

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

**29 & 30 January 2022
4th 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:

Mary Bresnahan, Maketalena Pelo, 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:

Sitalei Hakula, Matthew Lane, Nunzia D'Elia, Foliaki Folautanoa, Avina Hafuni, Michael & Valentine Chidiac, Joao & Tomazia Alves, Noeleen & Michael Remaili, Bill Higgins, Edgar Montclar, Selafina Fiafisi Talalua, Maria Palombit

Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, Maron, Hanna, Boutros & Majed Families, Pelenatino Sione, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Helena Polutele Hakula & Family, Michael Grima, Ellen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Hanna & Majed 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 IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 70:1-6, 15, 17

Response: I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
in your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face.

The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Jesus said:

"I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country."

PARISH NOTICES

PASTOR'S ABSENCE: I'll be away from Friday, 28 January for two weeks to undertake some Tribunal work in Lismore, northern NSW. Please welcome and thank the Cathedral priests for celebrating weekday Masses and Fr. John Boyle for covering for the weekends. ~ **Fr. Peter Blayney**

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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS 2022: The World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February 2022 at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown has now been cancelled.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEAST DAY MASS - 8 FEBRUARY: Join us for the livestream as Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv celebrates Mass on the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 at 7:00pm via the Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Facebook page or the Diocese of Parramatta YouTube channel.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - 22–26 JUNE 2022: Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PATHWAY: 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. 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.

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



PRAY FOR TONGA

PRAYER FOR TONGA AND THE PACIFIC

Loving God,

We hold before you in our hearts
the people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami
and degradation of land and water through ash,
we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith.

May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community.

And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.

We all share this mysterious world
which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.

May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage
and fill us with the gift of Hope.

Amen.

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.

Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.