

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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Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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26 & 27 February 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 9:15am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: After the 9:15am Mass, for one hour,
concluding with Benediction

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:30pm to 5:15pm



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone (9632.2672) 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.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Bernard Ross, Bianca Tafili, Fr. Paulino Tui Kolio

Anniversaries:

Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Fr. Soane Patita Hautaufaao, Lena Cincotta (nee Merlino), Grace Diggins (nee Merlino), Joseph Merlino, Manuakava Falaeo

Deceased:

D'Souza Family, Louis Family, Mary Jane Axiak, Alma & Semaan Azar & Deceased Family Members, Hanna & Majed Families, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Bassima & Nagah Assad, Jennifer Romero -Marquez, Francesco Ramundi, 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, 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

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: SIRACH 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 91:2-3, 13-16

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



*Behold,
I am with you always,
even to the end of the age,
says the Lord.*

PARISH NOTICES

SEASON OF LENT: As we know, Lent is a period of preparation and fasting. It likely has been observed before the Easter festival since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. It was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism and a time of penance for grievous sinners who were excluded from Communion and were preparing for their restoration. As a sign of their penitence, they wore sackcloth and were sprinkled with ashes. This form of public penance began to die out in the 9th century, and it became customary for all the faithful to be reminded of the need for penitence by receiving an imposition of ashes on their foreheads on the first day of Lent — hence the name Ash Wednesday. In Western churches Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day fast (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. In Eastern churches Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday that is nine days before Easter. This 40-day "Great Lent" includes Saturdays and Sundays as relaxed fast days (cf Encyclopaedia Britannica).

"Christians must always live this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross — otherwise they will sink beneath the world's mire. But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make even a greater effort during the days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days. Lent is the epitome of our whole life". — *St. Augustine, Sermon 205.*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE will resume from Saturday, 5 March — 4:30pm–5:15pm in the Confessional Room. Celebration of the Sacrament in this location had to be suspended during COVID due to the impossibility of required distancing protocols.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume again after an absence of almost two years due to the pandemic. From now on Adoration will be on Fridays, beginning on Friday, 4 March, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection. It is appropriate that Adoration is resuming at the beginning of Lent. Together with the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, these liturgies can be seen as integral to our Lenten prayer and discipline.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 2 MARCH: Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am in the morning and 7:00pm at night. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 60. The law of abstinence binds those who are over 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Will be held every Friday night at 6:30pm throughout Lent commencing Friday, 4 March and concluding on Friday, 8 April.

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY - 26 AND 27 FEBRUARY: Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.** With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the Church, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

"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. The donation point does not take the place of the First and Second collections or the weekly envelope offerings. St. Patrick's is very grateful for your donations, however you wish to make them. ~ *Fr. Peter Blayney*

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.

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

POSITION VACANT:

Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta –
Applications close Monday, 7 March
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

SYNOD OF BISHOPS LOCAL SUBMISSIONS

EXTENDED! The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday, 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023.

ARABIC MASS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE:

There is an Arabic Mass open to everyone in the Diocese of Parramatta celebrated on the First Sunday of the month at 7:15pm in St Michael's Church, Blacktown, celebrated by Fr. Chadi Ibrahim SDB, Assistant Priest at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 9622.1125.

MASS AVAILABLE FOR THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr. Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of our lives
and for the life of every person,
both near to us and far away.
We thank you for the wonder
of all your creation.
Through fasting, almsgiving
and prayer may this Lent draw us
deeper into the warmth
and light of God's love.
May we see the world more clearly,
especially those who are often
overlooked.
May we come closer to your heart,
which you showed through
the cross of Jesus.
May we be full of hope for all
future generations.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.