can taste the tears of our brothers and sisters. [2 Cor 1:3-7]

May we awake each morning with thank you on our lips and in our hearts, recognising that all is gift, that all is blessing. [Ps 138:1]

May our friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as we struggle to find our way in this new year. [Jn 21:15-19]