

# 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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12 & 13 March 2022  
2nd 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:

Maria Nguyen, Alfred Tui, Marion Kafotamaki, Eliseo Tokotuu, Selafina Polutele, Lita Keletaona

### Anniversaries:

Brett Weldon, Ceferina Sison, Miguel Calpito Sison, Jacob Milad Baysari, Dolores Borg, Leogia Alikiagalelei, Piet Lie, Walfarida Tan, Fr. Soane Patita Hautaufaao

### Deceased:

Mary Jane Axiak, 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, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, 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

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C



### 1ST READING: GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

**Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

### 2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17 - 4:1

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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



**'This is my Son,  
the Chosen  
One.  
Listen to him.'**

***How do I make  
time to listen  
to Jesus?***

## PARISH NOTICES

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS** will be celebrated at the 9:15am Mass on Thursday, 17 March. For the first time since early 2020 all our primary school students will join us for the Mass. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL — 26-27 MARCH 2022:** Love your neighbours as God loves you and support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn. Your compassionate gift will enable CatholicCare to provide welcoming places for everyone in our community to come for support, information, acceptance, or to connect with others and feel loved. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal via appeal envelopes or [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO TARA WALL:** A young parishioner, who has successfully completed her course in youth ministry with NET Ministries, Brisbane, recently. She has been sent to Darwin for a year to join a team evangelizing young people in the Top End. The NET Ministries website says: "These teams are inspired by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who never saw a need without doing something about it. Based in a local area, they do whatever they can to help the young people they encounter to grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church. This usually involves being present in schools, parishes, or dioceses, facilitating retreats and reflections, encountering young people in the community, helping out with youth masses, facilitating youth groups and so much more". For more information on NET Ministries, see <https://netaus.org.au/>. Tara was a member of the Youth Ministry in the parish and did her best to revive the ministry over the past two years; Covid being one of her obstacles. However, on behalf of the parish, I congratulate her on this significant commitment to the Church. She has respectfully asked for some financial assistance to which the parish will respond from general revenue. If individuals wish to sponsor her, this can be done by clicking <http://www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship>.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

**ROSETTE CHIDIAC COUNSELLING SERVICES** is a new venture recently launched by Rosette (Granville parishioner and Chair of the Eastern Deanery Pastoral Council) offering mental health support to those in need. Further details are on her website: [www.rosettechidiacounselling.com.au](http://www.rosettechidiacounselling.com.au). She is a qualified mental health social worker. Her service shares the values of the Catholic Church.

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

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

**PARISH ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT** will be held at the Mt. Kurradjong House of Prayer, East Kurradjong, on Tuesday, 29 March, 10:00am–4:00pm. While everybody is welcome, we can only take about 12 people. Please book in with Sr. Helen at the Parish Office by Friday, 25 March.

**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.

**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.



**CERDON COLLEGE** is an all girls Catholic Secondary school in Merrylands with a passion for developing and educating students in the values of the Marist Sisters' charism. We have a consistent history of academic achievement, a focus on personal faith development and a strong commitment to social justice. We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2023. Visit our website to download the enrolment form and learn more about us: [www.cerdonmerrylands.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cerdonmerrylands.catholic.edu.au)

**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.

**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

## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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