

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

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**5 & 6 February 2022
5th 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:

Amelia Tuufui Vakalepu, Alefeleto Taofifenua, Matini Vaitulikina, Kalepo Liogi Selui, Mary Bresnahan, Maketalena Pelo, Maga Jihad, Roy Norris, Nina Cini, Paula Fulilagi, Soane Patita Ulutuipalelei, Siolesio Pagatele, Nelia De Araujo Miranda

Anniversaries:

Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Piet Lie, Walfrida Tan, Enrico (Ric) DiCarlo, Safata Tokavahua, Sitalei Hakula, Matthew Lane, Nunzia D'Elia, Foliaki Folautanoa, Avina Hafuni

Deceased:

Paul Muscat, Fenech Family, Emanuel Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Xuereb Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Edgar Montclar, Maron, Hanna, Boutros & Majed Families, Pelenatino Sione, Tokavahua, Falao & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Helena Polutele Hakula & Family, 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 137:1-5, 7-8

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hand. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

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**

HELLO EVERYONE! St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club resumes on Monday, 7 February. We meet in the Hall next to the Church every Monday at 9:30am. Bingo, bowls and cards are some of our activities. For general information please ring Jim Newell on 9632.5049.

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 tasm@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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – 6 February in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

CANCELLED — 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.

POSTPONED — ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA FEAST DAY MASS: Unfortunately, due to concerns around the current strain of COVID-19, the Mass to celebrate 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 has been postponed. Information on a rescheduled date will be sent in due course.

GOD'S WORD 2022 DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOKLET AVAILABLE AT ST. PAT'S GIFT SHOP!

God's Word 2022, a book of daily reflections, offers a great service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word of God. Copies are now available from St. Patrick's Gift Shop, located in the grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the website: www.stpatricksgiftshop.com or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10:00am-3:00pm and Sundays 9:00am-1:00pm.



SYNOD 2023 - SHARING RESPONSIBILITY:

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! **Online submissions close 26 February.** Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023. Call Wendy 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.



They left everything and followed him.

How do I follow Jesus each 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



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.