

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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**19 & 20 February 2022
7th 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 Tafili, Fr. Paulino Tui Kolio, Amelia Tuufui Vakalepu, Alefeleto Taofifenua, Matini Vaitulikina, Kalepo Liogi Selui, Mary Bresnahan, Maketalena Pelo

Anniversaries:

Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Fr. Soane Patita Hautaufaao, Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino), Grace Diggins (nee Merlino), Joseph Merlino, Manuakava Falaeo, Michael Grima, Helen Farrugia, Emilia Apap, Enrico (Ric) DiCarlo, Safata Tokavahua, Sitalei Hakula

Deceased:

Francesco Ramundi, Mary Jane Axiak, Hanna & Majed Families, Simon & Sussan Yazbeck, Tony & Odette Chabchoul, Nehme & Haney Nehme, Jousafen Harb, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Joseph Kusitino Tukana & Family, Julia, Jean & Louis Tokotuu & Family, Robert Taufana & Family, Atonio Alikiagalelei & Family, Paul Muscat, Fenech Family, Emanuel Muscat, Alfred Xuereb, Muscat Family, Xuereb Family, Edgar Montclar, 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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
A reading the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven.

As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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



**Be compassionate
as your Father
is compassionate.**

**How and when
do I show
compassion to
others?**

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME DEACON ADAM CARLOW: Adam was ordained a Deacon a few weeks ago. We congratulate him and look forward to him spending most of this year with us. Please make him welcome.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK'S PARISH from Father Peter, Sister Helen and members of the Manning Foundation for your wonderful response to the recent parish Advent/Christmas food appeal. Coupled with support received from the parents, staff and students of St. Patrick's Primary School recent donations of food items has enabled the Manning Foundation to restock supplies which will be given freely to those in our community who through no fault of their own have fallen on hard times. Your ongoing financial support through the parish poor box is used to purchase other essential items for those in need in our parish.

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

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.

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

SYNOD 2023 — LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER: We all need to be open to change and ongoing learning. How open are we to change and ongoing learning and how are we formed? Are our leaders open to change and ongoing learning? 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 on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 STARTS NEXT SUNDAY: 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: *Sebastian Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org* or 0409 399 505.

PASTORAL FORMATION OFFERING LEADERSHIP AND FORMATION COURSES IN 2022: In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs for you – all offered in a COVID-safe manner. 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10.00/session). 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life and faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5.00/session). See our website pparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Project Officer – Parramatta Young Christian Workers

Graduate Accountant – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

STEPPING BEYOND - MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED: CatholicCare Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Group, supports those navigating their way through separation or divorce. Guided by trained facilitators, you'll have the opportunity to explore the challenges faced during this time in a safe and supportive environment. This group is held on the last Tuesday of each month via Zoom. **1st Gathering for the year: Tuesday, 22 February – Held online via Zoom. Time: 7:00pm–9:00pm. Registration Essential:** Please contact Rita telephone 8843.2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information and registration. See flyer on Church Notice Board for more details.

GLENBROOK PARISH LENTEN ECUMENICAL GATHERINGS: This Lent, three Glenbrook Christian Churches, including St. Finbar's Catholic Parish, are sharing a bowl of soup in ecumenical friendship and to help those in need in the local community. Gatherings will be held on Sunday, 6 March at St. Finbar's, 20 March at Glenbrook Baptist Church and 3 April at St. Andrew's Uniting Church and the cost is a donation to a local Blue Mountains charity. For more information, contact the St. Finbar's Parish Office on (02) 4742.6958 or glenbrook@parracatholic.org.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? **Visit:** www.aidtochurch.org/sisters.



Palms Australia

PALMS AUSTRALIA — SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL LOVE: Getting involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways. Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond? **Find Out More: Telephone:** 0422 742 567. Join our online forum at 5:30pm AEDT on Thursday, 17 March, attend and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

SUPPORTIVE HEARTS BEREAVEMENT GROUP: This group, formally known as the "Bereavement Support Group", meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from February to November. It's currently run online via Zoom. The group is open to men and women whose spouses/partners have died. If you've experienced the death of your spouse/partner and would like to be supported in your grief, while connecting with others in similar circumstances, please contact Rita at CatholicCare Solo Parent Services for more information. Please call telephone 8843.2500 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au. **Registration essential. Zoom gatherings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm.** Please see flyer on Church Notice Board for more information.