

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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**12 & 13 February 2022
6th 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:

Bernard Ross, Bianca Tafil, Fr. Paulino Kolio, Amelia Tuufui Vakalepu, Alefeleto Taoffenua, Matini Vaitulikina, Kalepo Liogi Selui, Mary Bresnahan, Maketalena Pelo, Maga Jihad

Anniversaries:

Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino), Grace Diggins (nee Merlino), Joseph Merlino, Manuakava Falaeo, 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:

Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Paul Muscat, Fenech Family, Emanuel Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Xuereb Family, Edgar Montclar, Maron, Hanna, Boutros & Majed Families, Pelenatino Sione, 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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 1:1-4

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Happy
are they
who hope
in the
Lord.**

*How do I
hope in
the Lord?*

PARISH NOTICES

HELLO EVERYONE! St. Patrick's Senior Citizens Club is for anyone over 55. We have been functioning for 43 years and new members are always welcome. 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 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 and Priests. 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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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 - OUR DECISION MAKING: Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. How well do we do we do this and which Catholic discernment and decision-making methods include everyone? How can we do better? 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.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 STARTS IN 2 WEEKS:

Caritas Australia's Lenten **Project Compassion** campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme **For All Future Generations** comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2022:

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

MARRIED MENTOR COUPLES: Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program - 7:30pm, Friday, 18 March - Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1 Marion Street, Blacktown. To book your attendance or to ask further questions please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on 0412 280 017.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR RETURNS FOR 2022:

After their January recess, the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir returns to the 11:00am Solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. They are excited to serve God and you, the faithful, once again, every Sunday until Christmas. Stay up to date with the Cathedral Choir by visiting their Facebook page - www.facebook.com/choirSPC.

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.