

# 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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**2 & 3 April 2022**  
**5th Sunday of Lent — 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

### **Sacrament of Penance:**

Saturday: 4:30pm to 5:15pm

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

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



**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 clarified when you contact the Parish Office.



## Mass Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Esterina (Ester) Vespa, Elias Chahid  
Chiha, Maria Nguyen

### Anniversaries:

Ida D'Aloisio, John D'Silva, Susana Fidow  
Tupou, Anna Alikiagalelei, Brett Weldon,  
Ceferina Sison, Miguel Calpito Sison,  
Jacob Milad Baysari

### Deceased:

Martha Kam Sum Kwong, Natalie Hood,  
Trevor & Joy Byrnes, Peter & Janette  
Majed, Hanna Family, Les Romero, Mary  
Jane Axiak, Deceased Members of the  
Gonsalves Family, Joseph Kusitino Tukana  
& Family, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala  
Families, Michael Grima, Haber Family,  
Grima Family, Alfred Xuereb, Fenech  
Family, Muscat Family, Xuereb Family,  
D'Souza Family, Louis Family, Alma &  
Semaan Azar & Deceased Family  
Members, Hanna & Majed Families,  
Bassima & Nagah Assad, Jennifer Romero  
-Marquez, 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 OF LENT – YEAR C



#### 1ST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 125

**Response:** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

#### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.

All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: JOEL 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

#### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**'Woman,  
has no one  
condemned you?'**

**'No one, Lord.'**

**'Neither shall I  
condemn you.  
From now on,  
sin no more.'**

## PARISH NOTICES

**PALM SUNDAY – 10 APRIL:** We request all parishioners bring their own palms to Mass on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.



### **BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL RAISING FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC CARE'S COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTRES:**

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

**REQUIEM MASS:** A Requiem Mass for Esterina (Ester) Vespa will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Guildford on **Tuesday, 12 April at 9:15am**. Parishioners who are able to attend are most welcome.

**GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS - 15 APRIL:** We would like to invite parishioners of all ages to join in "The Way of the Cross" held on Good Friday at 10:00am. If you would like to participate on Good Friday, please meet outside the Hall by 8:00am to organise and to help set up for the celebration. Your support ensures the success of this ceremony.

**LENTEN DISCIPLINE AND PENANCE:** The parish offers numerous ways of fulfilling our Lenten discipline and penance. During Lent, we should give priority to ensuring we fulfil our Sunday obligation by being at Mass. We can attend weekday Masses Wednesday to Friday. Fridays this Season of Lent will have a Lenten discipline in that Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the mornings (9:45am–10:45am) and in the evening Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm. We can keep in mind the classic response to Lent with extra prayer, almsgiving and fasting (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). Project Compassion is a perfect way to forgo some pleasures and donate over the weeks of Lent. Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. This year's theme is "For All Future Generations" (Gen 9:12). Money donated is being directed to projects in Australia, India, Solomon Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo and Mozambique. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT 2022** will be prayed together on Fridays at 6:30pm. All welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY KINDERGARTEN 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN:** Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2023. If your child was born between **1 August 2017 and 31 July 2018** please collect an enrolment pack from the School Office. Alternatively, you can visit our website [www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au) - 'How to Enrol'. Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2023 Kindergarten enrolment forms are available.

## **EASTER 2022**

**Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta - Wednesday, 13 April at 7:30pm**

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday, 14 April**  
**(No 9:15am Morning Mass)**  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Vigil at Altar of Repose until Midnight

**Good Friday, 15 April**  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7:00pm Vigil at the Tomb



**Holy Saturday, 16 April**  
6:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 17 April**  
8:00am and 10:00am

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**Saturday, 9 April**  
10:00am-11:00am  
4:30pm-5:15pm





## 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

**CYP GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK - 15 APRIL:** Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>.

**MENTORING COUPLES TO BE MARRIED - 9 APRIL:** Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on **Saturday, 9 April at 10:00am**, please call Marisa on 8838.3460 or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

**DR. LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES - STARTING 29 APRIL:** All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St. Luke with Dr. Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com](mailto:ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com).

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. **Visit:** [www.aidtochurch.org/masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses)

**CATHOLIC OUTLOOK LENT/EASTER EDITION OUT NOW!** Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on choosing your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the Diocese celebrate Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church today.

**POSITION VACANT:**  
Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta –  
**Applications close 10:00pm Sunday, 10 April.**  
**More details at:** [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR IS SEEKING NEW SINGERS:** If you are a good singer and you sing tenor or bass, St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir is looking for you. The Cathedral Choir is seeking male voices, but recruitment is open to all, with paid and voluntary places available. Paid scholas are remunerated at between \$2,500.00 and \$4,000.00 per annum, depending on attendance. Here more of the Cathedral choir at [facebook.com/choirSPC](https://facebook.com/choirSPC). Interested applicants can submit their expression of interest at <https://bit.ly/3sLep7S>.

**SYDNEY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ORGANISING TRAINING - 6 AND 7 APRIL:** The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting a "Community Organising" Foundations Training, run by the Sydney Alliance on 6 and 7 April from 9:00am to 5:00pm, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta. Learn how to win campaigns for the common good through relationship building and strategic planning. All are welcome – free for members of parishes and organisations in the Diocese. **To register, please visit:** <https://bit.ly/sydalliance>